

# The Lord's Service

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The Baptism of the Lord

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**COVENANT**  
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# ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

## PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

### PRELUDE

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SCRIPTURE MEDITATION: Isaiah 40:3-5

A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken."

### 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!**

### † CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 29:2-4

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness. The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over many waters. The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.

### †\* HYMN OF PRAISE, NO. 100: "Holy, Holy, Holy!"

### † 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: Romans 6:1-4

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? 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.

### CORPORATE CONFESSION: (kneel as able)

**Almighty God, rich in mercy to all who call upon you: Hear us as we come to you humbly confessing our sins and transgressions, and imploring your mercy and forgiveness. We have broken your holy laws by our deeds and words, and by the sinful affections of our hearts. We confess before you our disobedience and ingratitude, our pride and willfulness, and all our failures and shortcomings toward you and our neighbors. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father, and of your great goodness grant that we may serve you in newness of life; through the mediation of Jesus Christ, your Son and our Savior.**

[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, amen.**

†\* **HYMN OF PRAISE, NO. 535: "O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus!"**

## GOD CONSECRATES US BY HIS WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON:** Genesis 1:1-5

The grass withers, the flower fades,

**But the Word of our God will stand forever!**

*Isaiah 40:8*

**NEW TESTAMENT LESSON:** Acts 10:34-43

This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God!**

† **PSALM 72, NO. 439:** "Christ Shall Have Dominion"

† **GOSPEL READING:** Matthew 3:1-17 (sermon text)

This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ

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

### PREACHING OF GOD'S WORD:

#### Eschatological Gospel

1. The Sermon (vv. 1-12)

2. The Baptism (vv. 13-17)

† **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

#### 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

## 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.

† **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE 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.**

**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, NO. 426: "'Till He Come'!" (printed on the back cover)**

**PRAYER OF BLESSING**

**GOD COMMISSIONS US TO GO INTO THE WORLD**

† **HYMN OF PRAISE, NO. 103: "Holy God, We Praise Your Name"**

† **BENEDICTION: 2 Corinthians 13:14**

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ  
and the love of God  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

† **THREE-FOLD AMEN**

† **POSTLUDE**