

# ST. PAUL'S

For The Glory of God & The Joy of All Peoples

## **EVENSONG & COMMUNION**

## September 19, 2021, at 6:00 pm



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.

Instrumental Prelude

Abide With Me: Fast Falls the Eventide

**EVENTIDE** 

Silent Preparation

**Entrance Anthem** 

The Lord Is My Light

Mode 6 melody; adapt. Bruce E. Ford

Cantor: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

#### People repeat:



† congregation standing

Cantor: The Lord is the strength of my life:

#### People:



Cantor: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

#### People:



Cantor: I will bless the Lord at all times:

Cantor and Congregation: His praise shall ever be in my mouth.

#### Entrance of the Light

Minister: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: His mercy endures forever.

Unison: Jesus said, "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one lights a lamp to put it under a bucket, but on a lampstand, where it gives light for everyone in the house. And you, like the lamp, must shed light among your fellow men, so that they

may see the good you do, and give glory to your Father

in heaven."

#### Prayer for Light

Unison: Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of our fathers,

Creator of the changes of day and night, giving rest to the weary, renewing the strength of those who are spent, bestowing upon us occasions of song in the evening. As you have protected us in the day that is past, so be with us in the coming night; keep us from every sin, every evil, and every fear; for you are our light and salvation, and the strength of our life. To you

be glory for endless ages. Amen.

#### <sup>†</sup> Hymn of Proclamation

Jesus, Lord, Redeemer

Hymn A • Trinity Hymnal #285

KING'S WESTON

#### † Psalter Lesson

Psalm 130 Pew Bible, page 518

Minister: The Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

#### Homily

Rev. Jonathan Iverson

What to Do with Your Guilt & Shame

#### Litany for Evening

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: O Lord, our God, we thank you that you have brought

this day to its close.

People: We thank you, O Lord.

Minister: We thank you that you give rest to body and soul.

People: We bless you, O Lord.

Minister Your hand has been over us, guarding and preserving

us.

People: Defend us, O Lord.

Minister: Forgive our feeble faith and all the wrong we have done

this day.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Minister: Grant that we may sleep in peace, and defend us from

temptation of darkness.

#### Confession of Sin & Silent Prayer

Unison: Most holy and merciful God, who has searched and

known us, and are acquainted with all our ways, we confess before you our sinfulness and seek your forgiveness. We have failed in our duty; we have forgotten our high calling; we have fallen into many temptations. We have dishonored your name; we have injured our neighbors; we have hurt our own souls. Give us, we pray, the spirit of true repentance, that we may turn from our sins and forsake them with our whole heart; and in your great love, have mercy on us and absolve us from our guilt; for the sake of your dear Son, our Savior Jesus Christ.

#### Assurance of Pardon

Unison: If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive

us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

#### 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. All your creatures praise you, and your faithful servants bless you, confessing before the rulers of this world the great name of your only Son. 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 Schubert



#### **Prayer of Consecration**

#### Words of Institution

Minister: Therefore, we proclaim the faith:

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

The elements will be served by the elders/deacons. Please refrain from partaking of the elements until everyone has been served.

#### Communion Hymns

The congregation is invited to sing as the sacrament is observed.

Hymn

Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended

Hymn B • Trinity Hymnal #248

HERZLIEBSTER

Hymn of Response

He Will Hold Me Fast

Hymn C

Words by Ada Habershon & Matt Merker Music by Matt Merker

#### † Prayer of Thanks

Unison:

Dearest Lord, Heavenly Father, we give you thanks for satisfying our hungry hearts with this holy meal shared in the Spirit with your Son who is the true bread from heaven. Grant that we who have received the sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and He in us; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Soloist:

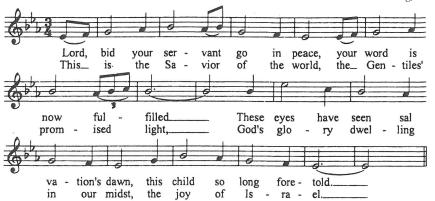
Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. Amen.

#### † Benediction

#### † Dismissal Hymn

#### Nunc Dimittis

Plainsong, Tone 8



#### Postlude

#### He Will Hold Me Fast

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### Jesus, Lord Redeemer

Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us? Luke 24:32



## Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended

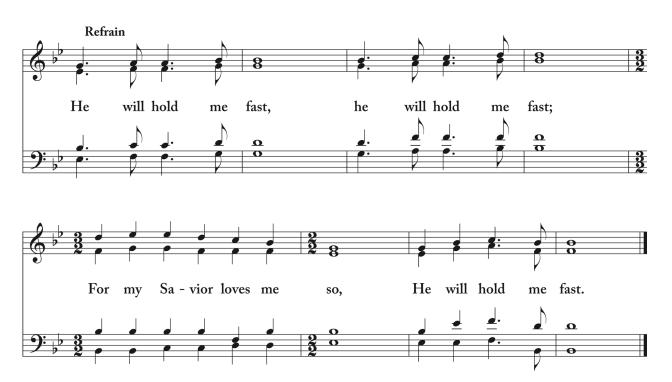
Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted. Is. 53:4



#### He Will Hold Me Fast

(When I Fear My Faith Will Fail)





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