



ST. PAUL'S
PRESBYTERIAN

For The Glory of God & The Joy of All Peoples

EVENSONG AND COMMUNION

On the Lord's Day Evening
May 17, 2026, at 6:00



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.

Ringing of the Bells - *The sounding of the bells calls us to quiet our hearts before worship.*

Instrumental Prelude

O Jesus Sweet, O Jesus Mild
O JESULEIN SUSS

Silent Preparation

Entrance Anthem

The Lord Is My Light
Mode 6 melody; adapt. Bruce E. Ford

Cantor: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

People repeat:



The Lord is my light and my sal - va - tion.

† congregation standing

✠ congregation kneeling

Cantor: The Lord is the strength of my life.

People:



And my sal - va - tion.

Cantor: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

People:



The Lord is my light and my sal - va - tion.

Cantor: I will bless the Lord at all times.

Cantor and People:



His praise shall ev - er be in my mouth.

Entrance of the Light

Minister: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: His mercy endures forever.

Unison: Jesus said, "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one lights a lamp to put it under a bucket, but on a lampstand, where it gives light for everyone in the house. And you, like the lamp, must shed light among your fellow men, so that they may see the good you do, and give glory to your Father in heaven."

Prayer for Light

Unison: Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of our fathers, Creator of the changes of day and night, giving rest to the weary, renewing the strength of those who are spent, bestowing upon us occasions of song in the evening. As you have protected us in the day that is past, so be with us in the coming night; keep us from every sin, every evil, and every fear; for you are our light and salvation, and the strength of our life. To you be glory for endless ages. Amen.

† Hymn of Proclamation

Hymn A • Trinity Psalter Hymnal #20b

Psalm 20

TALLIS' CANON

† Scripture Lesson

Psalm 20

Pew Bible, page 456

Minister: The Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

Homily

Mr. Ken Ewell

The Blessing That Leads to Assurance

Litany for Evening

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: O Lord, our God, we thank you that you have brought this day to its close.

People: We thank you, O Lord.

Minister: We thank you that you give rest to body and soul.

People: We bless you, O Lord.

Minister: Your hand has been over us, guarding and preserving us.

People: **Defend us, O Lord.**

Minister: Forgive our feeble faith and all the wrong we have done this day.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Minister: Grant that we may sleep in peace, and defend us from temptation of darkness.

People: **Spare us, good Lord.**

Minister: Into your hands we commend our loved ones, our homes, our bodies and souls.

People: **O God, your holy name be praised. Amen.**

✠ Confession of Sin and Silent Prayer

Unison: **Most holy and merciful God, who has searched and known us, and are acquainted with all our ways, we confess before you our sinfulness and seek your forgiveness. We have failed in our duty; we have forgotten our high calling; we have fallen into many temptations. We have dishonored your name; we have injured our neighbors; we have hurt our own souls. Give us, we pray, the spirit of true repentance, that we may turn from our sins and forsake them with our whole heart; and in your great love, have mercy on us and absolve us from our guilt; for the sake of your dear Son, our Savior Jesus Christ.**

✠ Assurance of Pardon

Minister: 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!**

Celebration of Communion

Minister: The Lord be with you!

People: And also with you!

Minister: Lift up your hearts!

People: We lift them up to the Lord!

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord!

People: It is good and right so to do!

Minister: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. All your creatures praise you, and your faithful servants bless you, confessing before the rulers of this world the great name of your only Son. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your name as we sing,

† Sanctus

Sanctus II

Traditional Text; Musical Setting by Ronald Owen



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly, Lord God Al - migh - ty!



All of your cre - a - tion bows down and kneels be-fore you.



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly, an-gels all a - dore you.



Heav'n and earth are full of your pow-er and your



glo - ry! Ho-ly are you Lord God of hosts.

Prayer of Consecration

Words of Institution

Minister: Therefore, we proclaim the faith:

People: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

The elements will be served by the elders/deacons. Please refrain from partaking of the elements until everyone has been served.

Communion Hymns

The congregation is invited to sing as the sacrament is observed.

Hymn of Consecration

Hymn B • Trinity Hymnal #253

There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood

FOUNTAIN

Hymn of Proclamation

Hymn C

The Sands of Time Are Sinking

Words by Anne Ross Cousin

Music by Connie Dever

† Prayer of Thanks

Unison: Dearest Lord, Heavenly Father, we give you thanks for satisfying our hungry hearts with this holy meal shared in the Spirit with your Son who is the true bread from heaven. Grant that we who have received the sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Soloists: *Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep and tend the sick, dear Lord Christ. Give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; all for your love's sake. Amen.*

† Benediction

† Dismissal Hymn

Plainsong, Tone 8



Lord, bid your ser - vant go in peace, your word is
This is the Sa - vior of the world, the Gen - tiles'



now ful - filled. These eyes have seen sal -
prom - ised light, God's glo - ry dwel - ling



va - tion's dawn, this child so long fore - told.
in our midst, the joy of Is - ra - el.

