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For The Glory of God & The Joy of All Peoples

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

On the Lord's Day Morning
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 23, 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

Introit

Lift Thine Eyes

From *Elijah*
Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy

*Lift thine eyes, O lift thine eyes to the mountains, whence cometh help.
Thy help cometh from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.
He hath said, thy foot shall not be moved. Thy Keeper will never slumber.
Lift thine eyes, O lift thine eyes to the mountains, whence cometh help.*

Call to Worship

From Psalm 100

Minister: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!

People: Know that the LORD he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Minister: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name!

People: For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

† congregation standing

✠ congregation kneeling

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

† Hymn of Proclamation

Hymn A • Trinity Hymnal #14

New Songs of Celebration Render

RENDEZ A DIEU

† Prayer of Adoration

Unison: Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

† Old Testament Reading

Zephaniah 1:1–18

Pew Bible, page 788

Minister: The Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

✠ Prayer of Confession

Unison: Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity, and cleanse us from our sin. For we know our transgressions, and our sin is ever before us. Against you, you only, have we sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment. Behold, we were brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did our mothers conceive us. Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach wisdom in the secret heart. Forgive all our sins for the sake of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ; wash us thoroughly through the blood of his sacrifice and we shall be whiter than snow.

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Our weekly prayers of adoration are taken from The Book of Common Prayer, which was compiled by Thomas Cranmer and others, and was first issued in 1549.

In confessing our sins, we humbly agree with Scripture's claim that all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. We do this collectively through a corporate prayer of confession and individually through a silent moment of confession.

Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Cast us not away from your presence, O God, and take not your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation, in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Please take a moment to silently confess your sin.

*The gospel message includes
an announcement of
forgiveness: your sins are
forgiven by God's grace in
Jesus Christ.*

✠ Assurance of Pardon

From Psalm 103

Minister: The Lord does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

Unison: Thanks be to God!

✠ Pastoral Prayer



† Psalm of Assurance

Psalm 13

Hymn B • From the Psalter

PASSION CHORALE

*The Apostles' Creed, which is a
summary of the gospel, unites
Christians across the ages and
around the world.*

† Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

Unison: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Unison: Thanks be to God!

† Gloria

Glory Be to God I

Traditional Text; Musical Setting by Ronald Owen



1. Glo-ry be to God our Fa-ther. Glo-ry be to Christ His
2. was in the be - gin-ning is now and ev - er



Son. Glo-ry be to thee, O Ho - ly Ghost. The
shall be. For - ev - er - more world with - out end. A -



bles - sed three in one. As it
men A - men.

† New Testament Lesson

1 Thessalonians 5:1–11

Pew Bible, page 987

Minister: The Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

Prayer for Illumination

Proclamation of God's Word

Dr. Zachary Cole

LIVING IN LIGHT OF ETERNITY:

Let Us Keep Awake and Be Sober

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.

*"Faith comes from hearing"
(Romans 10:17).*

*“For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich”
(2 Corinthians 8:9).*

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RESPONDING IN THANKS



† **Hymn of Response**
Hymn C • Trinity Hymnal #320

Rejoice, All Ye Believers
LANCASHIRE

Giving to God and Offertory

O Church Arise
Words and Music by Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

*O Church, arise, and put your armor on; hear the call of Christ our Captain.
For now the weak can say that they are strong in the strength that God has given.
With shield of faith and belt of Truth, we'll stand against the devil's lies;
An army bold, whose battle cry is love, reaching out to those in darkness.*

