

The Lord's Service

The Resurrection of the Lord
Sunday, April 20, 2025



COVENANT
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PCA

Post Tenebras Lux

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCRIPTURE MEDITATION: Colossians 3:1-4

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. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

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!

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Luke 24:34

The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

† CALL TO WORSHIP: Isaiah 12:2-6

"Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation." With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. And you will say in that day: "Give thanks to the LORD, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted. "Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth. Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel."

†* HYMN OF PRAISE, NO. 286: "Worship Christ, the Risen King!"

† PRAYER OF ADORATION

GOD CLEANSSES US OF OUR SINS

CALL TO CONFESSION: Romans 6:3-11

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. For one who has died has been set free from sin. Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

CORPORATE CONFESSION (kneel 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.
We fail to proclaim the gospel in word and deed,
we ignore your call to discipleship.
We overlook the poor and the hungry,
and pass by those who mourn. Forgive us, God of mercy!
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. Amen.**

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

† ASSURANCE OF PARDON

† THE PEACE

† **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. 267: "The Day of Resurrection!"**

GOD CONSECRATES US BY HIS WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 25:6-9

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

THE EPISTLE READING: 1 Corinthians 15:1-8

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

† **PSALM 62, NO. 666: "In Silence My Soul Is Waiting"** (vv. 1, 4, 5)

† **GOSPEL READING: Mark 16:1-8**

This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ

Praise be to you, O Christ!

PREACHING OF GOD'S WORD

The Gospel and the Witnesses

† **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 the 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.

EUCCHARISTIC MEDITATION

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Distribution of the Bread and Communion in the Body of Christ

Communion Meditation Silence

Distribution of the Cup and Communion in the Blood of Christ

Communion Song: "There Is A Redeemer" (p. 8)

PRAYER OF BLESSING

GOD COMMISSIONS US TO GO INTO THE WORLD

† **HYMN OF PRAISE, NO. 277: "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"**

† **BENEDICTION: Hebrews 13:20-21**

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

† **THREE-FOLD AMEN**

† **POSTLUDE**

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There Is A Redeemer

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VERSE

♩ = 92 D Dsus D Dsus D A D G A D A D Dsus D

1. There is a Re - deem - er Je - sus, God's own Son; Pre - cious Lamb of
 2. Je sus, my Re - deem - er, name a - bove all names; Pre - cious Lamb of
 3. When I stand in glo - ry, I will see His face; There I'll serve my

CHORUS

6 Dsus D Dsus D G G/B Asus A7 D D D/F# G D

God, Mes - si - ah, Ho - - - ly One. Thank You, O my Fa - ther, for
 God, Mes - si - ah, O for sin - ners slain.
 King for - ev - er in that ho - ly place.

11 G A D A7 D Dsus D Dsus D Dsus D G G/B Asus A7 D

giv - ing us Your Son, and leav - ing Your Spir - it till the work on earth is done.

NOTES

1. The Gospel

2. The Witnesses