



**COVENANT**  
**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PCA**

Jackson, Tennessee

Palm Sunday

March 24, 2024

# ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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## PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCRIPTURE MEDITATION: Zechariah 9:9

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!

Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he,  
humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

SILENT PRAYER

## GOD CALLS US INTO HIS PRESENCE

† SALUTATION

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!**

This is the day that the LORD has made;

Psalm 118:24, 26

**let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!

**We bless you from the house of the LORD.**

† CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 118:1-4

Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;  
for his steadfast love endures forever!

Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

Let the house of Aaron say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

Let those who fear the LORD say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

†\* HYMN OF PRAISE, NO. 235: "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

**Amen!**

† PRAYER OF ADORATION

**GOD CLEANSSES US OF OUR SINS**

CALL TO CONFESSION: Psalm 118:5-7

Out of my distress I called on the LORD;

**The LORD answered me and set me free.**

The LORD is on my side; I will not fear.

**What can man do to me?**

The LORD is on my side as my helper;

**I shall look in triumph on those who hate me.**

It is better to trust in the LORD

**Than to put confidence in man.**

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 118:14-17

The LORD is my strength and my song; He has become my salvation.

Glad songs of salvation are in the tents of the righteous:

“The right hand of the LORD does valiantly,

the right hand of the LORD exalts,

the right hand of the LORD does valiantly!”

I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the LORD.

† 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 NO. 101: "Come, Thou Almighty King"**  
**Amen!**

## **GOD CONSECRATES US BY HIS WORD**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING: Psalm 118:19-29**

This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God!**

**EPISTLE READING: Philippians 2:5-11**

This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God!**

**GOSPEL READING: John 12:12-16**

This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

† **PSALM 118, HYMN NO. 613: "Give Thanks Unto the Lord, Jehovah"**  
**Amen!**

**READING OF GOD'S WORD: Matthew 21:1-11**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**PREACHING OF GOD'S WORD**

Psalm Sunday: What do you expect from Jesus?

† **CONFESSION OF FAITH: 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 our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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 singing ...

† SANCTUS

*Sung in unison*

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord God of Hosts Heav'n and earth are full\_\_of your Glo - ry. Ho

9  
san - na, ho-san-na in the high - est. Bles - sed is he\_\_ who\_ comes\_\_

17  
in\_\_ the name of the Lord our God. Ho - san - na, ho-san-na in the High - est.

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND MEMORIAL

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**Distribution of the Bread and Communion in the Body of Christ**

**Communion Song: Hymn No. 193: "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"**  
v. 1 and 2

**Distribution of the Cup and Communion in the Blood of Christ**

**Communion Song: Hymn No. 193: "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"**  
v. 3 and 4

### PRAYER OF BLESSING

## GOD COMMISSIONS US TO GO INTO THE WORLD

† **HYMN OF RESPONSE, NO. 353: "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"**

**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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