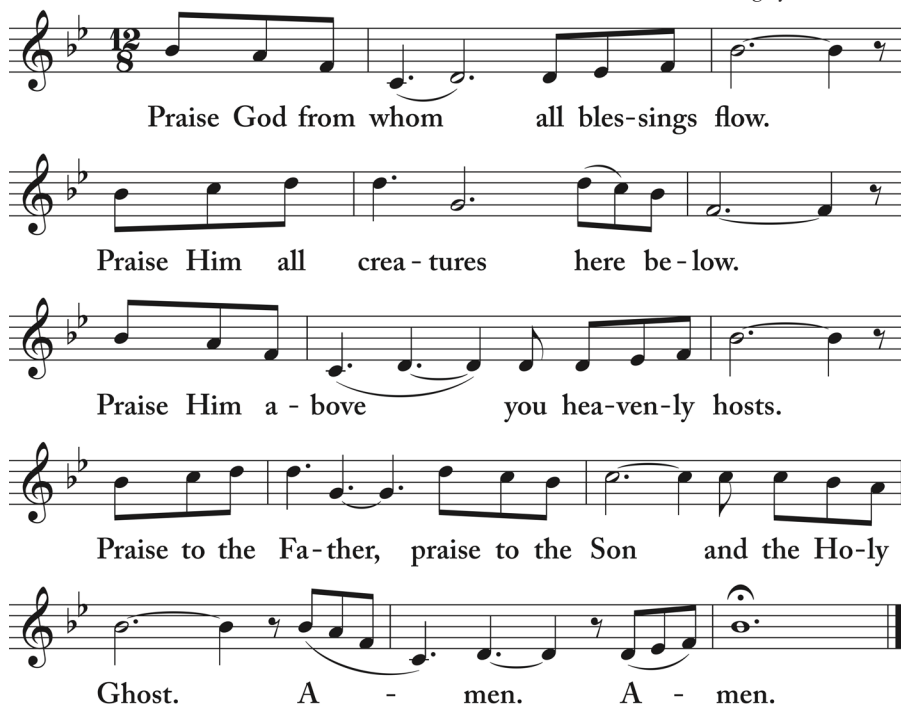
*Our call to war—to love the captive soul, but to rage against the captor;
And with the sword that makes the wounded whole, we will fight with faith and valor.
When faced with trials on every side, we know the outcome is secure,
And Christ will have the prize for which He died, an inheritance of nations.*

*So Spirit come, put strength in every stride, give grace for every hurdle,
That we many run with faith to win the prize of a servant good and faithful,
As saints of old still line the way, retelling triumphs of His grace,
We hear their calls and hunger for the day when with Christ we stand in Glory.*

† Doxology

Doxology I

Traditional Text; Musical Setting by Ronald Owen



Praise God from whom all bles-sings flow.

Praise Him all crea - tures here be - low.

Praise Him a - bove you hea-ven-ly hosts.

Praise to the Fa-ther, praise to the Son and the Ho-ly

Ghost. A - men. A - men.

† Prayer of Dedication

† Benediction

† Sending Forth Hymn

Hymn D • Trinity Hymnal #358 (Verses 1, 5, and 6)

For All the Saints

SINE NOMINE

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.

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.

New Songs of Celebration Render

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth, burst into jubilant song with music. Ps. 98:4



1. New songs of cel - e - bra - tion ren - der to Him who has great
 2. Joy - ful - ly, heart - i - ly re - sound - ing, let ev - 'ry in - stru -
 3. Riv - ers and seas and tor - rents roar - ing, hon - or the Lord with



won - ders done; love sits en - throned in age - less splen - dor;
 ment and voice peal out the praise of grace a - bound - ing
 wild ac - claim; moun - tains and stones, look up a - dor - ing,



come and a - dore the might - y One. He has made
 call - ing the whole world to re - joice. Trum - pets and
 and find a voice to praise his name. Righ - teous, com -



known his great sal - va - tion, which all His friends with
 or - gans, set in mo - tion such sounds as make the
 mand - ing, ev - er glo - rious, prais - es be his that

joy con - fess. He has re - vealed to ev - 'ry
 heav - ens ring; all things that live in earth and
 nev - er cease: just is our God, whose truth vic -

na - tion His ev - er - last - ing righ - teous - ness.
 o - cean make mu - sic for your might - y King.
 to - rious es - tab - lish - es the world in peace.

Psalm 13

1. How long wilt Thou for - get me? Shall it for - ev - er be?
 2. O LORD, my God, con - si - der, and hear my ear - nest cries;
 3. But on Thy ten - der mer - cy I ev - er have re - lied;

O LORD, how long neg - lect me? And hide Thy face from me?
 lest I in death should slum - ber, en - light - en Thou mine eyes:
 with joy in Thy sal - va - tion my heart shall still con - fide.

How long my soul take coun - sel, thus sad in heart each day?
 lest foes be heard ex - claim - ing a - gainst him we pre - vailed;
 And I with voice of sing - ing will praise the LORD a - lone,

How long shall foes ex - ult - ing, sub - ject me to their sway?
 and they that vex my spi - rit re - joice when I have failed.
 be - cause to me His fa - vor He has so large - ly shown.

