



ST. PAUL'S  
PRESBYTERIAN

*For The Glory of God & The Joy of All Peoples*

# EVENSONG AND COMMUNION

On the Lord's Day Evening  
June 21, 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**

**The Power of the Cross**

Words and Music by Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

Arr. by James Koerts

**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 Praise

Hymn A • Trinity Hymnal #76

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

LAUDA ANIMA

## † Scripture Lesson

Mark 10:13-16

Pew Bible, page 846

**Minister:** The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ!

**People:** Thanks be to the Lord!

## Homily

Mr. Timothy Miller

*Let the Children Come to Me*

## 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, you have 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

Hymn B • Trinity Hymnal #264

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

NEAR THE CROSS

#### Hymn

Hymn C

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

Words and Music by Stuart Townend

### † 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.

**Soloist:** *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

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

John Rutter

# Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

*Praise the LORD, all his works everywhere in his dominion. Praise the LORD,*

*O my soul. Ps. 103:22*



1. Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en, to his feet your tri - bute bring;  
 2. Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to our fa - thers in dis - tress;  
 3. Fa - ther - like, he tends and spares us; well our fee - ble frame he knows;  
 4. Frail as sum - mer's flow'r we flour - ish, blows the wind and it is gone;  
 5. An - gels, help us to a - dore him; you be - hold him face to face;



ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, who, like me, his praise should sing?  
 praise him still the same for - ev - er, slow to chide and swift to bless;  
 in his hands he gent - ly bears us, res - cues us from all our foes;  
 but while mor - tals rise and per - ish, God en - dures un - chang - ing on.  
 sun and moon, bow down be - fore him, dwell - ers all in time and space,



Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise the ev - er - last - ing King.  
 praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness.  
 praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, wide - ly as his mer - cy goes.  
 Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise the High E - ter - nal One.  
 praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise with us the God of grace.



# Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

*May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. Gal. 6:14*



1. Je - sus, keep me near the cross; there a pre - cious foun - tain,  
2. Near the cross, a trem - bling soul, love and mer - cy found me;  
3. Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes be - fore me;  
4. Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hop - ing, trust - ing ev - er,



free to all— a heal - ing stream— flows from Cal - v'ry's moun - tain.  
there the Bright and Morn - ing Star shed its beams a - round me.  
help me walk from day to day with its sha - dow o'er me.  
till I reach the gold - en strand just be - yond the riv - er.



## REFRAIN



In the cross, in the cross, be my glo - ry ev - er;



till my rap - tured soul shall find rest be - yond the riv - er.



# How Deep the Father's Love For Us



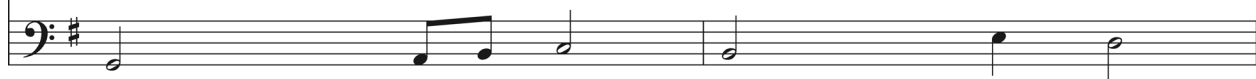
1. How deep the Fa - ther's love for us, how vast be - yond all meas - ure that  
 2. Be - hold the Man up - on the cross, my sin up - on His shoul - ders. A -  
 3. I will not boast in an - y - thing: no gifts, no pow'r, no wis - dom. But



He should give His on - ly Son to make a wretch His treas - ure. How  
 shamed, I hear my mock - ing voice call out a - mong the scof - fers. It  
 I will boast in Je - sus Christ: His death and res - ur - rec - tion. Why



great the pain of sear - ing loss. The Fa - ther turns His face a - way as  
 was my sin that held Him there un - til it was ac - com - plished; His  
 should I gain from His re - ward? I can - not give an an - swer. But



wounds which mar the Cho - sen One bring man - y sons to glo - ry.  
 dy - ing breath has brought me life. I know that it is fin - ished.  
 this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ran - som.



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