



ALL  
SAINTS  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*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.*

# THE ORDER FOR THE PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD

Sunday Evening, May 4, 2025

6:00 p.m.



Welcome

Preparation for Worship

Prelude

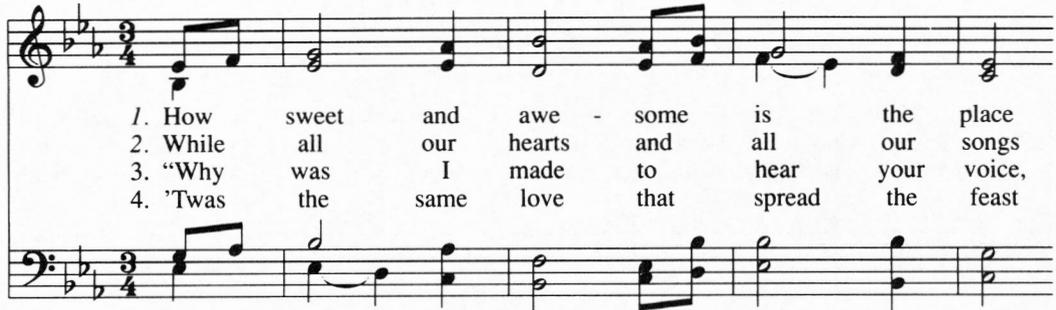
## GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE TO WORSHIP

\*Call to Worship. . . . . Psalm 134:1-3

Come, bless the LORD, all you servants of the LORD,  
**who stand by night in the house of the Lord!**  
Lift up your hands to the holy place and bless the LORD!  
**May the LORD bless you from Zion, he who made heaven and earth!**

\*Hymn of Salvation in Christ . . . . . Trinity Hymnal, 469

### *How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place*



1. How sweet and awe - some is the place  
2. While all our hearts and all our songs  
3. "Why was I made to hear your voice,  
4. 'Twas the same love that spread the feast

*\*Please stand during these portions of the service.*

*\*A room with the service's live stream is available down the hallway in case parents need to step out with their children\**

with Christ with - in the doors, while ev - er - last - ing  
 join to ad - mire the feast, each of us cries, with  
 and en - ter while there's room, when thou - sands make a  
 that sweet - ly drew us in; else we had still re -

love dis - plays the choic - est of her stores.  
 thank - ful tongue, "Lord, why was I a guest?  
 wretch - ed choice, and rath - er starve than come?"  
 fused to taste, and per - ished in our sin.

5. Pity the nations, O our God,  
 constrain the earth to come;  
 send your victorious Word abroad,  
 and bring the strangers home.
  
6. We long to see your churches full,  
 that all the chosen race  
 may, with one voice and heart and soul,  
 sing your redeeming grace.

Isaac Watts, 1707  
 Alt. 1961, 1990, mod.

ST. COLUMBA C.M.  
 Old Irish hymn melody; alt. 1990

\*Prayer of Invocation

## GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE TO CONFESS

First Scripture Lesson . . . . . 2 Samuel 18:19–33  
*(See page 6)*

\*Sung Response . . . . . Trinity Hymnal, 144, 6<sup>th</sup> stanza  
*(Sung to the tune of Dundee)*

Divine Instructor, gracious Lord, be Thou forever near:  
Teach me to love Thy sacred word and view my Savior there.

The Children's Lesson . . . . . Mr. Jeremy Litts

Children of all ages are invited to come forward and sit in front of the Communion Table for a lesson from the pastor.

Prayer of the Covenant

Catechism Lesson . . . . . The Shorter Catechism: Questions 1–3

Q 1. What is the chief end of man?

A. Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever.

Q 2. What rule hath God given to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him?

A. The Word of God, which is contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, is the only rule to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him.

Q 3. What do the Scriptures principally teach?

A. The Scriptures principally teach what man is to believe concerning God, and what duty God requires of man.

\*Hymn of Dedication to Christ . . . . . Trinity Hymnal, 585

*Take My Life, and Let It Be*

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Take My Life, and Let It Be'. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature has one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 2/4. The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a simple harmonic accompaniment. Below the treble staff, there are four lines of lyrics, each numbered 1 through 4. The lyrics are: 1. Take my life, and let it be con - se - crat - ed, 2. Take my hands, and let them move at the im - pulse 3. Take my voice, and let me sing, al - ways, on - ly, 4. Take my sil - ver and my gold; not a mite would

Lord, to thee. Take my mo - ments and my days; let them  
of thy love. Take my feet, and let them be swift and  
for my King. Take my lips, and let them be filled with  
I with - hold. Take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - 'ry

flow in cease - less praise, let them flow in cease - less praise.  
beau - ti - ful for thee, swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.  
mes - sag - es from thee, filled with mes - sa - ges from thee.  
pow'r as thou shalt choose, ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

5. Take my will, and make it thine;  
it shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart, it is thine own;  
it shall be thy royal throne,  
it shall be thy royal throne.

6. Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
at thy feet its treasure-store.  
Take my self, and I will be  
ever, only, all for thee,  
ever, only, all for thee.

Frances R. Havergal, 1874

HENDON 7.7.7.7.rep.  
Henri A. César Malan, 1827

## GOD TAKES HIS PEOPLE TO THE CROSS

Second Scripture Lesson . . . . . Nehemiah 12:27-43  
(See page 7)

Preaching of the Word . . . . . Mr. Jeremy Litts

*Make a Joyful Noise*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

\*Gloria Patri . . . . . Trinity Hymnal, 735

Glory be to the Father  
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen, amen.