PASSION CHORALE 7.6.7.6.D

Hans Leo Hassler, 1601

Arr. by Johann Sebastian Bach, 1729

Rejoice, All Ye Believers

Here's the bridegroom! Come out to meet him! Matt. 25:6



1. Re - joice, all ye be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear;
 2. See that your lamps are burn - ing; re - plen - ish them with oil;
 3. Ye saints, who here in pa - tience your cross and suf - f'rings bore,
 4. Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



the eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near;
 and wait for your sal - va - tion, the end of earth - ly toil.
 shall live and reign for - ev - er, when sor - row is no more:
 a - rise, thou sun so longed for, o'er this be - night - ed sphere.



the Bride - groom is a - ris - ing and soon he draw - eth nigh;
 The watch - ers on the moun - tain pro - claim the Bride - groom near;
 a - round the throne of glo - ry the Lamb ye shall be - hold,
 With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see



up, pray, and watch, and wres - tle: at mid - night comes the cry.
 go meet him as he com - eth, with al - le - lu - ias clear.
 in tri - umph cast be - fore him your di - a - dems of gold.
 the day of earth's re - demp - tion that brings us un - to thee.

For All the Saints

They will rest from their labor, for their deeds will follow them. Rev. 14:13

Unison

1. For all the saints who from their la - bors rest,
 5. But lo! there breaks a yet more glo - rious day;
 6. From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast,

who thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed,
 the saints tri - um - phant rise in bright ar - ray;
 through gates of pearl streams in the count-less host,

thy name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
 the King of glo - ry pass - es on his way.
 sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

William Walsham How, 1864, 1875

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SINE NOMINE 10.10.10.al.

Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

LIVING IN LIGHT OF ETERNITY:

Let Us Keep Awake and Be Sober

1 Thessalonians 5:1–11 | Dr. Zachary Cole

The Big Idea: The Apostle Paul exhorts the Thessalonians to be ready for the day of the Lord by embracing their identity as sons of the day, which means living each day soberly in faith, hope, and love, grounded in the certainty of eternal life with Christ.

i. The day of the Lord will come (vv. 1–3)

ii. You are sons of the day (vv. 4–5)

iii. Let us keep awake and be sober (v. 6–8)

iv. For God has destined us to obtain salvation (vv. 9–11)

DAILY BIBLE READING PLAN

Use this plan for your daily Bible reading.

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|------------------------|---------------------------|
| • Sunday, August 23 | Jeremiah 52 • Psalm 31 |
| • Monday, August 24 | Lamentations 1 • Psalm 32 |
| • Tuesday, August 25 | Lamentations 2 • Psalm 33 |
| • Wednesday, August 26 | Lamentations 3 • Psalm 34 |
| • Thursday, August 27 | Lamentations 4 • Psalm 35 |
| • Friday, August 28 | Lamentations 5 • Psalm 36 |
| • Saturday, August 29 | Ezekiel 1 • Psalm 37 |
| • Sunday, August 30 | Ezekiel 2 • Psalm 38 |

WEEKLY SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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

1. Why do you think people continue to speculate about the timing of the end of the world, despite the Bible's insistence that only God knows it? (For example, Matthew 24:36.)
2. Think of people you know (coworkers, neighbors, extended family members). What thoughts, if any, do they have about the future of the world (or the end of it)? And from where do you think they are getting these ideas?
3. Summarize how this passage gives both bad news and good news about the end of the world.
4. In this passage, Paul uses several colorful images to make his points (a thief in the night, childbirth, day/night, sleeping, drunkenness, armor). Which one stands out to you, and why?
5. Discuss how each of the three cardinal virtues—faith, hope, and love—might look on a day-to-day basis in our lives.

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 do our worship services include readings from both the Old and New Testaments?

Answer: This practice reflects our commitment to “the whole counsel of God” (Acts 20:27). Jesus said that every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is “like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old” (Matthew 13:52). In our Old Testament readings from the Law and Prophets, we find the gospel foreshadowed and promised, and in our New Testament readings, we find it fulfilled in the person and work of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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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