

S T. PAUL'S PRESBYTERIAN

For The Glory of God & The Joy of All Peoples

Order for the Worship of God

On the Lord's Day Morning Fourth Sunday after Pentecost July 6, 2025, 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.

God, who calls us into his presence to worship, loves us and has freed us from our sins through the blood of Jesus Christ.

> *+ congregation standing × congregation kneeling*

Welcome

Prelude

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say KINGSFOLD

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest; Lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon my breast." I came to Jesus as I was, weary and worn and sad; I found in him a resting place, and he has made me glad.

Call to Worship

From Psalm 111

- Minister: Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.
- People: Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them. Full of splendor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever... He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name!

Minister: The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever!



⁺ Hymn of Proclamation Hymn A • Trinity Hymnal #100 Holy, Holy, Holy NICAEA

⁺Prayer of Adoration

Unison: O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

[†]Affirmation of Faith

Westminster Confession of Faith Chapter 31

Unison: For the better governing and further edifying of the church, there ought to be such assemblies as are commonly called synods or councils. Overseers and other rulers of particular churches, by virtue of their office and the power which Christ has given them for edification and not for destruction, have authority to appoint such assemblies and to convene together in them as often as they judge it expedient for the good of the church.

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Christian worship is trinitarian: we worship one God who exists eternally in three persons: Father, Son, and Spirit. Synods and councils have authority ministerially to decide controversies of faith and cases of conscience, to set down rules and directions for the better ordering of the public worship of God and the government of his church, and to receive and authoritatively act on complaints of maladministration in the church. If the decrees and decisions of these synods and councils are in accordance with the Word of God, they are to be received with reverence and submission, not only because of their agreement with the Word, but also because of the authority by which they are decided, as being an ordinance that God has appointed in his Word.

Since apostolic times, all synods and councils, whether general or particular, may err, and many have erred. Therefore, they are not to be made the rule of faith or practice, but are to be used as a help in regard to both.

Unison: Thanks be to God!

Report to the Church

Proceedings of the 52nd General Assembly



 † New Testament Lesson

Acts 15:1-21 Pew Bible, page 923

Minister: The Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

Prayer for Illumination

Proclamation of God's Word

Rev. Justin Borger

TO THE END OF THE EARTH: *The Jerusalem Council*

[¤] Prayer of Confession

Unison: Our Father in heaven, we humbly confess how dull and unresponsive our hearts are to you. You are light and in you is no darkness at all. But we have so often loved the darkness rather than light and preferred what is evil to what is good. You have called us to walk in the brightness of your countenance and to shine like stars in the midst of a dark and twisted generation. But we continue to fall short of your glory. Forgive us, O Lord, for our senseless ways. And rescue us from the god of this world, who blinds the minds of unbelievers to keep them from seeing the light of your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. Give us ears to hear, eyes to see, hearts to know, and the will to respond to all that you have revealed in your Son, who died for us yet lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please take a moment to silently confess your sin.

[¤] Assurance of Pardon

From Colossians 1

Minister: Hear this good news! Our God has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Unison: Thanks be to God!

"Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy" (Proverbs 28:13).

RESPONDING IN THANKS

Giving to God and Offertory

† Doxology

Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed MARTYRDOM

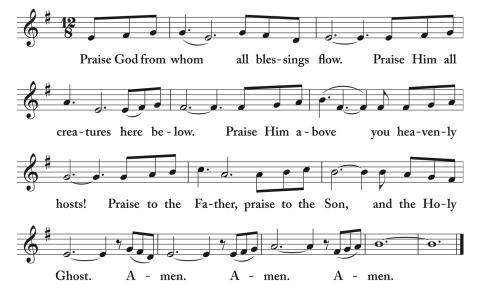
Alas! and did my Savior bleed, and did my Sovereign die! Would he devote that sacred head for such a worm as I!

Well might the sun in darkness hide, and shut his glories in, When Christ, the mighty Maker, died for man the creature's sin.

But drops of grief can ne'er repay the debt of love I owe; Here, Lord, I give myself away, 'tis all that I can do.

