

# The Lord's Service

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The Third Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 23, 2025



**COVENANT**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PCA

**Post Tenebras Lux**

# ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

## PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

### PRELUDE

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SCRIPTURE MEDITATION: Exodus 40:34-38

Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. And Moses was not able to enter the tent of meeting because the cloud settled on it, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. Throughout all their journeys, whenever the cloud was taken up from over the tabernacle, the people of Israel would set out. But if the cloud was not taken up, then they did not set out till the day that it was taken up. For the cloud of the LORD was on the tabernacle by day, and fire was in it by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel throughout all their journeys.

### 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: Colossians 1:15-20

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

†\* HYMN OF PRAISE, NO. 101: "Come, Thou Almighty King"

† PRAYER OF ADORATION

## GOD CLEANSSES US OF OUR SINS

CALL TO CONFESSION: Psalm 32:1-5

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

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

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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.**

[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. 335: "Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me"**

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

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 40:12-23**

This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God!**

**EPISTLE READING: Ephesians 3:14-21**

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: Luke 11:1-13**

This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ

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

## PREACHING OF GOD'S WORD

All the Fullness of God

### † 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

9  
san - na, ho-san-na in the high - est. Bles - sed is he who comes

17  
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, No. 429: "Let Thy Blood in Mercy Poured" v. 1-3 (p. 9)**

**PRAYER OF BLESSING**

## GOD COMMISSIONS US TO GO INTO THE WORLD

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

† 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

### NOTES

1. The Family

2. Power

3. Love

4. The Doxology



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

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