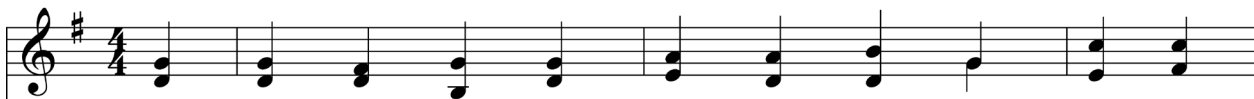
Postlude

I Know That My Redeemer Lives

Words by Charles Wesley

Music by George Frederick Handel

Psalm 20



1. The LORD in your dis - tress at - tend; may Ja - cob's
 2. May he re - gard your sac - ri - fice; and all your
 3. May we in your sal - va - tion joy, our ban - ners
 4. And this I know: the LORD will save and his a -



God pro - tect you well, and from his ho - ly
 of - f'nings bear in mind; O may he grant your
 raise in God's great name. O may the LORD ful -
 noin - ted one de - fend with sav - ing might of



place send help and strength - en you from Zi - on's hill.
 heart's de - sire, ful - fill - ing all that you de - signed.
 fill your prayers and grant you all you ask of him.
 his right hand, from ho - ly heav'n an an - swer send.



5. In chariots some have confidence,
 and some in horses take their pride,
 but we boast only one defense:
 the name of God, the LORD Most High.

6. Now we arise and stand upright,
 while they, subdued and helpless, fall.
 O by your hand, LORD, save the king,
 and may he answer when we call.

There Is a Fountain Filled With Blood

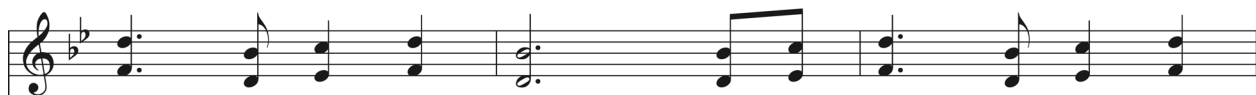
On that day a fountain will be opened to the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, to cleanse them from sin and impurity. Zech 13:1



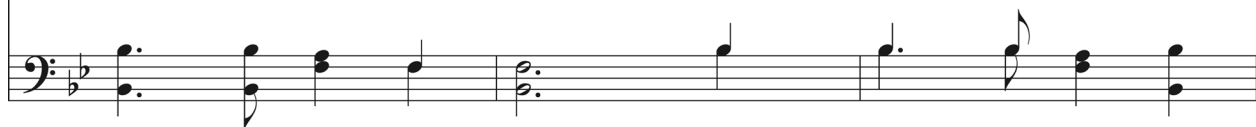
1. There is a foun - tain filled with blood, drawn from Im - man - uel's
 2. The dy - ing thief re - joiced to see that foun - tain in his
 3. E'er since by faith I saw the stream your flow - ing wounds sup -
 4. Then in a no - bler, sweet - er song I'll sing your pow'r to
 5. Dear dy - ing Lamb, your pre - cious blood shall nev - er lose its



veins; and sin - ners, plunged be - neath that flood, lose
 day; and there have I, as vile as he, washed
 ply, re - deem - ing love has been my theme, and
 save, when this poor lisp - ing, stam - m'ring tongue lies
 pow'r, till all the ran - somed church of God be



all their guilt - y stains: lose all their guilt - y
 all my sins a - way: washed all my sins a -
 shall be till I die: and shall be till I
 si - lent in the grave: lies si - lent in the
 saved to sin no more: be saved to sin no





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 way, washed all my sins a - way; and there have I, as
 die, and shall be till I die; re - deem - ing love has
 grave, lies si - lent in the grave; when this poor lisp - ing,
 more, be saved to sin no more; till all the ran - somed



neath that flood, lose all their guilt - y stains.
 vile as he, washed all my sins a - way.
 been my theme, and shall be till I die.
 stam - m'ring tongue lies si - lent in the grave.
 church of God be saved to sin no more.



The Sands of Time Are Sinking



1. The sands of time are sink - ing, the dawn of Hea - ven
 2. The King there in his beau - ty, with - out a veil is
 3. O Christ, he is the foun - tain, the deep, deep well of
 4. With mer - cy and with judg - ment my web of time He



breaks; the sum - mer morn I've sighed for, the
 seen; it were a well spent jour - ney though
 love; the streams on earth I've tast - ed, more
 wove; and al - ways dews of sor - row were



fair sweet morn a - wakes; dark, dark hath been the
 sev'n deaths lay be - tween; the Lamb with his fair
 deep I'll drink a - bove; there to an o - cean
 lus - tred with his love; I'll bless the hand that



mid - night, but day - spring is at hand, and
 ar - my doth on Mount Zi - on stand, and
 full - ness his mer - cy doth ex - pand, and
 guid - ed, I'll bless the heart that planned, when

glo - ry, glo - ry dwel - leth in Im-man - uel's land.
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5. Oh! I am my Beloved's and my Beloved's mine!
 He brings a poor, vile sinner into his "house of wine;"
 I stand upon his merit, I know no other stand,
 not e'en where glory dwelleth in Immanuel's land.

6. The bride eyes not her garments but her dear Bridegroom's face;
 I will not gaze at glory but on my King of Grace:
 not at the crown he giveth, but on his pierced hand;
 the Lamb is all the glory of Immanuel's land.

Anne Ross Cousin (1857)

Based on the letters of Samuel Rutherford

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