

ORDER FOR THE CELEBRATION & WORSHIP OF GOD

5th Sunday of Easter, May 2, 2021, 10:30 A.M.

Nursery is provided for children aged three and under. The Cry Room located off the foyer is available at any time during worship for nursing mothers and moms with young children. A simultaneous broadcast of the service is provided in the room. Children aged four and older remain in the worship service on Communion Sunday.

The sounding of the bells is the call for meditation and prayer as we prepare to worship our holy God.

WELCOME

Please silence your phones and other electronic devices.

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE

“LAMB OF GOD”

Twila Paris

CALL TO WORSHIP

FROM REVELATION 1, 4, & 5

Minister: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come.

People: *To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever.*

Minister: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come.

People: *Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.*

Minister: To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever. Amen.

*HYMN OF PROCLAMATION #660

“O GOD BEYOND ALL PRAISING”

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THAXTED

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Minister and People: *Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.*

*PSALTER READING

Pew Bible, page 493

PSALM 84

Minister: The Word of the Lord!

People: *Thanks be to God!*

RENEWING OUR FAITH

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

HEIDELBERG CATECHISM

Question #127

Minister: What does the sixth request mean?

People: *“And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one” means, by ourselves we are too weak to hold our own even for a moment. And our sworn enemies—the devil, the world, and our own flesh—never stop attacking us. And so, Lord, uphold us and make us strong with the strength of your Holy Spirit, so that we may not go down to defeat in this spiritual struggle, but may firmly resist our enemies until we finally win the complete victory.*

Unison: *Thanks be to God!*

*NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Pew Bible, page 1014

I PETER 2:1-12

Minister: The Word of the Lord!

People: *Thanks be to God!*

*PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

“HONORABLE CONDUCT IN A HOSTILE WORLD”

Big Idea: When an unbelieving world becomes oppressive and hateful to Christians, the greatest danger to our souls is not the injustice or mistreatment we experience, but the natural, sinful responses of our own hearts.

1. Remember, who you are in Christ is by God's mercy

2. Understand the source of the hostility you face

2. Sojourners and exiles called to represent our King

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The congregation is invited to kneel through the Pronouncement of Forgiveness.

Minister and People: *Faithful Lord and Father of mercies, in your presence we confess our sin. You alone know how often we have turned from You in thought, word, and deed. We have sinned against You by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You as we ought, nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us, Lord, and give us grace to embrace the good news that You reign for us in your crucified and risen Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and to live changed lives by the power of his death and resurrection. Amen.*

Please take a moment to silently confess your sin.

PRONOUNCEMENT OF FORGIVENESS

Minister: Hear this good news! You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. By the grace of Jesus Christ your sins are forgiven.

Unison: *Thanks be to God!*

RESPONDING IN THANKS

GIVING TO GOD & INSTRUMENTAL OFFERTORY

"O SACRED HEAD, NOW WOUNDED"

PASSION CHORALE

*DOXOLOGY #731

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*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,

*SANCTUS

Schubert

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord, God of
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 Ho - san - na in the high -
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 est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

The congregation is invited to kneel.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Minister: Therefore, we proclaim the faith:

Unison: *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 #251 “Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

Hymn #469 “How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place”

PRAYER OF THANKS

Minister and People: *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

*SENDING FORTH HYMN #727

“LEAD ME, LORD, LEAD ME IN THY RIGHTEOUSNESS”

LEAD ME, LORD

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

People: *Thanks be to God!*

INSTRUMENTAL POSTLUDE

“O GOD, BEYOND ALL PRAISING”

THAXTED

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 for the poor. Today's deacons' offering will go to help those in need.

In our worship service this morning, Rev. Dan Thompson will be ministering in the pulpit and Dr. Nicholas Reid will be assisting. Leading us in musical praise is Maria Schlehr, organist; Sarah Birx, pianist; Monroe Beute and Fernando Tirado, violinists; and Jacqueline Quiroz, cellist. Vocalists leading congregational singing are Erin Beute, Hannah Pacchioli, Chris Hurt, and David Romaine.

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@stpaulpca.org 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.

* Congregation standing

✦ Additional worshipers seated

HYMN #251

BENEATH THE CROSS OF JESUS

Beneath the cross of Jesus
I fain would take my stand,
The shadow of a mighty Rock
Within a weary land;
A home within the wilderness,
A rest upon the way,
From the burning of the noontide heat,
And the burden of the day.

Upon the cross of Jesus
Mine eye at times can see
The very dying form of One
Who suffered there for me:
And from my stricken heart with tears
Two wonders I confess,
The wonders of redeeming love
And my unworthiness.

I take, O cross, thy shadow
For my abiding-place:
I ask no other sunshine than
The sunshine of his face;
Content to let the world go by,
To know no gain nor loss;
My sinful self my only shame,
My glory, all the cross.

Elizabeth C. Clephane, 1872
ST. CHRISTOPHER

HYMN #469

HOW SWEET AND AWESOME IS THE PLACE

How sweet and awesome is the place,
With Christ within the doors,
While everlasting love displays,
The choicest of her stores.

While all our hearts and all our songs,
Join to admire the feast,
Each of us cry, with thankful tongues,
“Lord, why was I a guest?”

“Why was I made to hear your voice,
And enter while there’s room,
When thousands make a wretched choice,
And rather starve than come?”

’Twas the same love that spread the feast,
That sweetly drew us in;
Else we had still refused to taste,
And perished in our sin.

Pity the nations, O our God,
Constrain the earth to come;
Send your victorious Word abroad,
And bring the strangers home.

We long to see your churches full,
That all the chosen race,
May, with one voice and heart and soul,
Sing your redeeming grace.

HYMN #727

LEAD ME, LORD, LEAD ME IN THY RIGHTEOUSNESS

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness,
Make thy way plain before my face.
For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord only,
That makest me dwell in safety.

Teach me, Lord, teach me truly how to live,
That I may come to know thee,
And in thy presence serve thee with gladness,
And sing songs of praise to thy glory.

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