



ST. 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
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
August 16, 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

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

SOLID ROCK

*My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand;
All other ground is sinking sand.*

*When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale my anchor holds within the veil.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand;
All other ground is sinking sand.*

*Worship is a dialogue. God
speaks to us in the Call to
Worship and we respond in
prayer and praise.*

Call to Worship

From Psalm 107

Minister: Oh give thanks to the LORD for he is good, for his
steadfast love endures forever!

People: Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom he
has redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the
lands, from the east and from the west, from the north
and from the south.

Minister: Let them extol him in the congregation of the people,
and praise him in the assembly of the elders.

† congregation standing

✠ congregation kneeling

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

† Hymn of Proclamation

Hymn A • Trinity Hymnal #100

Holy, Holy, Holy!

NICAEA

"Through [Christ] let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name" (Hebrews 13:15).

† Prayer of Adoration

Unison: Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

† Gospel Reading

Luke 23:44-49

Pew Bible, page 884

"Devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture" (1 Timothy 4:13).

Minister: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ!

People: Thanks be to the Lord!

✠ Prayer of Confession

Unison: O God of mercy and justice, in your holy presence we confess our sin. You have shown us what is good and what you require of us. But we have not done justice, loved mercy, or walked humbly with you, our God. We have not loved you as we ought, nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us for our sin and restore us to paths of righteousness for Christ's namesake. Amen.

Please take a moment to silently confess your sin.

✠ Assurance of Pardon

From 1 Peter 2

Minister: You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Unison: Thanks be to God!

This prayer may include elements of adoration, confession, thanksgiving, and supplication. Special attention is given to the needs, sorrows, and joys of our local congregation. As a shepherd of the flock, the pastor prays that God would be glorified and enjoyed in our midst.

Children are welcome for our entire service. Following the Gloria, 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.

✠ Pastoral Prayer



✠ **Hymn of Consecration** Through All the Changing Scenes of Life
Hymn B • Trinity Psalter Hymnal #34C Alt. Tune: AMAZING GRACE

✠ **Affirmation of Faith** The Heidelberg Catechism
Question and Answer #42

Minister: Since Christ has died for us, why do we still have to die?

People: Our death does not pay the debt of our sins. Rather, it puts an end to our sinning and is our entrance into eternal life.

Unison: Thanks be to God!

✠ **Gloria** Gloria Patri #734
MEINEKE

Glo - ry be to the Fa-ther, and to the

Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it

was in the be - gin - ning, is

now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out

end. A - men, a - men.

† Old Testament Lesson

Ecclesiastes 3:16-4:3

Pew Bible, page 554

Minister: The Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

Prayer for Illumination

Proclamation of God's Word

Rev. Justin Borger

VAPOR, JOY & AWE:

Behold, the Tears of the Oppressed

*It is the duty of all who hear
God's word preached to listen
carefully, prayerfully, and to
receive the truth with humility.*



† Hymn of Response

Where Thou Leadest Me

Hymn C

Words and Music by Bryan Fowler, Ben Shive, and Kristyn Getty

Giving to God and Offertory

Be Still My Soul

Words and Music by Keith and Kristyn Getty

Arr. by James Koerts

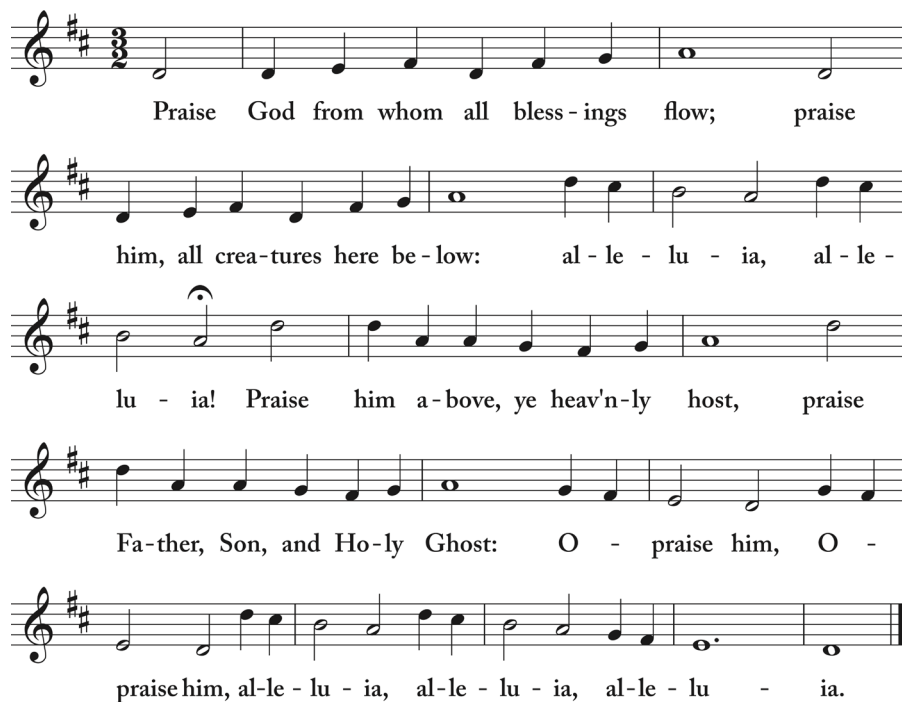
*"But as you excel in
everything—in faith, in
speech, in knowledge, in all
earnestness, and in our love
for you—see that you excel in
this act of grace also"
(2 Corinthians 8:7).*

