



ST. PAUL'S
PRESBYTERIAN

For The Glory of God & The Joy of All Peoples

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

On the Lord's Day Morning
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 19, 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

Prelude

Psalm 107

Musical Setting by Ronald Owen

*Praise the Lord, for he is good, for his mercies ever sure
From eternity have stood, to eternity endure;
Let his ransomed people raise songs to their Redeemer's praise.*

*Sons of men, awake to praise God the LORD who reigns above,
Gracious in his works and ways, wondrous in redeeming love;
Longing souls he satisfies, hungry hearts with good supplies.*

† congregation standing

✠ congregation kneeling

Call to Worship

From 1 Chronicles 16:8-14

Minister: Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples!

People: Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works!

Minister: Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice! Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually!

People: Remember the wondrous works that he has done, his miracles and the judgments he uttered,

Minister: O offspring of Israel his servant, children of Jacob, his chosen ones! He is the LORD our God; his judgments are in all the earth.

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

† Hymn of Proclamation

Hymn A • Trinity Hymnal #81

O Love of God, How Strong and True

JERUSALEM

† Prayer of Adoration

Unison: Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

† New Testament Reading

1 Peter 1:3-12

Pew Bible, page 1014

Minister: The Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

We dare not approach God "who dwells in unapproachable light" (1 Timothy 6:16) without his invitation, or fail to come when he calls us to worship.

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

"But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves" (James 1:22).

*Confession follows adoration:
it was a deeper awareness of
God's majesty and glory that
made Isaiah so keenly aware
of his unworthiness to stand in
God's presence (Isaiah 6). In
the presence of a holy God, we
are moved to confess the truth
about our sinful hearts.*

✠ Prayer of Confession

Unison: Almighty God, we confess that we are often swept along and deceived by the tide of our generation and the spirit of our age. We are tempted to call good evil and evil good. We are seduced by many destructive and harmful desires. We often live more in fear born of unbelief than courage born of faith. We often live more in aimlessness born of indifference than purpose born of hope. We often live more in sloth born of selfishness than service born of love. We often try to speak in your name without relinquishing our glories and crediting all things to your grace. Therefore, we cry out to you for mercy and seek your forgiveness. Deliver us, O Lord, from the way of sin and death and empower us by the gift of your Holy Spirit, in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Please take a moment to silently confess your sin.

✠ Assurance of Pardon

From Colossians 1

Minister: Hear this good news! God has delivered us who repent and believe the gospel from the dominion of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son. In Christ we have redemption, the forgiveness of our sins!

Unison: Thanks be to God!

✠ Pastoral Prayer

RENEWING OUR FAITH

† Psalm of Consecration

Hymn B • From the Trinity Psalter

Psalm 130

Old English Melody

Arr. by Ronald Owen

† Affirmation of Faith

The Westminster Shorter Catechism

Question and Answer #87

Minister: What is repentance unto life?

People: Repentance unto life is a saving grace, by which a sinner, being truly aware of his sinfulness, understands the mercy of God in Christ, grieves for and hates his sins, and turns from them to God, fully intending and striving for new obedience.

Unison: Thanks be to God!

† Gloria

Glory Be to God II

Traditional Text; Musical Setting by Ronald Owen



Glo-ry be to God, the Fa-ther, Glo-ry be to Christ, His Son.



Glo-ry to the Ho-ly Spi-rit, our God three in one. As it



was in the be - gin-ning, so it shall be now and e - ver-more.



World with-out end, A - men. A - men. A - men!

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.

† Old Testament Lesson

Malachi 2:17-3:5

Pew Bible, page 802

Minister: The Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

Prayer for Illumination

Proclamation of God's Word

Rev. John Cherne

The Weariness of God and the Cynicism of Man

*It is the duty of all who hear
God's Word preached to listen
carefully and prayerfully, and
to receive the truth with humble
obedience.*



† Hymn of Response

How Firm a Foundation

Hymn C • Trinity Hymnal #94

FOUNDATION

Giving to God and Choral Offertory

Psalm 72

Musical Setting by Ronald Owen

*"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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*Hail to the Lord's anointed, great David's greater son!
Hail, in the time appointed, his reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free,
To take away transgression, and rule in equity.*

*In name forever glorious, he on his throne shall rest,
From age to age victorious, all blessing and all blest.
Praise God, who rules each nation; tell of his deeds again.
His glory fills creation; sing praise to God. Amen!*

† Doxology

Doxology II

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. A - men.

† **Prayer of Dedication**

† **Benediction**

† **Sending Forth Hymn**

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

Hymn D • Trinity Hymnal #30 (*Verses 2 and 7*)

ST. ANNE

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

People: Thanks be to God!

