

Order of Worship
Easter Sunday
April 9, 2023

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Preparation for Worship

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. (Romans 6:5 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

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus.

While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead?

He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise." And they remembered his words,

and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles,

but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them.

But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home marveling at what had happened.

(Luke 24:1-12 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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Corporate Profession 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.

*Christ was buried, and continuing in the state of the dead, and under the power of death till the third day (WLC #50)
**catholic means the universal, world-wide church

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory

"Were You There?"

Preaching of the Word

Rev. Wilson A. Shirley, Senior Pastor

"Hosanna! Raised for Our Justification!"

Romans 4:25

Song of Response

Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

What is our hope in life and death?

Christ alone, Christ alone.

What is our only confidence?

That our souls to Him belong.

Who holds our days within His hand?

What comes, apart from His command?

And what will keep us to the end?

The love of Christ, in which we stand.

*Chorus: O sing hallelujah!
Our hope springs eternal
O sing hallelujah!
Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death*

What truth can calm the troubled soul?

God is good, God is good.

Where is His grace and goodness known?

In our great Redeemer's blood.

Who holds our faith when fears arise?

Who stands above the stormy trial?

Who sends the waves that bring us nigh?

Unto the shore, the rock of Christ? (*Chorus*)

Unto the grave, what will we sing?

“Christ, He lives; Christ, He lives!”

And what reward will heaven bring?

Everlasting life with Him.

There we will rise to meet the Lord.

Then sin and death will be destroyed.

And we will feast in endless joy,

When Christ is ours forevermore. (*Chorus x2*)

“Christ Our Hope in Life and Death”

Keith Getty, Matt Boswell, Jordan Kaufin, and Matthew Merker, Matt Papa

Benediction

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 are glad you are here!

If you would 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 9:45am.

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

Nursery Volunteers Needed! - We need help on Sunday mornings to care for our children in the nursery. If you are a member and would like to volunteer, or have questions, email christina@cornerstonehuntsville.org

Church Office Closed - Monday, April 10th, in observance of Easter.

Ladies Prayer Time - Join us this Thursday, April 13th, at 10am, at the church.

Please email prayer requests to molliecohee@tutanota.com

Mom’s Play Date - Meets this Friday, April 14th, from 1pm-3pm at Cornerstone’s FLC. Contact ashley.h.colette@gmail.com with questions.

Women’s Ministry - Join us for a Spring Shower to honor our expectant mothers and benefit HPRC on Sunday, April 16th, from 2pm-4pm, in the Fellowship Hall.

RSVP by this Wednesday, April 12th, to heidi@cornerstonehuntsville.org

10th Anniversary - We hope you will make plans to join us Sunday, May 7th, for a celebration of Cornerstone’s 10th anniversary! Special guest preacher Stephen Estock will be here. There will be a joint Sunday School for everyone where we’ll share stories of God’s grace over the past 10 years. The celebration will conclude with a picnic lunch at 12:30pm at Monte Sano State Park. More details to come!

YBS - “Summer Seaquest” is coming up June 5th-8th. Registration is open! Go to cornerstonehuntsville.org/ events to register. Questions? See Paige McClure.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray for church members caring for family - Lora Abernathy, Diana Akridge, Bryan Gassaway, Rick McCann, Randy Petcher, Bill and JoAnn Sneed, Kyle Mosier, and Susan Dupré.

Pray for healing - Mary Allen Junen, Matthew Lawrence, Phil Freeze, Elena Lewis, Suzi Bolton, and Abby Reese Wren.

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

Pray for our expectant mothers - Amy Eckenrode (July), Andrea Mace (July), Ashley Colette (August), Christina Hall (August), Sami Pottorf (August), Denia Dillon (August), Melanie Bray (September), and the Kawell adoption.

Pray for Alec Helms, and his family, with the passing of his father this past week.

Pray for healing and mercy for our sister church in Nashville, Covenant PCA, and for their community.

Pray for the Huntsville Police Department.

Pray for wisdom and guidance on Abounding initiatives.

Pray for our Missional Partnerships - Rodney & Jana Davila (Missionaries to El Salvador) and Grace Fellowship Presbyterian Church, Albertville, AL (Pastor Jackie Gaston).