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ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

On the Lord's Day Morning
Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 26, 2026, at 10:30



To all who are weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire hope; to all who sin and need a Savior; to all who are strangers and yearn for fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness; and to whoever will come—this church opens wide her doors and offers welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The sounding of the bells calls us to quiet our hearts before worship.

Welcome

Prelude

Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise
LLANFAIR

*Hail the day that sees him rise, to his throne beyond the skies; Alleluia!
Christ, the Lamb for sinners giv'n, enters now the highest heav'n. Alleluia!
Lord, beyond our mortal sight, raise our hearts to reach thy height; Alleluia!
There thy face unclouded see, find our heav'n of heav'ns in thee! Alleluia!*

Call to Worship

From Psalm 100

Minister: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!

People: Know that the LORD, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Minister: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name!

Unison: For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

Christian worship is trinitarian: we worship one God who exists eternally in three persons, Father, Son, and Spirit.

† congregation standing

✠ congregation kneeling

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

† Hymn of Praise

Hymn A • Trinity Hymnal #660

O God Beyond All Praising

THAXTED

† Prayer of Adoration

Unison: O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

† Psalter Reading

Psalm 2

Minister: The Word of the Lord!

Pew Bible, page 448

Unison: Thanks be to God!

✠ Prayer of Confession

Unison: Almighty God, we confess that we are often swept along and deceived by the tide of our generation and the spirit of our age. We are tempted to call good evil and evil good. We are seduced by many destructive and harmful desires. We often live more in fear born of unbelief than courage born of faith. We often live more in aimlessness born of indifference than purpose born of hope. We often live more in sloth born of selfishness than service born of love. We often try to speak in your name without relinquishing our glories and crediting all things to your grace. Therefore, we cry out to you for mercy and seek your forgiveness. Deliver us, O Lord, from the way of sin and death. and empower us by the gift of your Holy Spirit. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Please take a moment to silently confess your sin.

"I said, 'I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.' And you forgave the guilt of my sin." (Psalm 32:5)

*“As there is no sin so small,
but it deserves damnation;
so there is no sin so great,
that it can bring damnation
upon those who truly repent.”
(Westminster Confession of
Faith XV.IV)*

✠ **Assurance of Pardon**

From 1 John 1

Minister: Hear this good news! If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Unison: Thanks be to God!



† **Affirmation of Faith**

Westminster Shorter Catechism
Question and Answer #102

Minister: What do we pray for in the second petition?

People: In the second petition, which is, Thy kingdom come, we pray that Satan's kingdom may be destroyed; and that the kingdom of grace may be advanced, ourselves and others brought into it, and kept in it; and that the kingdom of glory may be hastened.

Unison: Thanks be to God!

† Gloria

Glory Be to God I

Traditional Text; Musical Setting by Ronald Owen



1. Glo-ry be to God our Fa-ther. Glo-ry be to Christ His
2. was in the be - gin - ning is now and ev - er



Son. Glo-ry be to thee, O Ho - ly Ghost. The
shall be. For - ev - er - more world with - out end. A -



bles - sed three in one. As it
men A - - men.

✠ Prayers of the People

Minister: Dear Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we pray for Christopher and Melanie Waugh, who come with Jacob Edmund to declare publicly their allegiance to your Son our Savior. Daily open their hearts to your grace and truth. Fill them with your life-giving Spirit. Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church. Grant them grace so to live before this child, loving him, teaching him, praying with him, and for him, that by their faithful living, and through the power of the gospel, all of the promises of the covenant may be fulfilled in his life.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

(Continued)

Minister: Father, we pray for this child, Jacob; deliver him from the way of sin and death; open his heart to your grace and truth; fill him with your life-giving Spirit; keep him in the faith and communion of your Church; prepare him to witness to your love; and bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Minister: And we pray for ourselves, the congregation of St. Paul's Church: Grant us grace to see this child as our own; to love him, pray for him and assist his parents as duty done to you, the one true God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: Lord, hear our prayer. Amen.

Presentation of Candidate and Questions

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Minister: Renew and strengthen, O Lord, this child of the covenant. By your Holy Spirit, empower him for your service and sustain him all his days. Defend him by your grace and claim him as your adopted child in your mercy. May you keep him by your Holy Spirit until at last he comes to your everlasting kingdom and his heavenly home. We humbly yet boldly ask this in the name of the Lord Jesus. Amen.

† **Hymn of Consecration**
Hymn B • Trinity Hymnal #131

Children of the Heavenly Father
TRYGGARE KAN INGEN VARA

Children are welcome for our entire service. Following the Hymn of Consecration, a specifically designed time for children aged four through first grade is also provided. Those interested can meet at the back of the Fellowship Hall.

† **New Testament Lesson**

1 Thessalonians 2:13–3:5
Pew Bible, page 986

Minister: The Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

Prayer for Illumination

Proclamation of God's Word

Dr. Zachary Cole

LIVING IN LIGHT OF ETERNITY:

We Are Destined for This



† **Hymn of Response**
Hymn C

O Church, Arise
Words and Music by Getty and Townend

Giving to God & Offertory

The King of Love My Shepherd Is
Arr. by Mack Wilberg

The offering is not merely a way to pay the bills; it is an act of worship.

