

ST. PAUL'S

For The Glory of God & The Joy of All Peoples

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

On the Lord's Day Morning Tenth Sunday after Pentecost August 17, 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. Welcome

Prelude

When Morning Gilds the Skies LAUDES DOMINI

When morning gilds the skies, my heart awaking cries: May Jesus Christ be praised. Alike at work and prayer To Jesus I repair: May Jesus Christ be praised.

Be this, while life is mine, my canticle divine: May Jesus Christ be praised. Be this theternal song, Through all the ages on: May Jesus Christ be praised.

Worship begins when God, through the pastor ministering in his name, summons us to the praise of his glory. Call to Worship

Psalm 134

A Song of Ascents

Minister: Come, bless the LORD, all you servants of the LORD,

who stand by night in the house of the LORD! Lift up your hands to the holy place and bless the LORD!

People: May the LORD bless you from Zion, he who made

heaven and earth!

+ congregation standing

¤ congregation kneeling



† Hymn of Proclamation

Hymn A • Trinity Psalter

Psalm 24 **IOANNA**

† 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.

[†] New Testament Reading

Hebrews 12:22-29

Pew Bible, page 1009

Minister: The Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God! People:

[¤] Prayer of Confession

Unison:

O God beyond all praising, there is no God like you. With you is the fountain of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore. But we have hungered after that which does not satisfy and preferred many things to you, the Giver of all things. Father, forgive us for our weak and sinful desires, and fill us with your Spirit, that we might be conformed to the image of your Son, in whose name

we pray. Amen.

Please take a moment to silently confess your sin.

The Lord is "enthroned on the praise" of his people (Psalm 22:3).

ⁿ Assurance of Pardon

From Romans 8

Minister: There is therefore now no condemnation for those who

are in Christ Jesus. If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Nothing will be able to separate us from the love of

God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Unison: Thanks be to God!

ⁿ Pastoral Prayer

Psalm of Consecration

Psalm 134 OLD HUNDREDTH

Hymn B • Trinity Psalter

 † Affirmation of Faith

Westminster Shorter Catechism
Question and Answer #1

Minister: What is the chief end of man?

People: Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him

forever.

Unison: Thanks be to God!



† Gloria

Glory Be to God I

Children are welcome for our

entire service. Following the

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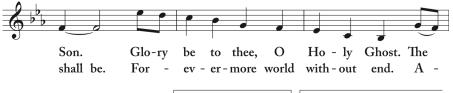
Fellowship Hall.

Gloria, a specifically designed time for children aged four through first grade is also provided. Those interested

Traditional Text; Musical Setting by Ronald Owen



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† Psalter Lesson

Psalm 134

Pew Bible, page 519

Minister: The Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

Prayer for Illumination

Proclamation of God's Word

Rev. Justin Borger

DISCIPLESHIP PATHWAY:

On the Way of Worship



[†] Hymn of Response Hymn C Arise, My Soul, Arise

"Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts!" (Psalm 96:8)

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Giving to God and Offertory I'm Not Ashamed to Own My Lord
PISGAH

I'm not ashamed to own my Lord, or to defend his cause, Maintain the honor of his Word, the glory of his cross.

Jesus, my God! I know his name, his name is all my trust; Nor will he put my soul to shame, nor let my hope be lost.

Firm as his throne his promise stands, and he can well secure What I've committed to his hands till the decisive hour.

Then will he own my worthless name before his Father's face, And in the new Jerusalem appoint my soul a place.





† Prayer of Dedication

† Benediction

Forth Hymn Lead Me, Lord, Lead Me In Thy Righteousness
 Hymn D • Trinity Hymnal # 727
 LEAD ME, LORD

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

Christ.

People: Thanks be to God!

Postlude We Will Feast in the House of Zion

Words and Music by Sandra McCracken and Joshua Moore

Please take a moment to greet those around you.

