



ST. PAUL'S
PRESBYTERIAN

For The Glory of God & The Joy of All Peoples

EVENSONG AND COMMUNION

On the Lord's Day Evening
January 18, 2026, at 6:00



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.

Ring of the Bells - *The sounding of the bells calls us to quiet our hearts before worship.*

Instrumental Prelude

Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder
ALL SAINTS OLD

Silent Preparation

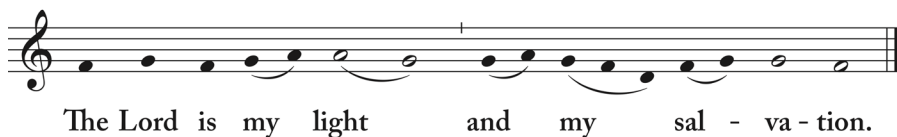
Entrance Anthem

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

✠ congregation kneeling

Cantor: The Lord is the strength of my life.

People:



And my sal - va - tion.

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

People:



The Lord is my light and my sal - va - tion.

Cantor: I will bless the Lord at all times.

Cantor and People:



His praise shall ev - er 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.

† Hymn of Adoration

Hymn A

My God, and Is Thy Table Spread

AS THE HART LONGS

† Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 25:6-9

Pew Bible, page 586

Minister: The Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

Homily

Rev. John Cherne

The Feast of the King

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.

People: Spare us, good Lord.

Minister: Into your hands we commend our loved ones, our homes, our bodies and souls.

People: O God, your holy name be praised. Amen.

✠ Confession of Sin and 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

Minister: 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!

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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and

might. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of pow'r and might. Hea-ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

sa - na in the high - est, ho - sa - na in the

high - est. Bles - sed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - sa - na in the

high - est, ho - sa - na in the high - est.

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 of Consecration

Hymn B • Trinity Hymnal #257

Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted

O MEIN JESU, ICH MUSS STERBEN

Hymn of Proclamation

Hymn C

We Will Feast in the House of Zion

Words and Music by Sandra McCracken and Joshua Moore

† 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.

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

† Benediction

† Dismissal Hymn

Plainsong, Tone 8



Lord, bid your ser - vant go in peace, your word is
This is the Sa - vior of the world, the Gen - tiles'



now ful - filled. These eyes have seen sal -
prom - ised light, God's glo - ry dwel - ling



va - tion's dawn, this child so long fore - told.
in our midst, the joy of Is - ra - el.

Postlude

'Round the Throne in Radiant Glory

QADOSH

My God, and Is Thy Table Spread

Unison



1. My God, and is Thy ta - ble spread,
 2. Hail, sa - cred feast, which Je - sus makes,
 3. O let Thy ta - ble hon - ored be



and does Thy cup with love o'er - flow?
 rich ban - quet of His flesh and blood!
 and fur - nished well with wor - thy guests;



Thith - er be all Thy child - ren led
 Thrice hap - py he who here par - takes
 and may each soul sal - va - tion see



and let them all its sweet - ness know.
 that sac - red stream, that heav'n - ly flood!
 that here its sa cred pledg - es tastes!

AS THE HART LONGS L.M.

P. Doddridge, 1702-51

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Appalachian folk melody

Arr. by Danna Harkins, 1975

Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted

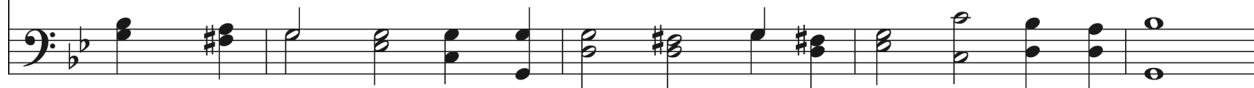
We considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted. Is. 53:4



1. Strick-en, smit - ten, and af - flict - ed, see him dy - ing on the tree!
 2. Tell me, ye who hear him groan-ing, was there ev - er grief like his?
 3. Ye who think of sin but light - ly nor sup - pose the e - vil great
 4. Here we have a firm foun - da - tion, here the ref - uge of the lost;



'Tis the Christ by man re - ject - ed; yes, my soul, 'tis he, 'tis he!
 Friends thro' fear his cause dis - own - ing, foes in - sult - ing his dis-tress;
 here may view its na - ture right - ly, here its guilt may es - ti - mate.
 Christ's the Rock of our sal - va - tion, his the name of which we boast.



'Tis the long - ex - pect - ed Proph - et, Da - vid's son, yet Da - vid's Lord;
 man - y hands were raised to wound him, none would in - ter - pose to save;
 Mark the sac - ri - fice ap - point - ed, see who bears the aw - ful load;
 Lamb of God, for sin - ners wound-ed, sac - ri - fice to can - cel guilt!



by his Son God now has spo - ken: 'tis the true and faith - ful Word.
 but the deep - est stroke that pierced him was the stroke that Jus - tice gave.
 'tis the Word, the Lord's A - noint - ed, Son of Man and Son of God.
 None shall ev - er be con-found - ed who on him their hope have built.

We Will Feast in the House of Zion

Chorus



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