



COVENANT
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PCA

Jackson, Tennessee

Pentecost Season

August 18, 2024

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCRIPTURE MEDITATION: Psalm 145:4-5

One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts. On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.

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!

My mouth will speak of the praise of the LORD, Psalm 145:21

And let all flesh bless His holy name forever and ever.

† CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 145:1-3

I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.
Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever. Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and His greatness is unsearchable.

†* HYMN OF PRAISE, NO. 295: "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

† PRAYER OF ADORATION

† Congregation stands, if able

* Seating for latecomers at this time

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GOD CLEANSSES US OF OUR SINS

CALL TO CONFESSION: Psalm 145:14-20

The LORD upholds all who are falling
and raises up all who are bowed down.
 The eyes of all look to you,
and you give them their food in due season.
 You open your hand;
you satisfy the desire of every living thing.
 The LORD is righteous in all His ways
and kind in all His works.
 The LORD is near to all who call on Him,
to all who call on Him in truth.
 He fulfills the desire of those who fear Him;
He also hears their cry and saves them.
 The LORD preserves all who love Him,
but all the wicked He will destroy.

CORPORATE CONFESSION (congregation kneels as able)

Almighty and merciful Father, we are thankful that Your mercy is higher than the heavens, wider than our wanderings, deeper than all our sin. Forgive our careless attitudes toward Your purposes, our refusal to relieve the suffering of others, our envy of those who have more than we have, our obsession with creating a life of constant pleasure, our indifference to the treasures of heaven, our neglect of Your wise and gracious law. Help us to change our way of life so that we may desire what is good, love what You love, and do what You command, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
 [Silent prayer of personal confession] **Amen.**

† ASSURANCE OF PARDON: Psalm 145:8-9

The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. The LORD is good to all, and His mercy is over all that He has made.

† 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:** "The Power of the Cross" (printed on page 8)

GOD CONSECRATES US BY HIS WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Psalm 24

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

EPISTLE READING: James 2:14-26

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL READING: Mark 8:27-38

This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ

Praise be to you, O Christ!

† **PSALM 124, NO. 614:** "Now Israel May Say, and That in Truth"

READING OF GOD'S WORD: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-16

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PREACHING OF GOD'S WORD

The Message of 1 Thessalonians, Sermon IV
Union with Christ and the Christian Life

† **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

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san - na, ho-san-na in the high - est. Bles - sed is he__ who_ comes__

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in__ the name of the Lord our God. Ho - san - na, ho-san-na in the High - est.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND MEMORIAL

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Distribution of the Bread and Communion in the Body of Christ

Communion Song, NO. 252: "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" v. 1-2

Distribution of the Cup and Communion in the Blood of Christ

Communion Song, NO. 252: "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" v. 3-4

PRAYER OF BLESSING

GOD COMMISSIONS US TO GO INTO THE WORLD

† **HYMN OF PRAISE, NO. 580: "Lead On, O King Eternal"**

† **BENEDICTION: Numbers 6:24-26**

The LORD bless you and keep you;

The LORD make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you;

The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

† **THREE-FOLD AMEN**

† **POSTLUDE**

The Power Of The Cross

Words and Music by
Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

VERSE

♩ = 68

D/F# E/G# A E7/B A/C# D A/C#

1. Oh to see the dawn of the dark - est day. Christ on the road to
 2. Oh to see the pain writ - ten on Your face, bear - ing the awe - some
 3. Now the day - light flees, now the ground be - neath quakes as its Mak - er
 4. Oh to see my name writ - ten in the wounds, for through Your suf - f'ring

Bm7 Dmaj7 Esus E D/F# E/G# A E7/B A/C#

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Cal - va - ry. Tried by sin - ful men, torn and beat - en then
 weight of sin. Ev - 'ry bit - ter thought, ev - 'ry e - vil deed
 bows His head. Cur - tain torn in two, dead are raised to life.
 I am free. Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live

