



COVENANT

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PCA

Jackson, Tennessee

Pentecost Sunday

May 19, 2024

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCRIPTURE MEDITATION: John 14:26-27

But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

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!

When the Lord sends forth his Spirit.

Psalm 104:30

He renews the face of the earth!

Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

And blessed be His kingdom, now and forever.

† CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 104:1-30-33

When you send forth your Spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the ground. May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in his works, who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke! I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

†* **HYMN OF PRAISE, NO. 53:** “Come, O Come, Thou Quickening Spirit” (Tune: All Saints Old)

Come, O come, thou quick’ning Spirit,
God from all eternity!

May thy power never fail us;
dwell within us constantly.

Then shall truth and life and light
banish all the gloom of night.

Grant our hearts in fullest measure
wisdom, counsel, purity,
that we ever may be seeking
only that which pleaseth thee.

Let thy knowledge spread and grow,
working error’s overthrow.

Show us, Lord, the path of blessing;
when we trespass on our way,
cast, O Lord, our sins behind thee
and be with us day by day.

Should we stray, O Lord, recall;
work repentance when we fall.

Holy Spirit, strong and mighty,
thou who makest all things new,
make thy work within us perfect
and the evil foe subdue.

Grant us weapons for the strife
and with vict’ry crown our life.

† **PRAYER OF ADORATION**

GOD CLEANSSES US OF OUR SINS

CALL TO CONFESSION: Psalm 51

Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
 according to your abundant mercy
blot out my transgressions.
 Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin!
 For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.
 Against you, you only, have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight,
 so that you may be justified in your words
and blameless in your judgment.

CORPORATE CONFESSION (congregation kneels as able)

Most holy and merciful Father; we acknowledge and confess before you, our sinful nature prone to evil and slothful in good, and all our shortcomings and offenses. You alone know how often we have sinned against you, in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us. Teach us to hate our errors and cleanse us from our secret faults. Forgive us for every failure; help us to follow You in every way, through Jesus Christ our Lord,
 [Silent prayer of personal confession] **Amen.**

† ASSURANCE OF PARDON: Ezekiel 36:25-26

I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh..

† 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. 457: “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”**

GOD CONSECRATES US BY HIS WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Ezekiel 37:1-14

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

EPISTLE READING: Romans 8:22-27

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL READING: John 15:26-16:15

This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ

Praise be to you, O Christ!

† **PSALM 104:** (Tune: Lyons, “O Worship the King”)

My soul, bless the Lord! Lord God, You are great!

With honor arrayed, Majestic in state,

You cover Yourself with a garment of light

And stretch out the sky as a curtain by night.

When you hide your face, bewildered they yearn.

When you take their breath, To dust they return.

When you send Your Spirit, Created are they.

The face of the ground You renew everyday.

I'll sing to the Lord as long as I live,

Sing praise to my God while life he will give.

My thought about Him will sweet pleasure afford.

For I am rejoicing each day in the Lord.

READING OF GOD'S WORD: Acts 2:1-21

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PREACHING OF GOD'S WORD

A New Beginning: The Gift of the Spirit at Pentecost

† CONFESSION OF FAITH: Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty
 Maker of heaven and earth,
 of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
 begotten of His Father before all worlds,
 God of God, Light of Light,
 very God of very God,
 begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father;
 by whom all things were made;
 who for us and for our salvation
 came down from heaven,
 and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,
 and was made man;
 and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
 He suffered and was buried;
 and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures,
 and ascended into heaven,
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
 and He shall come again, with glory,
 to judge both the living and the dead;
 whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son;
 who with the Father and the Son together
 is worshiped and glorified;
 who spoke by the prophets;
 and we believe in one holy catholic* and apostolic church;
 we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;
 and we look for the resurrection of the dead,
 and the life of the world to come. 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. 193: "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" v. 1-2

Distribution of the Cup and Communion in the Blood of Christ

Communion Song: NO. 193: "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" v. 3-4

PRAYER OF BLESSING

GOD COMMISSIONS US TO GO INTO THE WORLD

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

† 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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