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.

Postlude

Rejoice, the Lord Is King

DARWALL

Please take a moment to greet those around you.

O Love of God, How Strong and True

I pray that you...may have power...to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge. Eph. 3:17-19

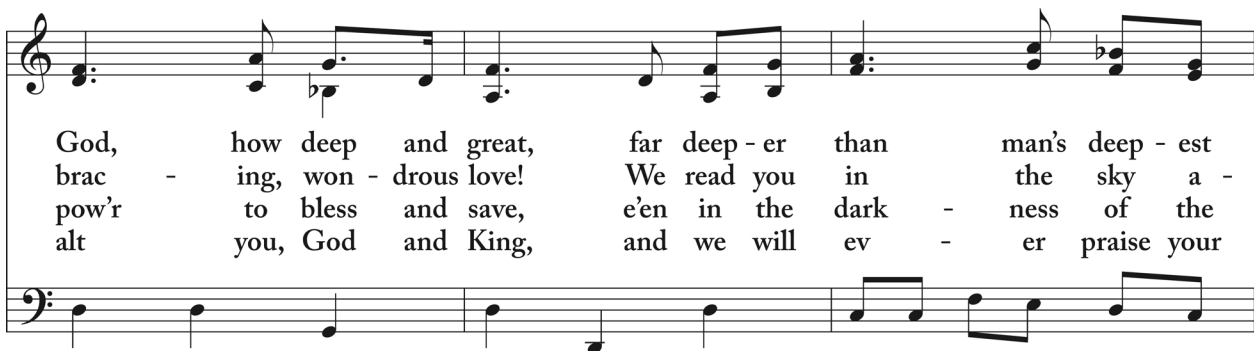
Introduction

Unison

1. O love of God, how strong and true, e - ter - nal
 2. O heav'n - ly love, how pre - cious still, in days of
 3. We read you best in him who came to bear for
 4. O love of God, our shield and stay through all the

and yet ev - er new, un - com - pre - hend - ed and un -
 wea - ri - ness and ill, in nights of pain and help - less -
 us the cross of shame; sent by the Fa - ther from on
 per - ils of our way! E - ter - nal love, in you we

bought, be - yond all knowl - edge and all thought! O love of
 ness, to heal, to com - fort, and to bless! O wide - em -
 high, our life to live, our death to die. We read your
 rest, for - ev - er safe, for - ev - er blest. We will ex -

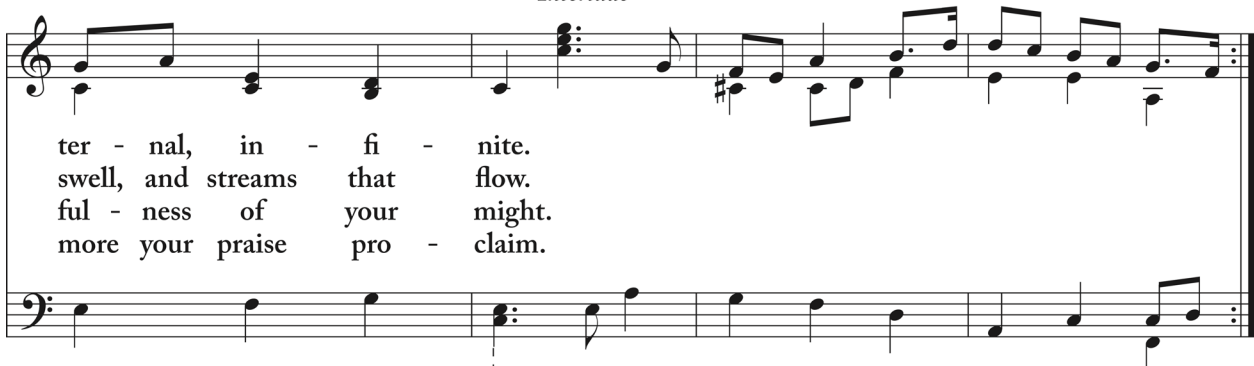


God, how deep and great, far deep - er than man's deep - est
 brac - ing, won - drous love! We read you in the sky a -
 pow'r to bless and save, e'en in the dark - ness of the
 alt you, God and King, and we will ev - er praise your



hate; self - fed, self - kin - dled like the light, change - less, e -
 bove, we read you in the earth be - low, in seas that
 grave; still more in res - ur - rec - tion light we read the
 name; we will ex - tol you ev - 'ry day, and ev - er -

