

Order of Worship

Easter Sunday

March 31, 2024

Prelude

Were You There?

Welcome & Announcements

Preparation for Worship

But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay." (Matthew 28:5-6 ESV)

Call to Worship

Pastor: Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; the Lord has risen!

People: He has risen indeed!

Pastor: The Lord Jesus Christ has risen!

People: He has risen indeed!

Pastor: Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?

People: Christ has risen indeed!

Pastor: Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?"

People: Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Pastor: He has risen!

People: He has risen indeed!

Invocation

Praise and Adoration

Worship Christ the Risen King!

Rise, O Church and lift your voices;

Christ has conquered death and hell.

Sing as all the earth rejoices/Resurrection anthems swell

Come and worship come and worship/Worship Christ the Risen King!

See the tomb where death had laid Him,

Empty now its mouth declares;

Death and I could not contain Him/For the throne of life He shares.

Come and worship come and worship/Worship Christ the Risen King!

Hear the earth protest and tremble/See the stone removed with pow'r;
All hell's minions may assemble/But cannot withstand His hour.
He has conquered He has conquered/Christ the Lord the Risen King.

We acclaim Your life O Jesus/Now we sing Your victory;

Sin or hell may seek to seize us/But Your conquest keeps us free.

Stand in triumph, stand in triumph/Worship Christ the Risen King!

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Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

Christ the Lord is ris'n today, Alleluia!

Sons of men and angels say, Alleluia!

Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!

Sing ye heavens and earth reply, Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!

Where O death is now thy sting, Alleluia!

Dying once He all doth save, Alleluia!

Where thy victory O grave, Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!

Fought the fight the battle won, Alleluia!

Death in vain forbids Him rise, Alleluia!

Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!

Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!

Made like Him like Him we rise, Alleluia!

Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"
Charles Wesley | Samuel Arnold

Scripture Reading

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. (Philippians 2:5-11 ESV)

Pastor: This is the Word of the LORD.

People: Thanks be to God!

Christ Is Risen, He Is Risen Indeed!

How can it be, the One who died/Has borne our sin through sacrifice
To conquer every sting of death/Sing, sing hallelujah.

For joy awakes as dawning light/When Christ's disciples lift their eyes
Alive He stands, their Friend and King/Christ, Christ He is risen.

*Chorus: Christ is risen, He is risen indeed/Oh, sing hallelujah.
Join the chorus, sing with the redeemed/Christ is risen
He is risen indeed!*

Where doubt and darkness once had been

They saw Him and their hearts believed

But blessed are those who have not seen/Yet, sing hallelujah.

Once bound by fear now bold in faith

They preached the truth and power of grace.

And pouring out their lives they gained /Life, life everlasting. (Chorus)

The power that raised Him from the grave

Now works in us to powerfully save

He frees our hearts to live His grace/Go tell of His goodness. (Chorus)

"Christ Is Risen, He Is Risen Indeed"
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Profession of Faith

Westminster Shorter Catechism 26

Pastor: How does Christ execute the office of a king?

ALL: Christ executes the office of a king, in subduing us to himself, in ruling and defending us, and in restraining and conquering all his and our enemies.

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory

"Is He Worthy?"

Preaching of the Word

Rev. Wilson A. Shirley, Senior Pastor

"Jesus, the King! A Risen King"

Matthew 28:1-10

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Song of Response

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne.

Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own.

Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee,

And hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave,

And rose victorious in the strife for those He came to save.

His glories now we sing, who died, and rose on high,

Who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

Crown Him the Lord of love, behold His hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified.
No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends each burning eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown Him the Lord of years, the Potentate of time
Creator of the rolling spheres ineffably sublime
All hail Redeemer hail, for Thou hast died for me
Thy praise shall never, never fail, throughout eternity.

*“Crown Him with Many Crowns” | George Job Elvey
Godfrey Thring | Matthew Bridge*

Benediction

Is He Worthy?