*The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his and he is mine forever.*

*Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul he leadeth
And, where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.*

*And so through all the length of days, thy goodness faileth never.
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.*

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www.stpaulsorlando.com/give.

† Doxology

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; praise
 him, all crea-tures here be - low: al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
 lu - ia! Praise him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host, praise
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost: O - praise him, O -
 praise him, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

† Prayer of Dedication

† Benediction

† Sending Forth Hymn

Hymn D • Trinity Hymnal #642 (Verses 1 and 3)

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

Minister: Go in peace to love and serve the risen Lord Jesus Christ.

People: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Before the Throne of God Above

Vikki Cook

Please take a moment to greet those around you.

With the benediction, God places his name upon his people (Numbers 6:27). There is no greater blessing than belonging to God.

O God Beyond All Praising

I will praise you, O LORD, with all my heart. Ps. 138:1

Unison

1. O God beyond all praising, we worship you to-day
2. Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,

The first system of music features a treble and bass staff in 3/4 time with a key signature of two flats. The melody is in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

and sing the love amazing that songs can-not re-pay;
that we who know your favor may serve you as our King;

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

for we can on-ly won-der at ev-ery gift you send,
and wheth-er our to-mor-rows be filled with good or ill,

The third system continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

at bless-ings with-out num-ber and mer-cies with-out end:
we'll tri-umph through our sor-rows and rise to bless you still:

The fourth system concludes the piece with the final melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

we lift our hearts be-fore you and wait up-on your word,
to mar-vel at your beaut-y and glo-ry in your ways,

we hon-or and a-dore you, our great and might-y Lord.
and make a joy-ful du-ty our sac-ri-fice of praise.

Children of the Heavenly Father

As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him. Ps. 103:13



1. Chil - dren of the heav'n - ly Fa - ther safe - ly
2. God his own doth tend and nour - ish, in his
3. Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er from the
4. Praise the Lord in joy - ful num - bers, your Pro -



in his bo - som gath - er; nest - ling bird nor star in
ho - ly courts they flour - ish; from all e - vil things he
Lord his chil - dren sev - er; un - to them his grace he
tec - tor ne - ver slum - bers; at the will of your De -



heav - en such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
spares them in his might - y arms he bears them.
show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth.
fend - er ev - 'ry foe - man must sur - ren - der.



5. Though he giveth or he taketh,
God his children ne'er forsaketh;
his the loving purpose solely
to preserve them pure and holy.

6. More secure is no one ever
than the loved ones of the Savior;
not yon star on high abiding
nor the bird in home-nest hiding.

Carolina V. Sandell Berg, ca. 1855

Tr. by Ernst W. Olson, 1925

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TRYGGARE KAN INGEN VARA L.M.

Traditional Swedish melody

Arr. by Marc Hedlin, 1976

O Church, Arise

Words and Music by
Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

1. O Church, a - rise, and put your ar - mour on; hear the call of Christ our Cap - tain. For now the
 2. Our call to war— to love the cap - tive soul, but to rage a - gainst the cap - tor; And with the
 3. Come see the cross, where love and mer - cy meet, as the Son of God is strick - en; then see His
 4. So Spi - rit come, put strength in ev - 'ry stride, give grace for ev - 'ry hur - dle, that we may

weak can say that they are strong in the strength that God has gi - ven. With shield of
 sword that makes the wound - ed whole, we will fight with faith and va - lor. When faced with
 foes lie crushed be - neath His feet, for the Con - quer - or has ris - en! And as the
 run with faith to win the prize of a ser - vant good and faith - ful. As saints of

faith and belt of Truth, we'll stand a - gainst the de - vil's lies; an ar - my bold, whose bat - tle -
 trials on ev - 'ry side, we know the out - come is se - cure, and Christ will have the prize for
 stone is rolled a - way and Christ e - mer - ges from the grave, this vic - tory march con - tin - ues
 old still line the way, re - tell - ing tri - umphs of His grace, we hear their calls and hun - ger

1, 2, 3. 4.
 cry is love, reach - ing out to those in dark - ness. Our call to
 which He died— an in - her - it - ance of na - tions. Come see the
 'til the day ev - 'ry eye and heart shall see Him. So Spi - rit
 for the day when with Christ we stand in Glo - ry.

Be Thou My Vision

Whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. Phil. 3:7

Unison

1. Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart; naught be all
 3. Be thou my bat - tle shield, sword for my fight; be thou my

else to me, save that thou art— thou my best thought by
 dig - ni - ty, thou my de - light, thou my soul's shel - ter,

day or by night, wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 thou my high tow'r: raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

Ancient Irish poem, ca. 8th cent.

Tr. by Mary E. Byrne, 1905

Versified by Eleanor H. Hull, 1912

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SLANE 10.10.10.10.

