



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

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# ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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## PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCRIPTURE MEDITATION: Matthew 28:5-6

But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay."

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!**

Death is swallowed up in victory.

1 Corinthians 15:54-57

O death, where is your victory?

**O death, where is your sting?**

Thanks be to God!

**Who gives us the victory**

**through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

† CALL TO WORSHIP: Colossians 3:1-3

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

†\* HYMN OF PRAISE: "Now Let the Vault of Heaven Resound" (printed on page 8)

**Amen!**

† PRAYER OF ADORATION

**GOD CLEANSSES US OF OUR SINS**

**CALL TO CONFESSION: 1 John 1:5-10**

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you,  
**that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.**

If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness,  
**we lie and do not practice the truth.**

But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light,  
**we have fellowship with one another,**

and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

**If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.**

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins  
**and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

If we say we have not sinned,  
**we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.**

**CORPORATE CONFESSION** (congregation kneels as able)

**Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.**

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

† **ASSURANCE OF PARDON: 2 Corinthians 5:17, 20-21**

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. ... Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making His appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake He made Him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.

† 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. 276: "Up from the Grave He Arose"  
**Amen!**

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

**OLD TESTAMENT READING: Psalm 16**

This is the Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God!**

**EPISTLE READING: Acts 5:27-32**

This is the Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God!**

**GOSPEL READING: John 12:27-43**

This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ  
**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

† **PSALM 23: [NO. 87]**

**Amen!**

**READING OF GOD'S WORD: John 20:19-31**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**PREACHING OF GOD'S WORD**

Encounters with Jesus: That We Might Believe

† **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.

Alleluia, Christ our Passover was sacrificed for us;

**Therefore, let us keep the feast, Alleluia.**

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of the faith:

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND MEMORIAL

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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

**Communion Song: NO. 469: "How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place" v. 1 and 2**

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

**Communion Song: NO. 469: "How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place" v. 3 and 4**

## PRAYER OF BLESSING

### GOD COMMISSIONS US TO GO INTO THE WORLD

† **HYMN OF PRAISE: "In Christ Alone"** (printed on page 10)

**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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# Now Let the Vault of Heaven Resound

LASST UNS ERFREUEN (8 8. 4 4. 8 8. 4 4. and Alleluias)

Paul Zeller Strodach, 1945

*Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Köln, 1623

harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

Unison

1. Now let the vault of heav'n re - sound In praise of  
 2. E - ter - nal is the gift He brings, Where - fore our  
 3. O fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love; Set heart and  
 4. A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring And with the

Harmony

Love that doth a - bound, "Christ hath tri - umphed, Al - le -  
 heart with rap - ture sings, "Christ hath tri - umphed, Je - sus  
 will on things a - bove That we con - quer through Thy  
 heav'n - ly bless - ed sing, "Christ hath tri - umphed, Al - le -

Unison

lu - ia;" Sing, choirs of an - gels, loud and clear, Re -  
 liv - eth!" Now doth He come and give us life, Now  
 tri - umph, Grant grace suf - fi - cient for life's day That  
 lu - ia!" Be to the Fa - ther, and our Lord, To

Harmony

peat their song of glo - ry here, "Christ hath  
 doth His pres - ence still all strife Through His  
 by our life we ev - er say, "Christ hath  
 Spir - it blest, most ho - ly God, Thine the



tri - umphed, Christ hath tri - umphed!" Al - le -  
 tri - umph; Je - sus reign - eth! Al - le -  
 tri - umphed, and He liv - eth!" Al - le -  
 glo - ry nev - er end - ing! Al - le -

Unison

lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.  
 lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.  
 lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.  
 lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

# In Christ Alone

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## VERSE

$\text{♩} = 60$

$A\flat$

$E\flat$

$A\flat$

$B\flat$

$E\flat/G$



$A\flat$

$E\flat/G$

$Fm7$

$A\flat/B\flat$

$E\flat$

$A\flat$

$E\flat$

$A\flat$

$E\flat$

$A\flat$

$E\flat$

$A\flat$

$E\flat$

$A\flat$

$E\flat$

$A\flat$

$E\flat$

$A\flat$



$B\flat$

$E\flat/G$

$Fm7$

$A\flat/B\flat$

$E\flat$

$A\flat$

$E\flat/G$

$Fm7$

$A\flat/B\flat$

$E\flat$

$A\flat$

$E\flat/G$

$Fm7$

$A\flat/B\flat$

$E\flat$

$A\flat$

$E\flat/G$

$A\flat$



9 A<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup>/G B<sup>b</sup>sus B<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup>/G A<sup>b</sup> Cm7

love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when striv - ings  
 cross as Je - sus died, the wrath of God was sat - is -  
 stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on  
 hell, no scheme of man, can ev - er pluck me from His

12 B<sup>b</sup>sus B<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup>/G

cease. My Com - fort - er, my All in All, here in the  
 fied. For ev - 'ry sin on Him was laid; Here in the  
 me; For I am His and He is mine, bought with the  
 hand; Till He re - turns or calls me home, here in the

15 A<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup>/G Fm7 A<sup>b</sup>/B<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup>m7 Fm7 E<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup>sus

love of Christ I stand.  
 death of Christ I live.  
 pre - cious blood of Christ.  
 pow'r of Christ I'll stand!