



ST. PAUL'S
PRESBYTERIAN

For The Glory of God & The Joy of All Peoples

EVENSONG AND COMMUNION

On the Lord's Day Evening
August 17, 2025, 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.

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

Instrumental Prelude

Sarabande from Partita No. 2 in D minor

J. S. Bach

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:



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

† 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 Proclamation

Hymn A • Trinity Hymnal #498

Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!

HYFRYDOL

† Scripture Lesson

Luke 15:1-7
Pew Bible, page 874

Minister: The Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

Homily

Rev. John Cherne

The Joy of Heaven

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

Sanctus II

Traditional Text; Musical Setting by Ronald Owen



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly, Lord God Al - migh - ty!



All of your cre - a - tion bows down and kneels be-fore you.



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly, an-gels all a - dore you.



Heav'n and earth are full of your pow-er and your



glo - ry! Ho - ly are you Lord God of hosts.

✠ 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 #473

Jesus Sinners Doth Receive

JESUS, MEINE ZUVERSICHT

Hymn of Proclamation

Hymn C • Trinity Hymnal #460

Amazing Grace!

AMAZING GRACE

† 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

Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!


A friend of ... "sinners." Matt. 11:19



1. Je - sus! what a Friend for sin - ners! Je - sus!
 2. Je - sus! what a strength in weak - ness! Let me
 3. Je - sus! what a help in sor - row! While the
 4. Je - sus! what a guide and keep - er! While the
 5. Je - sus! I do now re - ceive him, more than



lov - er of my soul; friends may fail me, foes as -
 hide my - self in him; tempt - ed, tried, and some - times
 bil - lows o'er me roll, e - ven when my heart is
 tem - pest still is high, storms a - bout me, night o'er -
 all in him I find; he hath grant - ed me for -



sail me, he, my Sav - ior, makes me whole.
 fail - ing, he, my strength, my vic - t'ry wins.
 break - ing, he, my com - fort, helps my soul.
 takes me, he, my pi - lot, hears my cry.
 give - ness, I am his, and he is mine.

Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Sav - ior! Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Friend!

This musical system consists of a treble and bass staff in B-flat major. The treble staff features a melody with eighth and quarter notes, while the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and moving lines. The lyrics are written below the staves, aligned with the notes.

Sav - ing, help - ing, keep - ing, lov - ing, he is with me to the end.

This musical system continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. It concludes with a double bar line. The lyrics are written below the staves, aligned with the notes.

Jesus Sinners Doth Receive

This man welcomes sinners and eats with them. Luke 15:2



1. "Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive:" word of sur - est con - so - la - tion;
2. On God's grace we have no claim, yet to us his pledge is giv - en;
3. When a help - less lamb doth stray, af - ter it, the Shep - herd, press - ing
4. Oh, how blest it is to know: were as scar - let my trans - gres - sion,
5. Now my con - science is at peace, from the Law I stand ac - quit - ted;



word all sor - row to re - lieve, word of par - don, peace, sal - va - tion!
 he hath sworn by his own name, o - pen are the gates of heav - en.
 thro' each dark and dan - g'rous way, brings it back, his own pos - sess - ing.
 it shall be as white as snow by thy blood and bit - ter pas - sion;
 Christ hath pur - chased my re - lease and my ev - ery sin re - mit - ted.



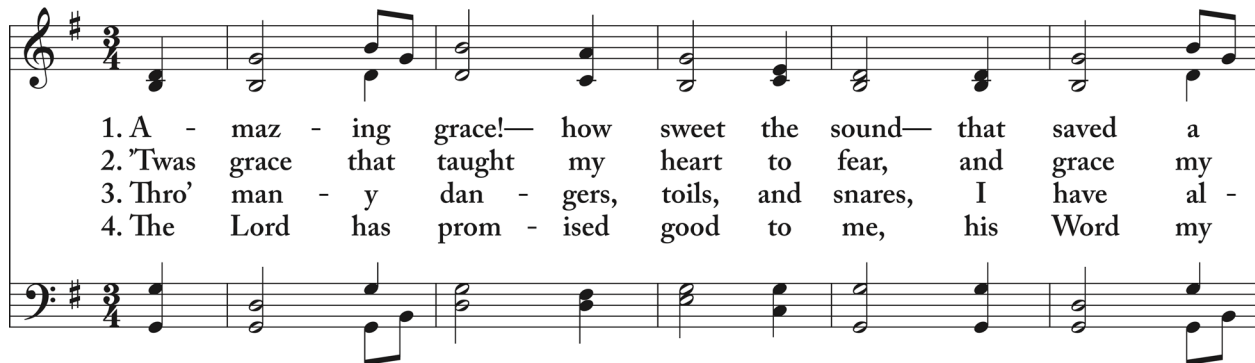
Naught like this can com - fort give:	"Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive."
Take to heart this word and live:	"Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive."
Je - sus seeks thee, O be - lieve:	"Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive."
for these words I now be - lieve:	"Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive."
Naught re - mains my soul to grieve—	"Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive."



Amazing Grace!

Who am I, O LORD God, and what is my family, that you have brought me this far?

1 Chron. 17:16



1. A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that saved a
 2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my
 3. Thro' man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I have al -
 4. The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his Word my



wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am
 fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that grace ap -
 read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me safe thus
 hope se - cures; he will my shield and por - tion



found, was blind, but now I see.
 pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 far, and grace will lead me home.
 be, as long as life en - dures.

5. And when this flesh and heart shall fail,
 and mortal life shall cease,
 I shall possess within the veil
 a life of joy and peace.

6. When we've been there ten thousand years,
 bright shining as the sun,
 we've no less days to sing God's praise
 than when we've first begun.

St. 1-5, John Newton, 1779

St. 6, *A Collection of Sacred Ballads*, 1790

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 Traditional American Melody
 Arr. by Edwin O. Excell, 1900

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