

# The Lord's Service

The Fifth Sunday in Lent  
Sunday, April 6, 2025



**COVENANT**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PCA

**Post Tenebras Lux**

# ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

## PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

### PRELUDE

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SCRIPTURE MEDITATION: Psalm 61:1-4

Hear my cry, O God, listen to my prayer; from the end of the earth I call to you when my heart is faint. Lead me to the rock that is higher than I, for you have been my refuge, a strong tower against the enemy. Let me dwell in your tent forever! Let me take refuge under the shelter of your wings!

### 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!**

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;

*Psalm 51:17*

**A broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise!**

### + CALL TO WORSHIP: Romans 11:33-36

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! "For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?" "Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?" For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

### +\* HYMN OF PRAISE, NO. 2: "O Worship the King"

### + PRAYER OF ADORATION

## GOD CLEANSSES US OF OUR SINS

### CALL TO CONFESSION: Isaiah 6:1-7

In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with

two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!" And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!" Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for."

**CORPORATE CONFESSION** (kneel as able)

<b>Merciful Lord,</b>	<b>sins in private and in the family,</b>
<b>Pardon all my sins of this day, week,</b>	<b>in study and recreation, in the busy</b>
<b>year, all the sins of my life,</b>	<b>haunts of men,</b>
<b>sins of early, middle, and advanced years,</b>	<b>in the study of thy Word and in the</b>
<b>of omission and commission,</b>	<b>neglect of it,</b>
<b>of morose, peevish and angry tempers,</b>	<b>in prayer irreverently offered and</b>
<b>of lip, life and walk,</b>	<b>coldly withheld,</b>
<b>of hard-heartedness, unbelief,</b>	<b>in time misspent,</b>
<b>presumption, pride,</b>	<b>in yielding to Satan's wiles,</b>
<b>of unfaithfulness to the souls of men,</b>	<b>in opening my heart to his temptations,</b>
<b>of want of bold decision in the cause</b>	<b>in being unwatchful when I know</b>
<b>of Christ,</b>	<b>him nigh,</b>
<b>of deficiency in outspoken zeal for</b>	<b>in quenching the Holy Spirit;</b>
<b>his glory,</b>	<b>sins against light and knowledge,</b>
<b>of bringing dishonor upon thy great</b>	<b>against conscience and the restraints</b>
<b>name,</b>	<b>of thy Spirit,</b>
<b>of deception, injustice, untruthfulness</b>	<b>against the law of eternal love.</b>
<b>in my dealings with others,</b>	<b>Pardon all my sins, known and unknown,</b>
<b>of impurity in thought, word and deed,</b>	<b>felt and unfelt,</b>
<b>of covetousness, which is idolatry,</b>	<b>confessed and not confessed,</b>
<b>of substance unduly hoarded, improv-</b>	<b>remembered or forgotten.</b>
<b>idently squandered,</b>	<b>Good Lord, hear; and hearing, forgive.</b>
<b>not consecrated to the glory of thee,</b>	
<b>the great Giver;</b>	<b>[Silent prayer of personal confession] Amen.</b>

† 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. 12: "Exalt the Lord, His Paise Proclaim"

## GOD CONSECRATES US BY HIS WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE FIRST READING: Isaiah 40:12-23

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

THE SECOND READING: Psalm 62:1-8

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: John 8:48-59

This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ

Praise be to you, O Christ!

### PREACHING OF GOD'S WORD

For God Alone

† CONFESSION OF FAITH: Westminster Confession of Faith, Chapter 2:1-2

1. There is but one only living, and true God, who is infinite in being and perfection, a most pure spirit, invisible, without body, parts, or passions, immutable, immense, eternal, incomprehensible, almighty, most wise, most holy, most free, most absolute, working all things according to the counsel of his own immutable and most righteous will, for his own glory;

most loving, gracious, merciful, long-suffering, abundant in goodness and truth, forgiving iniquity, transgression, and sin; the rewarder of them that diligently seek him; and withal most just and terrible in his judgments; hating all sin, and who will by no means clear the guilty.

2. God hath all life, glory, goodness, blessedness, in and of himself; and is alone in and unto himself all-sufficient, not standing in need of any creatures which he hath made, nor deriving any glory from them, but only manifesting his own glory in, by, unto, and upon them: he is the alone fountain of all being, of whom, through whom, and to whom, are all things; and hath most sovereign dominion over them, to do by them, for them, or upon them, whatsoever himself pleaseth. In his sight all things are open and manifest; his knowledge is infinite, infallible, and independent upon the creature, so as nothing is to him contingent, or uncertain. He is most holy in all his counsels, in all his works, and in all his commands. To him is due from angels and men, and every other creature, whatsoever worship, service, or obedience, he is pleased to require of them.

† 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. 642: "Be Thou My Vision"**

† **BENEDICTION: Ephesians 3:20-21**

Now may God who is able, do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever.  
Amen.

† **THREE-FOLD AMEN**

† **POSTLUDE**

# There Is A Redeemer

Words and Music by  
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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

I. God

II. Alone