



COVENANT
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PCA

Jackson, Tennessee

The Lord's Day

February 4, 2024

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCRIPTURE MEDITATION: John 4:23-24

“But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.”

SILENT PRAYER

GOD CALLS US INTO HIS PRESENCE

† SALUTATION

Grace and peace to you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Lord be with you!

Ruth 2:4

And also, with you!

Bless the LORD, O my soul,

Psalm 103:1-2

And all that is within me,

Bless His Holy Name.

Bless the LORD, O my soul!

† CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 103:19-22

The LORD has established His throne in heaven, and His kingdom rules over all.

Bless the LORD, you His angels, who excel in strength, who do His word, heeding the voice of His word. Bless the LORD, all you His hosts, you ministers of His, who do His pleasure. Bless the LORD, all His works, in all places of His dominion.

Bless the LORD, O my soul!

†* HYMN OF PRAISE, NO. 76: “Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

† PRAYER OF ADORATION

GOD CLEANSSES US OF OUR SINS

CALL TO CONFESSION: Psalm 103:8-14

The LORD is merciful and gracious,

slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

He will not always chide,

nor will He keep his anger forever.

He does not deal with us according to our sins,

nor repay us according to our iniquities.

As a father shows compassion to his children,

so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear Him.

For He knows our frame;

He remembers that we are dust.

CORPORATE CONFESSION (congregation kneels as able)

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son.

[Silent prayer of personal confession] **Amen.**

† ASSURANCE OF PARDON: Psalm 103:11-12

For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is His mercy toward those who fear Him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us.

† GLORIA PATRI (with hands lifted)

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.

†* HYMN OF PRAISE: "The Power of the Cross" (printed in the bulletin)

Amen!

GOD CONSECRATES US BY HIS WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Jeremiah 2:9-13

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

EPISTLE READING: Revelation 22:1-5

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL READING: John 7:37-39

This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ

Praise be to you, O Christ!

† **PSALM 54:** [Tune: Ebenezer, "O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus!"]

1 By Your name, O God, now save me;
Grant me justice by Your strength.

2 To these words of mine give answer;
O my God, now hear my prayer.

3 Strangers have come up against me,
Even men of violence.

And they seek my life's destruction;
God is not within their thoughts.

4 See how God has been my helper,
How my Lord sustains my soul:

5 To my foes He pays back evil—
In Your truth destroy them all!

6 I will sacrifice with gladness;
I will praise Your name, O Lord.

7 He has saved me from all trouble;
I have looked on all my foes.

Amen!

READING OF GOD'S WORD: John 1:1-30

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PREACHING OF GOD'S WORD

What is Worship? Drawing Near

† **CONFESSION OF FAITH:** The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
and born of virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic* church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

**catholic=universal*

† PRAYER OF INTERCESSION AND LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, Who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts,
As we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil: For Thine is the Kingdom,
And the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

OFFERTORY

† DOXOLOGY

(with hands lifted)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

† PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

GOD COMMUNES WITH US AT HIS TABLE

† SURSUM CORDA

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord.
It is good and right so to do.

It is right, and good, and a joyful thing, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore with angels and arch angels and with all the company of heaven we praise and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising you and saying . . .

† **SANCTUS**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND MEMORIAL

COMMUNION

Eucharistic Meditation and Fencing of the Table

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Distribution of the Bread and Communion in the Body of Christ

Communion Song, No. 103: *Holy God, We Praise Your Name*, verses 1 and 2

Distribution of the Cup and Communion in the Blood of Christ

Communion Song, No. 103: *Holy God, We Praise Your Name*, verses 3 and 4

PRAYER OF BLESSING

GOD COMMISSIONS US TO GO INTO THE WORLD

† **HYMN OF RESPONSE, NO. 170: "Fairest Lord Jesus"**

Amen!

† **BENEDICTION: Numbers 6:24-26**

The LORD bless you and keep you;

The LORD make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you;

The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

† **THREE-FOLD AMEN**

† POSTLUDE

† Congregation stands, if able

* Seating for latecomers at this time

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SERMON NOTES:

The Power Of The Cross

Words and Music by
Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

VERSE

♩ = 68

D/F# E/G# A E7/B A/C# D A/C#

1. Oh to see the dawn of the dark - est day. Christ on the road to
 2. Oh to see the pain writ - ten on Your face, bear - ing the awe - some
 3. Now the day - light flees, now the ground be - neath quakes as its Mak - er
 4. Oh to see my name writ - ten in the wounds, for through Your suf - f'ring

Bm7 Dmaj7 Esus E D/F# E/G# A E7/B A/C#

4 Cal - va - ry. Tried by sin - ful men, torn and beat - en then
 weight of sin. Ev - 'ry bit - ter thought, ev - 'ry e - vil deed
 bows His head. Cur - tain torn in two, dead are raised to life.
 I am free. Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live

CHORUS

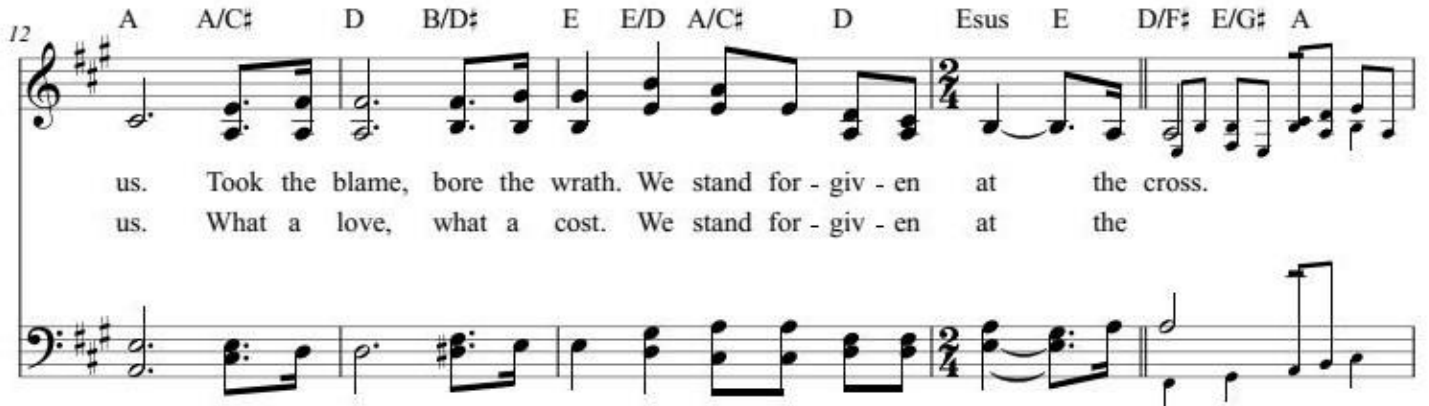
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7 nailed to a cross of wood. 1. This the pow'r of the cross. Christ be - came sin for
 crown - ing Your blood - stained brow. 4. This the pow'r of the cross Son of God slain for
 "Fin - ished!" the vic - t'ry cry.
 won through Your self - less love!

INSTRUMENTAL

1, 2, 3

12 A A/C# D B/D# E E/D A/C# D Esus E D/F# E/G# A



us. Took the blame, bore the wrath. We stand for - giv - en at the cross.
us. What a love, what a cost. We stand for - giv - en at the

(1, 2, 3)

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ENDING

17 Dmaj7 Bm7 Esus E Esus E D/F# E/G# A A E/G# A/C# Dmaj7 Bm7 D/E



at the cross.
at the

22 A