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www.stpaulsorlando.com/give.*

† Doxology

Doxology #733

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.

*In this Prayer of Dedication,
the minister asks God to use
the gifts of his people for the
advancement of his kingdom
and the praise of his glory.*

† Prayer of Dedication

† Benediction

† Sending Forth Hymn

It Is Well With My Soul

Hymn D • Trinity Hymnal #691 (Verses 1 and 3)

VILLE DU HAVRE

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

People: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Please take a moment to greet those around you.

Holy, Holy, Holy!

Day and night they never stop saying: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come." Rev. 4:8

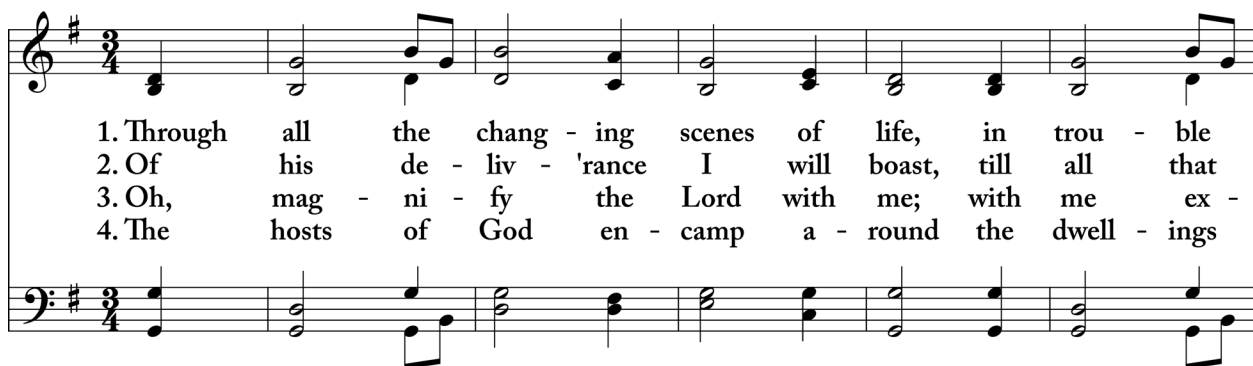
1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
 2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
 3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
 4. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 though the eye of sin - ful man thy glo - ry may not see,
 All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.

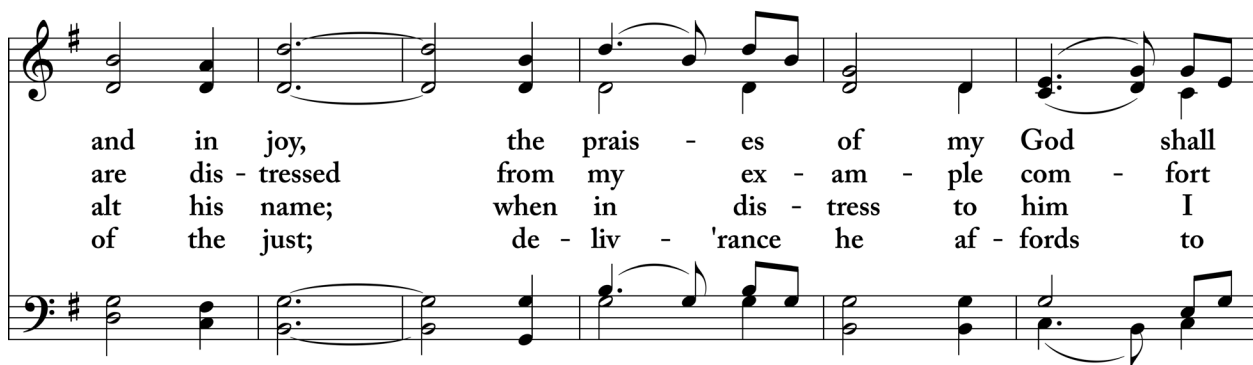
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 who wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pur - i - ty.
 God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