Traditional Irish melody

Arr. by David Evans, 1927

LIVING IN LIGHT OF ETERNITY:

We Are Destined for This

1 Thessalonians 2:13–3:5 | Dr. Zachary Cole

Big Idea: Paul reflects on various obstacles that can hinder the work of the gospel—unbelievers who persecute the church, Satan, and our own sinful nature. Although these are real threats that cannot be ignored, none of them can thwart the sovereignty of our God, who has promised to build his church in the midst of affliction. Because of this truth, Christians can take heart and should never be moved.

i. The hindrance of unbelievers (2:13–16)

ii. The hindrance of Satan (2:17–20)

iii. The hindrance of our sin (3:1–5)

DAILY BIBLE READING PLAN

Use this plan for your daily Bible reading.

- Sunday, April 26 Song of Songs 1 • Hebrews 1
- Monday, April 27 Song of Songs 2 • Hebrews 2
- Tuesday, April 28 Song of Songs 3 • Hebrews 3
- Wednesday, April 29 Song of Songs 4 • Hebrews 4
- Thursday, April 30 Song of Songs 5 • Hebrews 5
- Friday, May 1 Song of Songs 6 • Hebrews 6
- Saturday, May 2 Song of Songs 7 • Hebrews 7
- Sunday, May 3 Song of Songs 8 • Hebrews 8

WEEKLY SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Use these questions to reflect more deeply on this week's sermon.

1. Why is Paul so concerned about those who hinder the spread of the gospel?
(See 2:14–16.)
2. What does this say about how important it is for us to be sharing the gospel?
3. What does 2:17–20 teach us about the goals and power of Satan, and what does this mean for us practically?
4. Why does Paul say that no one should “be moved by these afflictions” (3:3)?
5. What are some practical ways we can promote the growth and progress of the church?

MONTHLY SCRIPTURE MEMORIZATION

Devote time to memorizing this passage of Scripture throughout the month.

“But rise and stand upon your feet, for I have appeared to you for this purpose, to appoint you as a servant and witness...” (Acts 26:16a)

ABOUT WORSHIP

In his encounter with the woman of Samaria, Jesus explained that “God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and in truth” (John 4:24). The reason Jesus says true worshipers must worship in this way is because God himself “is spirit.” Here we discover the simple yet profound principle that true worship is a response to God as he has personally revealed himself. Thus, conformity to God’s character is the key to true worship. “Great is the LORD,” as the psalmist puts it, “and greatly to be praised” (Psalm 48:1)! In worship, we seek to reflect this divine reality, declaring with our lips and demonstrating with our lives that God is supremely precious and therefore worthy of all glory and honor and praise.

THE SHAPE OF WORSHIP



Entering God’s Presence—We gather in response to God’s call to worship, joyfully offering praise to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. With reverence and awe, we confess our sins and receive God’s forgiveness, which is declared in Jesus’ name.



Renewing Our Faith—Worship continues with a focus on God’s Word. Our faith is renewed as we publicly confess the truth of God, join our hearts and voices in prayers and hymns of praise to God, and hear the good news of God powerfully proclaimed.



Responding in Thanks—As hearing becomes doing, we respond to the proclamation of God’s Word. Songs of praise continue to be raised and the gifts and offerings of God’s people are collected. On Communion Sundays we are invited to celebrate the Lord’s Supper. With God’s blessing upon us, we are sent into the world to love and serve the risen Lord Jesus Christ!

Why Do We Worship in This Way?

In this section, we answer a question about worship each week.

Question: Why do we baptize babies?

Answer: For the same reason that Abraham and his descendants circumcised their infants under the old covenant. The children of believers have always been included in God’s covenant promises (Genesis 17:1-27; Acts 2:39) and are called “holy” (1 Corinthians 7:14). They are included among God’s people. Therefore, it would be wrong to withhold from them the covenant sign or to fail to distinguish them from the children of unbelievers (cf. Exodus 4:24-26). This was done under the old covenant by circumcision, which was replaced under the new covenant by baptism (Colossians 2:11-12).

WELCOME, VISITORS!

We are delighted you have joined us for worship. Our hope is that you find our worship service glorifying to God and personally refreshing.

We would love to connect with you. Please stop by our New Visitor Table in the Narthex after the service so that we may greet you in person and provide you a *Welcome Bag*. To connect with us, please use the QR code below to fill out a *Connect Card*.

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Our Vision

To see the invisible kingdom of heaven made visible,
for the glory of God and the joy of all peoples.

Our Mission

To grow in grace and give away our lives
in the following seven major ministry areas:

Worship that exalts God in Christ and promotes unity in the Spirit

Discipleship that is rooted in the Scriptures and centered in the gospel

Community that is characterized by discipleship and care for one another

Local Missions that promotes the common good and evangelizes the lost

Global Missions that participates in church planting and spreading the gospel to the ends of the earth

Children's Ministry that partners with parents to build children up in the faith through loving care and Reformed biblical teaching

Youth Ministry that promotes maturity, joy, and identity in Christ

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