*Do you feel the world is broken - We do/Do you feel the shadows deepen - We do
But do you know that all the dark/Won't stop the light from getting through - We do
Do you wish that you could see it all made new - We do*

*Is all creation groaning - It is/Is a new creation coming - It is
Is the glory of the Lord/To be the light within our midst - It is
Is it good that we remind ourselves of this - It is*

*Is anyone worthy/is anyone whole/Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll
The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave
He is David's Root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave
Is He worthy/Is He worthy
Of all blessing and honor and glory/Is He worthy of this - He is!*

*Does the Father truly love us - He does/Does the Spirit move among us - He does
And does Jesus our Messiah hold forever those He loves - He does
Does our God intend to dwell again with us - He does*

*Is anyone worthy/Is anyone whole/Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll
The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave/He is David's Root
And the Lamb who died to ransom the slave
From ev'ry people and tribe every nation and tongue
He has made us a kingdom and priests to God to reign with the Son
Is He worthy / Is He worthy/Of all blessing and honor and glory
Is He worthy /Is He worthy/is He worthy of this - He is*

*“Is He Worthy?” | Andrew Peterson | Ben Shive
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Were You There?

*Were you there when they crucified my Lord? (2x)
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble tremble
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?*

*Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? (2x)
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble tremble
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?*

*Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? (2x)
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?*

*Were you there when he rose up from the dead?
Were you there when he rose up from the dead?
Oh, sometimes I feel like shouting glory, glory, glory!
Were you there when he rose up from the dead?*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Guest - Welcome to Cornerstone Presbyterian Church. We're glad you're here! If you'd like more information about our church and its ministries, please fill out the "Connect Card" and visit our website. Another great way to connect is through Sunday School. There are classes for all ages at 9:45 am.

Connect Cards - Please take a "Connect Card" from the chair pocket in front of you, fill out one per family, and place it in the offering plate.

Easter Brunch - Today at 9:45 am in the FLC

Ladies' Prayer Meeting - Friday, April 5. For location and time, please contact Mollie Cohee at mollicoohee@gmail.com.

Missions Fundraiser Lunch - Sunday, April 21 after the second service. Please plan to join us for a cookout to benefit the Joni & Friends and Yakama summer mission teams.

Save the Date! - Women's Ministry Fellowship Dinner on Sunday, April 28 at 5:30 pm in the FLC.

VBS Olympion 2024 - June 3-6 from 9-11:30 am. There are many volunteer needs before, during, and on the last day of VBS. If you would like to volunteer for any part at all, please register online at www.cornerstonehuntsville.org/news and scroll down to "Upcoming Events". Please contact Mary Cooper with any questions at mary@cornerstonehuntsville.org.

RYM - July 1-5, 2024. Current 8th graders and up can attend. To sign up, please contact Chris Moody at chris@cornerstonehuntsville.org.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray for church members caring for family - Diana Akridge, Susan Dupré, Kyle Mosier, Randy Petcher, Bill and JoAnn Sneed, Bonnie Stock, Lauren Davenport, and Mike and Carol Wellfare.

Pray for healing - Suzi and Bill Bolton, Phil Freeze, Earl Myers, Gayle Ricks, Susan Hoyt, Ruby Petcher, Marc Goldmon, and those sick and suffering.

Pray for our homebound friends - Ruby Petcher and Betty Baldwin.

Pray for our expectant mothers - Rebecca Nunley (April), Olivia Hitt (June), Kayla Few (August) and the McMillan adoption.

Pray for Lauren Davenport and her family with the recent passing of her mother, Martha Hall, this past week in Greenville, SC.

Pray for ongoing construction and renovation projects.

Pray for peace in Israel, Ukraine, and Sudan.

Pray for our Missional Partnerships - 60 Feet of Uganda and Christ Presbyterian Church, Hampton Cove, AL (Rev. Michael Calvert).