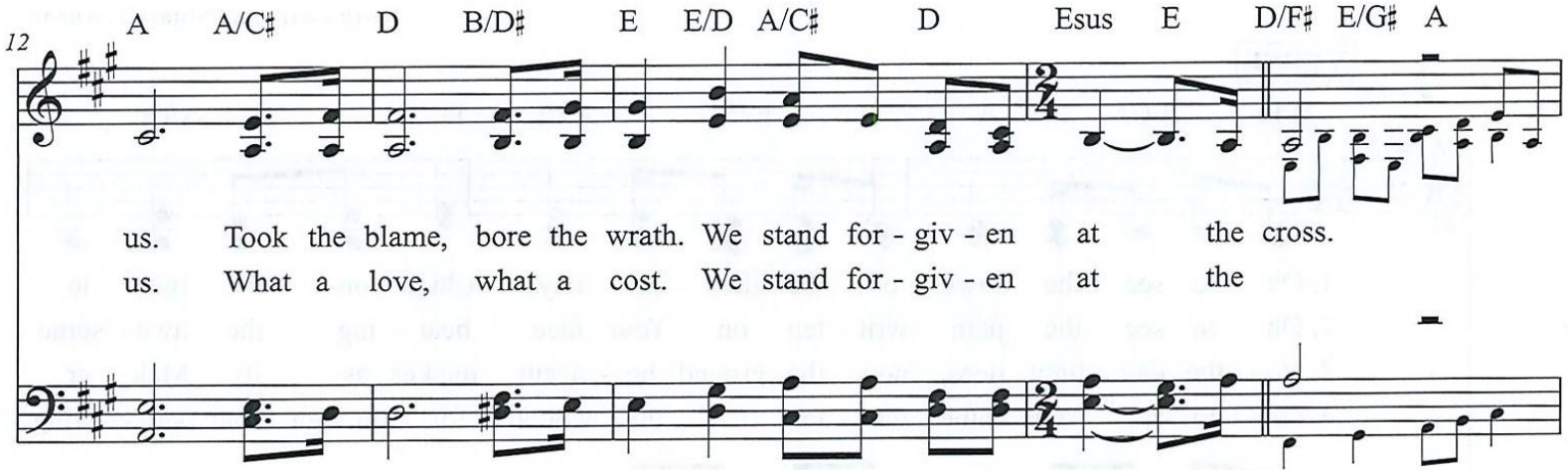
CHORUS

D A/C# Dmaj7 Esus E/D A/C# D E/G# A A/C# D E/G#

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nailed to a cross of wood. 1. This the pow'r of the cross. Christ be - came sin for
 crown - ing Your blood - stained brow. 4. This the pow'r of the cross Son of God slain for
 "Fin - ished!" the vic - t'ry cry.
 won through Your self - less love!

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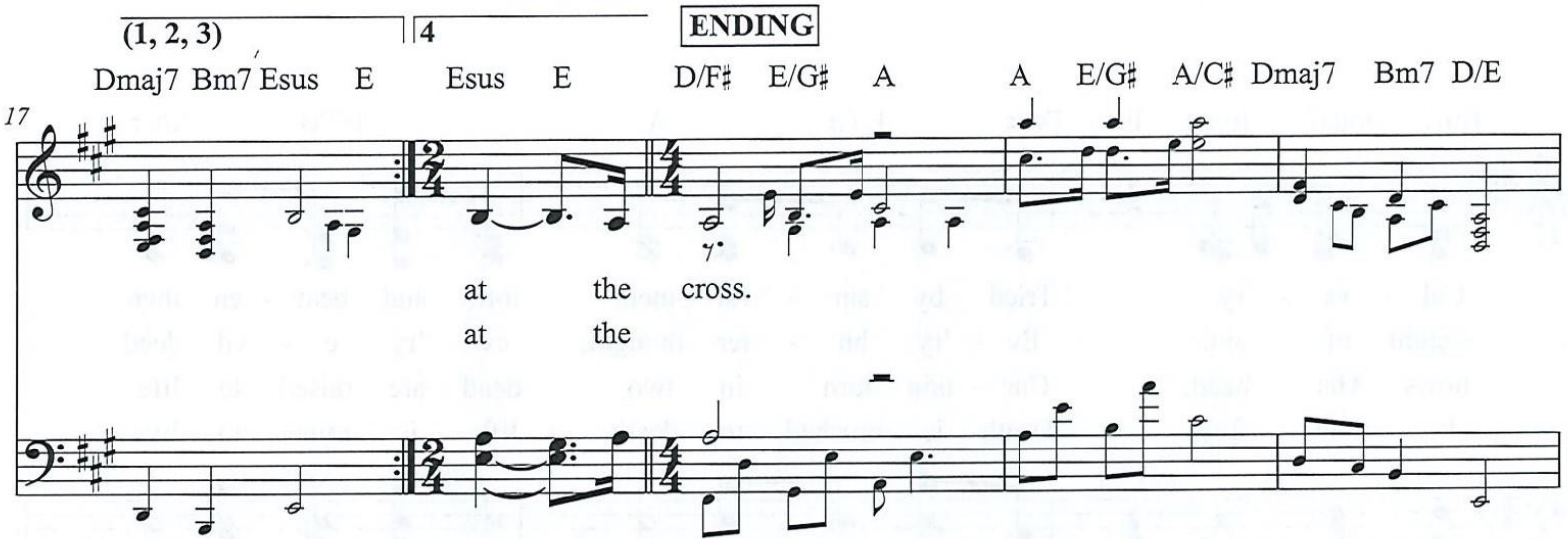


us. Took the blame, bore the wrath. We stand for - giv - en at the cross.
 us. What a love, what a cost. We stand for - giv - en at the

(1, 2, 3) | 4 **ENDING**

Dmaj7 Bm7 Esus E Esus E D/F# E/G# A A E/G# A/C# Dmaj7 Bm7 D/E

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at the cross.
 at the

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