Interlude

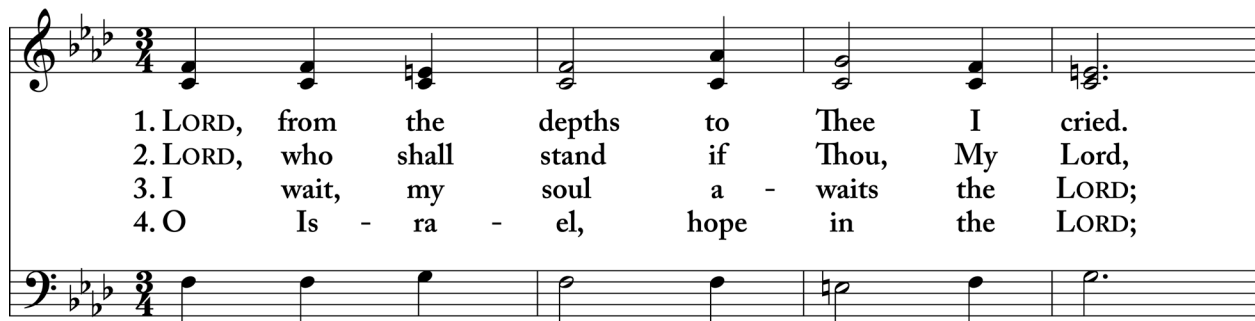


ter - nal, in - fi - nite.
 swell, and streams that flow.
 ful - ness of your might.
 more your praise pro - claim.

Final ending



Psalm 130



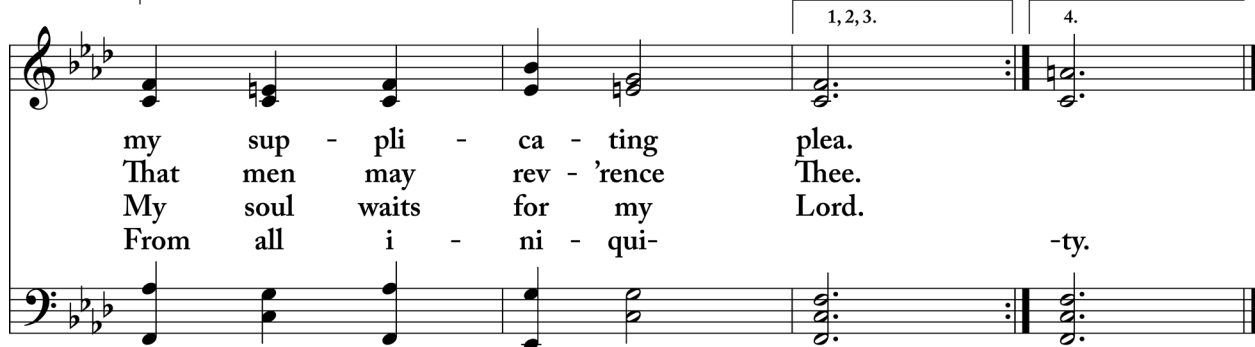
1. LORD, from the depths to Thee I cried.
 2. LORD, who shall stand if Thou, My Lord,
 3. I wait, my soul a - waits the LORD;
 4. O Is - ra - el, hope in the LORD;



My Lord, give ear to me.
 Should mark i - ni - qui - ty?
 My hope is in His word.
 The Lord saves gra - cious - ly.



O hear my voice and har - ken to
 But yet with Thee for - give - ness is,
 More than the watch - men wait for morn
 And He shall Is - ra - el re - deem



my sup - pli - ca - ting plea.
 That men may rev - 'rence Thee.
 My soul waits for my Lord.
 From all i - ni - qui - -ty.

How Firm a Foundation

Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. Is. 41:10

1. How firm a foun - da - tion, you saints of the Lord, is laid for your
 2. "Fear not, I am with you, O be not dis - mayed; for I am your
 3. "When through the deep wa - ters I call you to go, the riv - ers of
 4. "When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way shall lie, my grace, all - suf -

faith in his ex - cel - lent Word! What more can he say than to
 God, and will still give you aid; I'll strength - en you, help you, and
 sor - row shall not o - ver - flow; for I will be with you, your
 fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply; the flame shall not hurt you; I

you he has said, to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
 cause you to stand, up - held by my right - eous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
 trou - bles to bless, and sanc - ti - fy to you your deep - est dis - tress.
 on - ly de - sign your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine.

5. "E'en down to old age all my people shall prove
 my sovereign, eternal, unchangeable love;
 and when hoary hairs shall their temples adorn,
 like lambs they shall still in my bosom be borne.

6. "The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,
 I will not, I will not desert to his foes;
 that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
 I'll never, no never, no never forsake."

