The Lord’s Service

The First Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 9, 2025



**Post Tenebras Lux**

# ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

**PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

**PRELUDE**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SCRIPTURE MEDITATION:**  Psalm 139:23-24

Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

**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; *Psalm 51:17*

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

 **CALL TO WORSHIP:** Psalm 51:15

O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.

**†\* HYMN OF PRAISE, NO. 529:** “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

### † PRAYER OF ADORATION

**GOD CLEANSES US OF OUR SINS**

### CALL TO CONFESSION: 1 John 1:5-10

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

 **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.**

[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. 252:** “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

**THE INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS:** Jeff Straka and Tom Vos (deacons), and Keith Posey (ruling elder)

**The Nature and Warrant of the Offices**

**The Vows**

**The Installation Prayer**

**The Right Hand of Fellowship**

**The Pronouncement**

**The Charge to the Officers**

**The Charge to the Congregation**

**GOD CONSECRATES US BY HIS WORD**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION** John Calvin (1509-1564)

**OLD TESTAMENT READING:** Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

This is the Word of the Lord

 **Thanks be to God!**

**EPISTLE READING:** **Ephesians 2:11-22**

 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 4:1-13

 This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ

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

**PREACHING OF GOD’S WORD**

The Third Race

**† 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**

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**EUCHARISTIC MEDITATION**

**PRAYER OF CONSECRATION**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

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

**Communion S****ilence**

**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. 347:** “The Church’s One Foundation”

**† 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**

† 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 cams't 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 myself to Thee

Johann Crüger, John Brownlie

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NOTES

1. Alienation

2. Peacemaking

3. Full Equality