

The Lord's Service

Palm Sunday
Sunday, April 13, 2025



COVENANT
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PCA

Post Tenebras Lux

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCRIPTURE MEDITATION: 1 Peter 2:21-24

For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.

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!

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that
is within me, bless his holy name!

Psalms 103:1-2

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits

† CALL TO WORSHIP: Zechariah 9:9

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!
Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he,
humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

†* HYMN OF PRAISE, NO. 235: "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

† PRAYER OF ADORATION

GOD CLEANSSES US OF OUR SINS

CALL TO CONFESSION: James 4:6-10

But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

CORPORATE CONFESSION (kneel as able)

Merciful Lord,
 Pardon all my sins of this day, week,
 year, all the sins of my life,
 sins of early, middle, and advanced years,
 of omission and commission,
 of morose, peevish and angry tempers,
 of lip, life and walk,
 of hard-heartedness, unbelief,
 presumption, pride,
 of unfaithfulness to the souls of men,
 of want of bold decision in the cause
 of Christ,
 of deficiency in outspoken zeal for
 his glory,
 of bringing dishonor upon thy great
 name,
 of deception, injustice, untruthfulness
 in my dealings with others,
 of impurity in thought, word and deed,
 of covetousness, which is idolatry,
 of substance unduly hoarded, improv-
 idently squandered,
 not consecrated to the glory of thee,
 the great Giver;

sins in private and in the family,
 in study and recreation, in the busy
 haunts of men,
 in the study of thy Word and in the
 neglect of it,
 in prayer irreverently offered and
 coldly withheld,
 in time misspent,
 in yielding to Satan's wiles,
 in opening my heart to his temptations,
 in being unwatchful when I know
 him nigh,
 in quenching the Holy Spirit;
 sins against light and knowledge,
 against conscience and the restraints
 of thy Spirit,
 against the law of eternal love.
 Pardon all my sins, known and unknown,
 felt and unfelt,
 confessed and not confessed,
 remembered or forgotten.
 Good Lord, hear; and hearing, forgive.

[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. 263: "Lift High the Cross"

GOD CONSECRATES US BY HIS WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

THE EPISTLE READING: Philippians 2:1-11

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:** Luke 19:28-44

This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ

Praise be to you, O Christ!

PREACHING OF GOD'S WORD

The Inverted Triumphal Entry

† **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. 237: "Ride On, Ride On in Majesty!"**

† **BENEDICTION: Galatians 6:14-16**

Let no one boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. And as for all who walk by this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God. 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

1. The Palms (vv. 30-40)

2. The Passion (vv. 41-44)