

# The Lord's Service

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The Second Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 16, 2025



**COVENANT**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PCA

**Post Tenebras Lux**

# ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

## PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

### PRELUDE

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SCRIPTURE MEDITATION: Genesis 12:1-3

Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

### 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;

*Psalms 51:17*

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

### CALL TO WORSHIP: Isaiah 60:1-5

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you. And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. Lift up your eyes all around, and see; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from afar, and your daughters shall be carried on the hip. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and exult, because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

### +\* HYMN OF PRAISE, NO. 342: "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"

### + PRAYER OF ADORATION

## GOD CLEANSSES US OF OUR SINS

CALL TO CONFESSION: Joel 2:12-13

“Yet even now,” declares the LORD, “return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; and rend your hearts and not your garments.” Return to the LORD your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and he relents over disaster.

CORPORATE CONFESSION — LITANY OF REPENTANCE (kneel as able)

**Holy and merciful God,**

**We confess to you and to one another, in the presence of the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth, that we have sinned by our own fault, 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, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven.

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

We have not listened to your call to serve as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

We confess to you, O God, all our past unfaithfulness: The pride, hypocrisy, and impatience in our lives.

**We confess to you, O God.**

Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, our covetousness and greed.

**We confess to you, O God.**

Our anger, our unholy speech, and our envy of those more prosperous than ourselves.

**We confess to you, O God.**

Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work,

**We confess to you, O God.**

Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to commend the faith that is in us,

**We confess to you, O God.**

Grant us repentance, O God, for the wrongs we have done. For our neglect of human need and suffering and our indifference to the Great Commission,

**Grant us repentance, O God.**

For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and for our arrogance and contempt toward those who differ from us,

**Grant us repentance, O God.**

Restore us, O God, and let your anger depart from us.

**Favorably hear us O God,**

**For your mercy is great.**

† 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. 311: "Hail to the Lord's Anointed"

### **GOD CONSECRATES US BY HIS WORD**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION          John Calvin (1509-1564)

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 49:1-7

This is the Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God!**

EPISTLE READING: Ephesians 3:1-12

This is the Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God!**

† PSALM 119, NO. 149: "Teach me, O Lord, Your Way of Truth"

† GOSPEL READING: Mark 12:1-12

This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ  
**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

PREACHING OF GOD'S WORD

Graduate School for Angels

† CONFESSION OF FAITH: The 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.

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**Distribution of the Bread and Communion in the Body of Christ**

**Communion Silent Meditation**

**Distribution of the Cup and Communion in the Blood of Christ**

**Communion Song, No. 429: "Let Thy Blood in Mercy Poured" vv. 1-3 (page 8)**

PRAYER OF BLESSING

## GOD COMMISSIONS US TO GO INTO THE WORLD

† **HYMN OF PRAISE, NO. 353: “I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord”**

† **BENEDICTION: Numbers 6:24-26**

The Lord bless you and keep you;  
the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;  
the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

† **THREE-FOLD AMEN**

† **POSTLUDE**

† 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.

## Let Thy Blood In Mercy Poured (Jesus Meine Zuversicht)

### Verse 1

Let Thy blood in mercy poured  
Let Thy gracious body broken  
Be to me O gracious Lord  
Of Thy boundless love the token  
Thou didst give Thyself for me  
Now I give myself to Thee

### Verse 2

Thou didst die that I might live  
Blessed Lord Thou came'st to save me  
All that love of God could give  
Jesus by His sorrows gave me  
Thou didst give Thyself for me  
Now I give myself to Thee

### Verse 3

By the thorns that crowned Thy brow  
By the spear wound and the nailing  
By the pain and death, I now claim  
O Christ Thy love unfailing  
Thou didst give Thyself for me  
Now I give myself to Thee

Johann Crüger, John Brownlie

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## NOTES

1. The Revelation of the Mystery (vv. 1-7)

2. The Purpose of the Mystery (vv. 8-12)