The Lord be with your spirit. Grace be with you. *Amen.*

Postlude



## First Scripture Lesson

<sup>19</sup> Then Ahimaaz the son of Zadok said, “Let me run and carry news to the king that the LORD has delivered him from the hand of his enemies.” <sup>20</sup> And Joab said to him, “You are not to carry news today. You may carry news another day, but today you shall carry no news, because the king’s son is dead.” <sup>21</sup> Then Joab said to the Cushite, “Go, tell the king what you have seen.” The Cushite bowed before Joab, and ran. <sup>22</sup> Then Ahimaaz the son of Zadok said again to Joab, “Come what may, let me also run after the Cushite.” And Joab said, “Why will you run, my son, seeing that you will have no reward for the news?” <sup>23</sup> “Come what may,” he said, “I will run.” So he said to him, “Run.” Then Ahimaaz ran by the way of the plain, and outran the Cushite.

<sup>24</sup> Now David was sitting between the two gates, and the watchman went up to the roof of the gate by the wall, and when he lifted up his eyes and looked, he saw a man running alone. <sup>25</sup> The watchman called out and told the king. And the king said, “If he is alone, there is news in his mouth.” And he drew nearer and nearer. <sup>26</sup> The watchman saw another man running. And the watchman called to the gate and said, “See, another man running alone!” The king said, “He also brings news.” <sup>27</sup> The watchman said, “I think the running of the first is like the

running of Ahimaaz the son of Zadok.” And the king said, “He is a good man and comes with good news.”

<sup>28</sup> Then Ahimaaz cried out to the king, “All is well.” And he bowed before the king with his face to the earth and said, “Blessed be the LORD your God, who has delivered up the men who raised their hand against my lord the king.”

<sup>29</sup> And the king said, “Is it well with the young man Absalom?” Ahimaaz answered, “When Joab sent the king’s servant, your servant, I saw a great commotion, but I do not know what it was.” <sup>30</sup> And the king said, “Turn aside and stand here.” So he turned aside and stood still.

<sup>31</sup> And behold, the Cushite came, and the Cushite said, “Good news for my lord the king! For the LORD has delivered you this day from the hand of all who rose up against you.”

<sup>32</sup> The king said to the Cushite, “Is it well with the young man Absalom?” And the Cushite answered, “May the enemies of my lord the king and all who rise up against you for evil be like that young man.” <sup>33</sup> And the king was deeply moved and went up to the chamber over the gate and wept. And as he went, he said, “O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! Would I had died instead of you, O Absalom, my son, my son!”

*2 Samuel 18:19–33, ESV*

## Second Scripture Lesson

<sup>27</sup> And at the dedication of the wall of Jerusalem they sought the Levites in all their places, to bring them to Jerusalem to celebrate the dedication with gladness, with thanksgivings and with singing, with cymbals, harps, and lyres. <sup>28</sup> And the sons of the singers gathered together from the district surrounding Jerusalem and from the villages of the Netophathites; <sup>29</sup> also from Beth-gilgal and from the region of Geba and Azmaveth, for the singers had built for themselves villages around Jerusalem. <sup>30</sup> And the priests and the Levites purified themselves, and they purified the people and the gates and the wall.

<sup>31</sup> Then I brought the leaders of Judah up onto the wall and appointed two great choirs that gave thanks. One went to the south on the wall to the Dung Gate. <sup>32</sup> And after them went Hoshaiiah and half of the leaders of Judah, <sup>33</sup> and Azariah, Ezra, Meshullam, <sup>34</sup> Judah, Benjamin, Shemaiah, and Jeremiah, <sup>35</sup> and certain of the priests' sons with trumpets: Zechariah the son of Jonathan, son of Shemaiah, son of Mattaniah, son of Micaiah, son of Zaccur, son of Asaph; <sup>36</sup> and his relatives, Shemaiah, Azarel, Milalai, Gilalai, Maai, Nethanel, Judah, and Hanani, with the musical instruments of David the man of God. And Ezra the scribe went

before them. <sup>37</sup> At the Fountain Gate they went up straight before them by the stairs of the city of David, at the ascent of the wall, above the house of David, to the Water Gate on the east.

<sup>38</sup> The other choir of those who gave thanks went to the north, and I followed them with half of the people, on the wall, above the Tower of the Ovens, to the Broad Wall, <sup>39</sup> and above the Gate of Ephraim, and by the Gate of Yeshanah, and by the Fish Gate and the Tower of Hananel and the Tower of the Hundred, to the Sheep Gate; and they came to a halt at the Gate of the Guard. <sup>40</sup> So both choirs of those who gave thanks stood in the house of God, and I and half of the officials with me; <sup>41</sup> and the priests Eliakim, Maaseiah, Miniamin, Micaiah, Elioenai, Zechariah, and Hananiah, with trumpets; <sup>42</sup> and Maaseiah, Shemaiah, Eleazar, Uzzi, Jehohanan, Malchijah, Elam, and Ezer. And the singers sang with Jezrahiah as their leader. <sup>43</sup> And they offered great sacrifices that day and rejoiced, for God had made them rejoice with great joy; the women and children also rejoiced. And the joy of Jerusalem was heard far away.

*Nehemiah 12:27-43, ESV*

# Welcome to All Saints Presbyterian Church!

Join us every week here at the Martin Center:

Morning Worship  
Sunday 9<sup>AM</sup>

Evening Worship  
Sunday 6<sup>PM</sup>

Prayer Meeting  
Wednesday 6:30<sup>PM</sup>

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