

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 Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost October 5, 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

Introit

Now to the King of Heaven ST. JOHN

Now to the King of heav'n your cheerful voices raise; To Him be glory giv'n, pow'r, majesty and praise; Wide as He reigns His name be sung by every tongue in endless strains.

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

From Psalm 96

Minister: Oh sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD,

all the earth! Sing to the LORD, bless his name; tell of

his salvation from day to day.

People: Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works

among all the peoples! For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; he is to be feared above all gods. For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols, but the LORD

made the heavens.

Minister: Say among the nations,

People: "The Lord reigns!"

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† Hymn of Praise Hymn A • Trinity Hymnal #115 All Creatures of our God and King
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†Prayer of Adoration

Unison:

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

† 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!

Christian worship is trinitarian: we worship one God who exists eternally in three persons: Father, Son, and Spirit.

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Glory Be to God I

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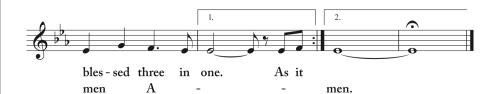
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Son. Glo-ry be to thee, O Ho - ly Ghost. The





† New Testament Lesson

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Acts 17:16-34

Pew Bible, page 926

Minister: The Word of the Lord!

For

People: Thanks be to God!

Prayer for Illumination

Proclamation of God's Word

Rev. Justin Borger

TO THE END OF THE EARTH:

The Times of Ignorance Are Over

ⁿ 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.

* Assurance of Pardon

From 1 John 1

Minister: Hear this good news! 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!

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

"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)

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Giving to God & Choral Offertory

Out of the Depths

From Psalm 130 Music by Daniel Nelson

Out of the depths I cry to thee. O Lord, hear my voice!

If thou, O Lord, shouldst mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand?

But there is forgiveness with thee, that thou might be feared.

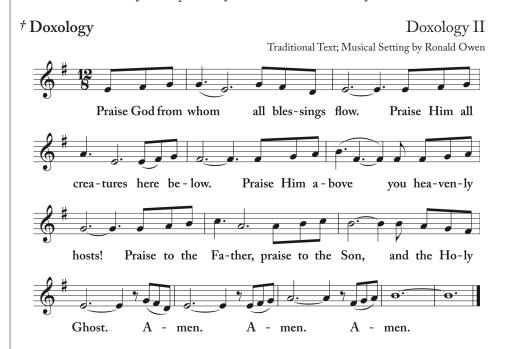
My soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning.

O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love,

And with him is plenteous redemption.

And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

Out of the depths I cry to thee. O Lord, hear my voice!



† 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. 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,

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.

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.



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.

Prayer of Dedication

Words of Institution

Minister: Therefore, we proclaim the faith:

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

Communion Hymn

Hymn B • Trinity Hymnal #257

Communion Hymn

Hymn C • Trinity Hymnal #252

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When I Survey the Wondrous Cross HAMBURG

† Prayer of Thanks

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

Postlude

† Sending Forth Hymn

Be Thou My Vision

Hymn D • Trinity Hymnal #642 (Verses 1 and 5)

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

Christ.

People: Thanks be to God!

Crown Him with Many Crowns
DIADEMATA

Please take a moment to greet those around you.

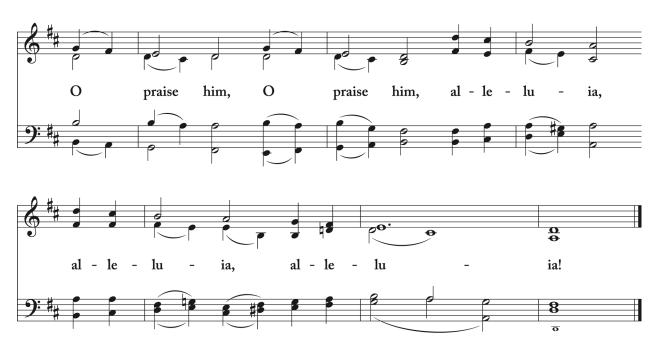
Since the early days of the Church, the observance of Holy Communion has been accompanied by the giving of offerings to the poor.

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.

All Creatures of Our God and King

All you have made will praise you, O LORD; your saints will extol you. Ps. 145:10

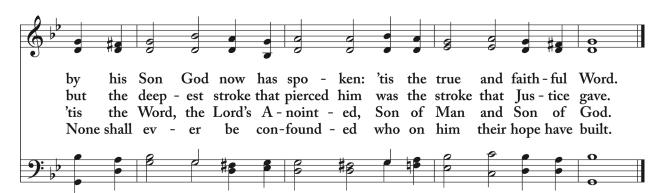




Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted

We considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted. Is. 53:4





When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. Gal. 6:14



Be Thou My Vision

Whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. Phil. 3:7



TO THE END OF THE EARTH:

The Times of Ignorance Are Over

Acts 17:16-34 | Rev. Justin Borger

The Big Idea: Christians have nothing to fear from the intellectual and cultural elites of this world who need the gospel like everyone else. In his famous speech before the philosophers of Athens, Paul announces the end of ignorance (17:30) with breathtaking boldness in a city that prided itself on its intellectual, political, and cultural sophistication—the cradle of Western civilization. Paul not only proclaims the gospel but models what it looks like to establish the truth about God, humanity, judgment, and the supreme lordship of the risen Christ in a way that is artfully crafted to reach a biblically illiterate, but highly educated audience composed of cultural elites.

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DAILY BIBLE READING PLAN

Use this plan for your daily Bible reading.

• Sunday, October 5	Ezekiel 38 • Psalm 89
 Monday, October 6 	Ezekiel 39 • Psalm 90
• Tuesday, October 7	Ezekiel 40 • Psalm 91
• Wednesday, October 8	Ezekiel 41 • Psalm 92-93
• Thursday, October 9	Ezekiel 42 • Psalm 94
• Friday, October 10	Ezekiel 43 • Psalm 95-96
Saturday, October 11	Ezekiel 44 • Psalm 97-98
• Sunday, October 12	Ezekiel 45 • Psalm 99-101

WEEKLY SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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

- 1. What did Paul see and feel in Athens?
- 2. What did Paul do and say in Athens?
- 3. What essential truths does Paul's speech in Athens teach us about:
 - a. God?
 - a. Humanity?
 - a. Judgment?
 - a. Christ?
- 4. What are some best practices for evangelism that we can take away from Paul's ministry in Athens?
- 5. God commands all people to repent because they will be judged by one man (17:30-31). What would it mean for you to respond to this command today?

MONTHLY SCRIPTURE MEMORIZATION

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

"The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead" (Acts 17:30-31).

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.

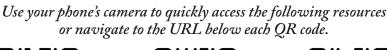
Question: Why do we take up a monthly collection for the deacons' fund on Communion Sundays?

Answer: Paul rebuked the Corinthians for the disgraceful way they failed to care for the poor among them when they came together to observe the Lord's Supper, saying, "One goes hungry, another gets drunk" (1 Corinthians 11:21). By way of contrast, this offering is a practical way we affirm the communion of the saints and the unity that we share—regardless of whether we are rich or poor—as members of Christ's one body.

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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