



COVENANT
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PCA

Jackson, Tennessee

Easter Season

April 28, 2024

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCRIPTURE MEDITATION: Matthew 11:28-30

“Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

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

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

† CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 146:1-2, 10

Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul! I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being. ... The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the LORD!

†* PSALM 146, NO. 57: “Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah, O My Soul”

† PRAYER OF ADORATION

GOD CLEANSSES US OF OUR SINS

CALL TO CONFESSION: Psalm 145:14-20

Hear now the commandments of Your God, which He has commanded you to keep, saying, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength." This is the first and great commandment.

And the second, like unto it is this,

"You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

Have you fully obeyed the Lord in all that He has commanded?

No, but we have sinned against Him in thought, word, and deed.

CORPORATE CONFESSION (congregation kneels as able)

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name.

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

† ASSURANCE OF PARDON: Micah 7:18-19

Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of His inheritance? He does not retain His anger forever, because He delights in steadfast love. He will again have compassion on us; He will tread our iniquities underfoot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.

† 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: The Power of the Cross" (printed on page 8 and 9)

GOD CONSECRATES US BY HIS WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Psalm 22:1-22

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

EPISTLE READING: 2 Timothy 1:1-14

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 9:35-38

This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ

Praise be to you, O Christ!

† **HYMN OF PRAISE, NO. 103:** "Holy God, We Praise Your Name"

READING OF GOD'S WORD: Mark 16:1-13

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PREACHING OF GOD'S WORD

Encounters with Jesus: Confusion and Fear

† **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

san - na, ho-san-na in the high - est. Bles - sed is he_ who_ comes_

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. 1-2

Distribution of the Cup and Communion in the Blood of Christ

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

PRAYER OF BLESSING

GOD COMMISSIONS US TO GO INTO THE WORLD

† **HYMN OF PRAISE, NO. 469:** “How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place” v. 5-6

† **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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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#

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

D A/C# Dmaj7 Esus E/D A/C# D E/G# A A/C# D E/G#

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!

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The Power Of The Cross - 2

INSTRUMENTAL

12 1, 2, 3

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) | 4 **ENDING**

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