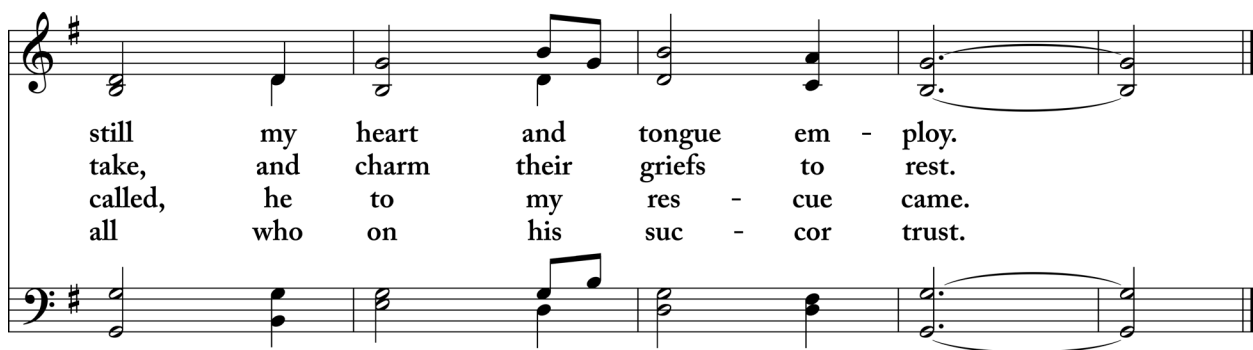
Through All the Changing Scenes of Life



1. Through all the chang - ing scenes of life, in trou - ble
 2. Of his de - liv - 'rance I will boast, till all that
 3. Oh, mag - ni - fy the Lord with me; with me ex -
 4. The hosts of God en - camp a - round the dwell - ings



and in joy, the prais - es of my God shall
 are dis - tressed from my ex - am - ple com - fort
 alt his name; when in dis - tress to him I
 of the just; de - liv - 'rance he af - fords to



still my heart and tongue em - ploy.
 take, and charm their griefs to rest.
 called, he to my res - cue came.
 all who on his suc - cor trust.

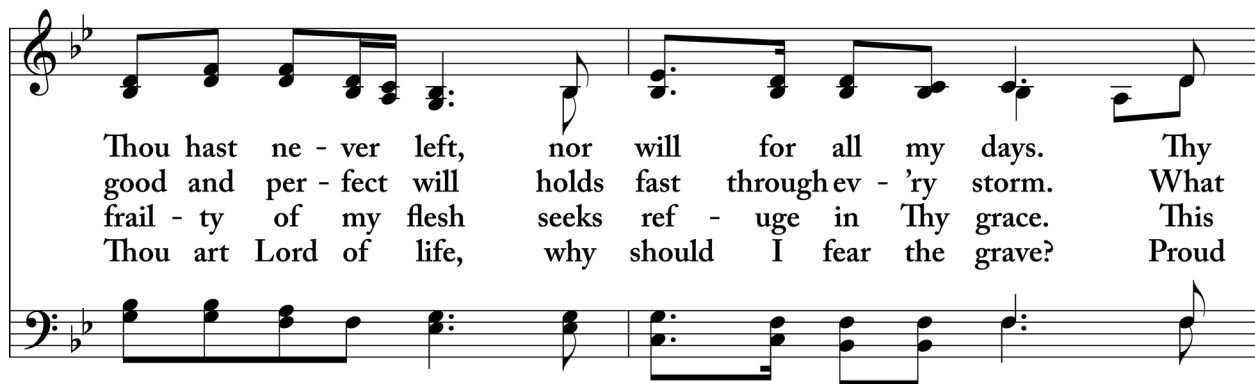
5. Oh, make but trial of his love,
 experience will decide
 how blest they are, and only they,
 who in his truth confide.

6. Fear him, ye saints, and you will then
 have nothing else to fear;
 make you his service your delight,
 your wants shall be his care.