Doxology II

Traditional Text; Musical Setting by Ronald Owen



"Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours ... But who am I, and what is my people that we should be able thus to offer willingly? For all things come from you, and of your own have we given you." (I Chronicles 29:11,14)

To give online, visit www.stpaulsorlando.com/give. At St. Paul's, we celebrate the Lord's Supper on the first Sunday of every month.

Our Communion bread is gluten free.

Children's Church does not meet on Communion Sundays.

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 the							

ster: 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. Because you gave your only Son to be born for us; who, by the power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the virgin Mary, his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children. 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



Sanctus means "holy" in Latin. In historic Christian liturgies, a hymn of praise acknowledging the holiness of God is often sung before the solemn celebration of the Lord's Supper.

† Prayer of Dedication

† Words of Institution

Minister: Therefore, we proclaim the faith:

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

When Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper, he did so with thanksgiving (1 Corinthians 11:24). Accordingly, this sacrament is sometimes called the "Eucharist," a meal of thanksgiving. **Communion Hymn** Hymn B

Communion Hymn Hymn C

[†] Prayer of Thanks

Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery Words and Music by Boswell, Papa, and Bleecker

> Dear Refuge of My Weary Soul Words by Anne Steel Music by Kevin Twit

Unison: Gracious God, you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. We have recalled your mighty acts in holy history. We have seen your power in sending light to conquer darkness, water to give us life, and the bread of heaven to nourish us in love. Send us with your salvation and joy to all the world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Benediction

- * Sending Forth Hymn Hymn D • Trinity Hymnal #455 (Verses 1 and 5)
 And Can It Be That I Should Gain SAGINA
 - Minister: Go in peace to love and serve the risen Lord Jesus Christ.
 - People: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

I Know that My Redeemer Lives LASST UNS ERFREUEN

I know that my Redeemer lives, O the sweet joy this sentence gives! Alleluia! Alleluia! He lives, He lives, who once was dead; He lives, my everlasting Head. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Please take a moment to greet those around you.

Welcome, visitors! If you are visiting St. Paul's today, we are so glad you have joined us for worship! We would love to get to know you. Email staff@ stpaulsorlando.com to let us know your name, contact information, how you heard about St. Paul's, and any questions you may have. Please feel free to introduce yourself to our pastors or ushers.



Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery





Love Your Enemies Publishing (ASCAP) and Bleecker Publishing (ASCAP)

Dear Refuge of My Weary Soul







TO THE END OF THE EARTH: The Jerusalem Council

Acts 15:1-21 | Rev. Justin Borger

The Big Idea: At the council in Jerusalem, the early church reached a consensus regarding the debated question of whether Gentile believers must submit to circumcision and the Mosaic Law. Contrary to those who falsely claimed "Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved" (15:1), the council concluded that both Jews and Gentiles are saved not by keeping the law of Moses but "through the grace of the Lord Jesus" (15:11).

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DAILY BIBLE READING PLAN

Use this plan for your daily Bible reading.

• Sunday, July 6	Jeremiah 2 • Matthew 16
• Monday, July 7	Jeremiah 3 • Matthew 17
• Tuesday, July 8	Jeremiah 4 • Matthew 18
Wednesday, July 9	Jeremiah 5 • Matthew 19
• Thursday, July 10	Jeremiah 6 • Matthew 20
• Friday, July 11	Jeremiah 7 • Matthew 21
• Saturday, July 12	Jeremiah 8 • Matthew 22
• Sunday, July 13	Jeremiah 9 • Matthew 23

WEEKLY SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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

- 1. Why was the Jerusalem council necessary? What was the point at issue?
- 2. What happened at the council in Jerusalem? What decision was reached?
- 3. By what authority was a decision reached? What was the basis of the consensus? On what was it founded?
- 4. How did the council in Jerusalem advance the mission of the church and the work of the gospel?
- 5. What does the council of Jerusalem teach us about church government?

MONTHLY SCRIPTURE MEMORIZATION

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

"Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household" (Acts 16:31).

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 aren't baptized babies and very young covenant children served the Lord's Supper?

Answer: Infants and very young children are not served the Lord's Supper because they are not ordinarily able to follow the biblical requirements of self-examination and discernment (1 Corinthians 11:28-29). These requirements call for a degree of maturity and spiritual discretion, which very young children do not typically possess.

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 Welcome Kiosk 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*.



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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