



Jackson, Tennessee
Christmas Season
December 29, 2024

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADVENT MEDITATION: Psalm 46:10

“Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!”

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!

In the beginning was the Word

John 1:1

And the Word was with God

And the Word was God.

Oh, come, let us adore Him!

† CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 89:8-10

O LORD God of hosts, who is mighty as you are, O LORD, with your faithfulness all around you? You rule the raging of the sea; when its waves rise, you still them. You crushed Rahab like a carcass; you scattered your enemies with your mighty arm.

†* HYMN OF PRAISE, NO. 208: “O Come, All Ye Faithful”

† 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:

Hear now the commandments of Your God, which he has commanded you to keep, saying, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength." This is the first and great commandment.

**And the second, like unto it is this,
"You shall love your neighbor as yourself."**

Have you fully obeyed the Lord in all that he has commanded?

No, but we have sinned against Him in thought, word, and deed.

CORPORATE CONFESSION (congregation kneels as able)

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name.

[Silent prayer of personal confession] **Amen.**

† ASSURANCE OF PARDON: 2 Corinthians 4:6

For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

† 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. 224: "Go, Tell It on the Mountains"

GOD CONSECRATES US BY HIS WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 52:7-10

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

EPISTLE READING: Hebrews 1:1-12

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL READING: John 1:1-14

This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ

Praise be to you, O Christ!

† **HYMN OF PRAISE, NO. 210:** "Silent Night! Holy Night!"

READING OF GOD'S WORD: Luke 2:8-15

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PREACHING OF GOD'S WORD

The Angels and the Shepherds—The Hope of Christmas

† **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 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Distribution of the Bread and Communion in the Body of Christ

Communion Song: "Behold the Lamb" v. 1-2 (printed on page 8)

Distribution of the Cup and Communion in the Blood of Christ

Communion Song: "Behold the Lamb" v. 3-4

PRAYER OF BLESSING

GOD COMMISSIONS US TO GO INTO THE WORLD

† **HYMN OF PRAISE, NO. 203: "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"**

† **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**

Behold The Lamb

Words and Music by
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VERSE

F2/A G/B C Dm7 C/E G C/E F2

1. Be hold the Lamb who bears our sins a - way, slain for us:
2. The bod - y of our Sav - iour, Je - sus Christ, torn for you:
3. The blood that cleans - es ev - 'ry stain of sin, shed for you:
4. And so with thank - ful - ness and faith we rise to re - spond

4 C/G G7sus G7 F2/A G/B C Dm7 C/E G C/E

And we re - mem - ber the prom - ise made that all who come in faith find for -
Eat and re - mem - ber the wounds that heal, the death that brings us life, paid the
Drink and re - mem - ber He drained death's cup that all may en - ter in to re -
and to re - mem - ber our call to fol - low in the steps of Christ as His

7 F2 G7sus G7 C C/E F2 C2/E Fmaj7 G2 C/E F2

give - ness at the cross. So, we share in this Bread of Life, and we drink of His
price to make us one. So, we share in this Bread of Life, and we drink of His
ceive the life of God. So, we share in this Bread of Life, and we drink of His
bod - y here on earth. As we share in His suf fer - ing, we - proclaim: Christ will

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12 C2/E F2 G C/E F2 C2/E Fmaj7 G7sus F2/A Fmaj7 G7

sac - ri - fice, as a sign of our bonds of peace a - round the ta - ble of the
 sac - ri - fice, as a sign of our bonds of love a - round the ta - ble of the
 sac - ri - fice, as a sign of our bonds of grace a - round the ta - ble of the
 come a - gain! And we'll join in the feast of heav'n a - round the ta - ble of the

TURNAROUND / OUTRO

C2 C2/F C2 C2/F C2

King.
 King.
 King.
 King.