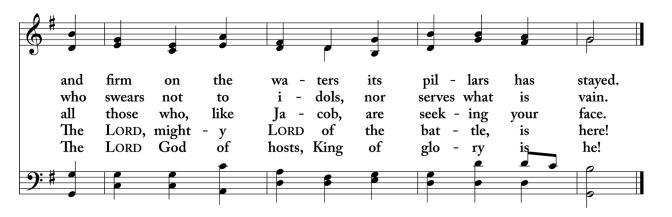
With God's blessing upon us, we are sent forth to practice the faith we profess.

Vikki Cook

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.

Psalm 24



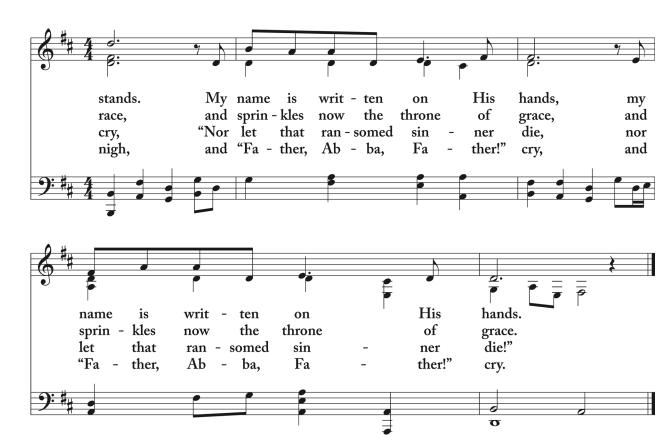


Psalm 134



Arise, My Soul, Arise





Lead Me, Lord, Lead Me in Thy Righteousness

Lead me, O LORD, in your righteousness. Ps. 5:8



DISCIPLESHIP PATHWAY:	
On the Way of Worship	
Psalm 134:1-3 Rev. Justin Borger	
The Big Idea: Psalm 134 is the final "Song of Ascents" (Psalms 120-134). This collection of fifteen psalms was traditionally used by travelers on their way to worship at the tempermount for the three annual pilgrimage festivals in Jerusalem (see Deuteronomy 16:16; 16 Kings 12:28; 2 Chronicles 36:23). But in Christ, you are on a greater journey and have to a greater destination of worship—even heavenly Mount Zion itself (Hebrews 12:22–Knowing this good news should not only prompt us to "Come, bless the Lord" (Psalm 15 but also to go out "from Zion" (v. 3) with the Lord's blessing.	le come 24).
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DAILY BIBLE READING PLAN

Use this plan for your daily Bible reading.

• Sunday, August 17	Jeremiah 46 • Psalm 22
• Monday, August 18	Jeremiah 47 • Psalm 23-24
• Tuesday, August 19	Jeremiah 48 • Psalm 25
• Wednesday, August 20	Jeremiah 49 • Psalm 26-27
• Thursday, August 21	Jeremiah 50 • Psalm 28-29
• Friday, August 22	Jeremiah 51 • Psalm 30
• Saturday, August 23	Jeremiah 52 • Psalm 31
• Sunday, August 24	Lamentations 1 • Psalm 32

WEEKLY SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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

- 1. What are the Songs of Ascent (Psalms 120-34) and how were they traditionally used by God's people under the old covenant?
- 2. How does this collection of songs (Psalm 120-134) begin, progress, and end? And what does this have to teach us about the overall shape or movement of biblical worship?
- 3. How does Psalm 134 apply to Christians under the new covenant, considering passages like Hebrews 12:22-24 and Revelation 21:22-27?
- 4. In what sense have we "already and not yet" arrived at Mount Zion?
- 5. What does Psalm 134 call us to do? Where does it call us to come? And how does it teach us to go?

MONTHLY SCRIPTURE MEMORIZATION

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

"Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." (John 14:6)

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.

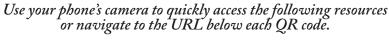
Question: Why are we asked to kneel at various times in worship?

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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