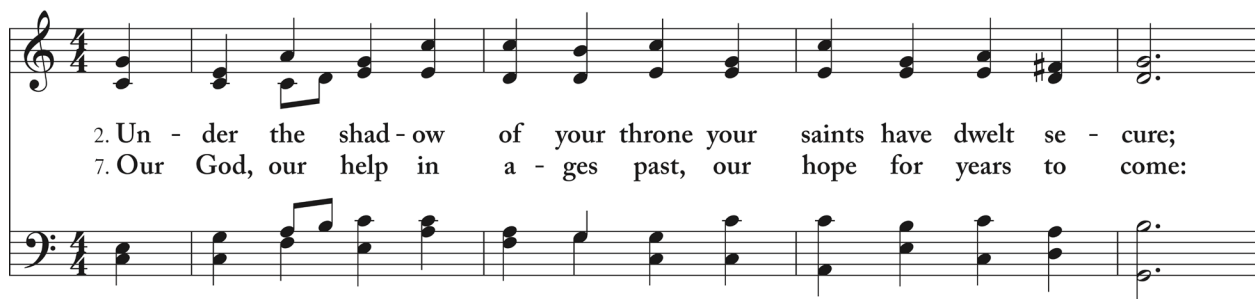
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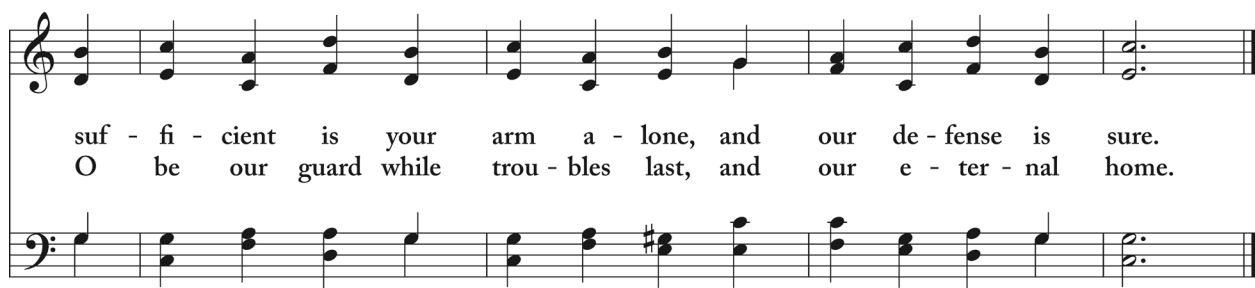
J. Funk's *A Compilation of Genuine Church Music*, 1832

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations. Ps. 90:1



2. Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;
7. Our God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come:



suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
O be our guard while trou - bles last, and our e - ter - nal home.

Malachi 2:17–3:5 | Rev. John Cherne

i. The subtle assumption (2:17a)

ii. The cynical complaint (2:17b)

iii. *The immanence of God (3:1-5)*

DAILY BIBLE READING PLAN

Use this plan for your daily Bible reading.

• Sunday, October 19	Daniel 4 • Psalm 108-109
• Monday, October 20	Daniel 5 • Psalm 110-111
• Tuesday, October 21	Daniel 6 • Psalm 112-113
• Wednesday, October 22	Daniel 7 • Psalm 114-115
• Thursday, October 23	Daniel 8 • Psalm 116
• Friday, October 24	Daniel 9 • Psalm 117-118
• Saturday, October 25	Daniel 10 • Psalm 119:1-24
• Sunday, October 26	Daniel 11 • Psalm 119:25-48

WEEKLY SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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

1. Malachi 2:17 describes how the people of God wearied the Lord with their words. In what ways are we tempted today to treat God's patience or delay as his approval of sin? How does this subtle assumption show up in our own thinking or conversations?
2. The people of God asked, "Where is the God of justice?" How do we sometimes struggle with cynicism about God's justice in our lives, the church, or the world?
3. Malachi 3:2-3 and 1 Peter 1:6-7 speak of trials as a refiner's fire. How have you experienced God's refining work in your life?
4. Malachi 3:1 promises that God will suddenly come to his temple (the place of sacrifice)—to purify his priests (the sacrificers) and the offerings (the sacrifices). In what ways should our knowledge that Christ comes near—to refine, redeem, and ultimately judge—affect how we live day to day?
5. 1 Peter 4:17 says, "For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God?" How does knowing that God's justice starts with his people help us understand trials, discipline, and his refining work in our own lives? How might this change the way we respond when we see injustice in the world?

MONTHLY SCRIPTURE MEMORIZATION

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

"The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything" (Acts 17:24-25).

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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