

# The Lord's Service

The Second Sunday of Easter  
Sunday, April 27, 2025



**COVENANT**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PCA

**Post Tenebras Lux**

# ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

## PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCRIPTURE MEDITATION: Revelation 1:17-18

When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, "Fear not, I am the first and the last, and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades.

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!**

By God's great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope *1 Peter 1:3*  
**through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.**

† CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 68:17-19

The chariots of God are twice ten thousand, thousands upon thousands; the Lord is among them; Sinai is now in the sanctuary. You ascended on high, leading a host of captives in your train and receiving gifts among men, even among the rebellious, that the LORD GOD may dwell there. Blessed be the Lord, who daily bears us up; God is our salvation.

†\* HYMN OF PRAISE, NO. 274: "Thine Be the Glory"

† PRAYER OF ADORATION

† Congregation stands, if able | \* Seating for latecomers at this time | All Scripture readings are from the ESV® Bible (The Holy Bible, English Standard Version®). ESV® Text Edition: 2016. Copyright © 2001 by Crossway, a publishing ministry of Good News Publishers. Assistive listening devices are available for use during worship services. Please inquire at the sound booth.

## GOD CLEANSSES US OF OUR SINS

### CALL TO CONFESSION: 1 Peter 1:17-19

And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.

### 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. 305: "Arise, My Soul, Arise"**

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

### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

#### **THE OLD TESTAMENT READING: 2 Kings 6:8-17**

This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God!**

#### **THE EPISTLE READING: Ephesians 4:7-16**

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: Matthew 25:14-30**

This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

### **PREACHING OF GOD'S WORD**

Gifts of the Ascended Christ

† **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. 355: "We Are God's People"**

† **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**

# 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

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.



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. Gifts

2. Maturity