



COVENANT
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PCA

Jackson, Tennessee

Easter Season

April 21, 2024

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCRIPTURE MEDITATION: Psalm 145:4-5

One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts. On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.

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!

My mouth will speak of the praise of the Lord,

Psalm 145:21

And let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.

† CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 145:1-3

I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.

Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever. Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and His greatness is unsearchable.

†* HYMN OF PRAISE, NO. 2: "O Worship the King"

† PRAYER OF ADORATION

GOD CLEANSSES US OF OUR SINS

CALL TO CONFESSION: Psalm 145:14-20

The LORD upholds all who are falling
and raises up all who are bowed down.
 The eyes of all look to you,
and you give them their food in due season.
 You open your hand;
you satisfy the desire of every living thing.
 The LORD is righteous in all His ways
and kind in all His works.
 The LORD is near to all who call on Him,
to all who call on Him in truth.
 He fulfills the desire of those who fear Him;
He also hears their cry and saves them.
 The LORD preserves all who love Him,
but all the wicked He will destroy.

CORPORATE CONFESSION (congregation kneels as able)

Almighty and merciful Father, we are thankful that Your mercy is higher than the heavens, wider than our wanderings, deeper than all our sin. Forgive our careless attitudes toward Your purposes, our refusal to relieve the suffering of others, our envy of those who have more than we have, our obsession with creating a life of constant pleasure, our indifference to the treasures of heaven, our neglect of Your wise and gracious law. Help us to change our way of life so that we may desire what is good, love what You love, and do what You command, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

† ASSURANCE OF PARDON: Psalm 145:8–9

The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. The LORD is good to all, and His mercy is over all that He has made.

† 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.**

†* **HYMN OF PRAISE, NO. 508:** "Jesus, Lover of My Soul"

GOD CONSECRATES US BY HIS WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Psalm 30

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

EPISTLE READING: Acts 11:1-18

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL READING: Mark 8:14-21

This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ

Praise be to you, O Christ!

† **PSALM 124, NO. 614:** "Now Israel May Say, and That in Truth"

READING OF GOD'S WORD: John 21:1-25

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PREACHING OF GOD'S WORD

Encounters with Jesus: Do I Stand in God's Way?

† **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 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. 420: "At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing" v. 1

Distribution of the Cup and Communion in the Blood of Christ

Communion Song: NO. 420: "At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing" v. 2

PRAYER OF BLESSING

GOD COMMISSIONS US TO GO INTO THE WORLD

† **HYMN OF PRAISE, NO. 32: “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”**

† **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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