Where Thou Leadest Me



1. Where Thou lead - est me, I dare not find com-plaint, for
 2. Sov - 'reign is Thy hand to guide me when I'm worn; Thy
 3. Shep - herd, keep me near for I am prone to stray. The
 4. Sav - ior, light my path un - to that fin - al day. If



Thou hast ne - ver left, nor will for all my days. Thy
 good and per - fect will holds fast through ev - 'ry storm. What
 frail - ty of my flesh seeks ref - uge in Thy grace. This
 Thou art Lord of life, why should I fear the grave? Proud



pre - sence is my good and it shall e - ver be; I will
 time I am af - raid, my faith looks up to Thee; I will
 prom - ise is my peace; my soul is safe in Thee, I will
 death has lost its sting for all e - ter - ni - ty. I will



go where Thou lead - est me.
trust where Thou lead - est me.
rest as Thou lead - est me.
rise where Thou lead - est me.

On the moun - tain high, through the



val - ley deep, I will go where Thou lead - est me.



me. On the moun - tain high, through the val - ley deep, I will



go where Thou lead - est me. I will go where Thou lead - est me.



It Is Well with My Soul

"The peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." Phil. 4:7

1. When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my way, when sor - rows like
 3. My sin— O the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought!— my sin, not in

sea bil - lows roll; what - ev - er my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
 part, but the whole, is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more;

REFRAIN

"It is well, it is well with my soul." It is well
 praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! It is well

with my soul; it is well, it is well with my soul.
 with my soul;

VAPOR, JOY & AWE:

Behold, the Tears of the Oppressed

Ecclesiastes 3:16-4:3 | Rev. Justin Borger

The Big Idea: Qoheleth is a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. When he looks around at life under the sun, he is tormented by the tears of the oppressed. Unbearable human cruelty and oppression run rampant. Injustice is perpetrated precisely “in the place of justice” (3:16). And after so often being treated like animals, human beings die like beasts. We go from dust to dust. And then what? At least from the empirical vantage point of what we can see with our eyes, our future appears far from certain (3:21). And yet, notwithstanding his deep anguish, dark musings, and widely meandering questions, Qoheleth not only continues to commend a way of life that rejoices in our God-given “lot” (3:23), but ultimately confesses the good news of divine judgment (3:17; 11:9; 12:14). In the end, this is the good news according to Ecclesiastes: divine judgment is what gives hope and meaning to life. No one can see God’s good future now except “through a glass, darkly” (1 Corinthians 13:12; cf. Ecclesiastes 3:11, 22b). Indeed, “At present,” says the author of Hebrews, even from this side of Christ’s death and resurrection “we do not yet see everything in subjection to him. But we see him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone” (Hebrews 2:8–9).

i. Behold the tears of the oppressed

ii. Rejoice in the gift of your limitations

iii. Behold him who can see what will be after

DAILY BIBLE READING PLAN

Use this plan for your daily Bible reading.

- Sunday, August 16 Jeremiah 44-45 • Psalm 20-21
- Monday, August 17 Jeremiah 46 • Psalm 22
- Tuesday, August 18 Jeremiah 47 • Psalm 23-24
- Wednesday, August 19 Jeremiah 48 • Psalm 25
- Thursday, August 20 Jeremiah 49 • Psalm 26-27
- Friday, August 21 Jeremiah 50 • Psalm 28-29
- Saturday, August 22 Jeremiah 51 • Psalm 30
- Sunday, August 23 Jeremiah 52 • Psalm 31

WEEKLY SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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

1. What can we learn about Christ, the “man of sorrows,” from the way Qoheleth gazed intently at the tears of the oppressed?
2. Why is it important to notice that Qoheleth's wisdom proceeds and develops in two ways: (1) like a circle and (2) like a line? Put another way, how might paying close attention to Qoheleth's meandering, repetitive, and circular style, that nevertheless advances decisively to “The end of the matter” (12:13) help us to understand and apply the message of Ecclesiastes?
3. What's the point of Qoheleth's question in Ecclesiastes 3:21? Did Qoheleth believe in life after death? Compare Ecclesiastes 3:21 with 12:7.
4. What is your “lot” (Ecclesiastes 3:22) and what would it mean for you to rejoice in it?
5. How does Ecclesiastes 3:16-4:3 help us to see Jesus? Compare with Hebrews 2:8-9.

MONTHLY SCRIPTURE MEMORIZATION

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

“Better was a poor and wise youth than an old and foolish king who no longer knew how to take advice” (Ecclesiastes 4:13).

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 are we asked to kneel at various times in worship?

Answer: Body language is powerful, and God’s Word frequently commands us to use our bodies to communicate the disposition of our hearts in worship. “Oh come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!” (Psalm 95:6, 63:4, 150:5; 1 Timothy 2:8)

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*.

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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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