

The Order for the Worship of God for Easter Sunday

April 9, 2023
11:00 a.m.

“To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.” (Revelation 1:5b-6)

Welcome and Announcements (**Please turn your cell phone to “silent” mode. Thank you!**)

PRELUDE Diane Kroll

GOSPEL READING John 20:19-29

*HYMN 286 *Worship Christ, the Risen King!* words printed on back
(stanzas 1, 4 and 5)

*CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER (to be prayed in unison by all)

Almighty God, who by the sinless life, substitutionary death, and bodily resurrection of your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and granted everlasting life to all who trust in him; grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord’s resurrection, may be raised from the death and darkness of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God in three distinct persons forever. Amen.

*THE 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.

*HYMN #277 *Christ the Lord is Risen Today* words printed on back

MORNING PRAYERS Jorge F. de Carvalho

SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 24:36-53

SERMON FOR EASTER Rev. Dr. H. Andrew Silman

CORPORATE PRAYER & CONFESSION

adapted from the Moravian Liturgy

All: Lord God, Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world, be gracious to us. Lord God, Holy Spirit, abide with us forever. The Lamb once slain, our God and our Lord, to our prayers give your ear and on us all have mercy!

Pastor: Preserve us Gracious Lord and God, from indifference to thy merits and death.

All: From pride and self-complacency, from hypocrisy, from envy, hatred and malice, from the deceitfulness of sin, from the murdering spirit and devices of Satan, from the influence of the spirit of this world.

Pastor: Preserve us, Gracious Lord and God, by all the merits of your life, by your human birth and circumcision, by your obedience, courage, and faithfulness, by your humility, meekness, and patience, by your extreme poverty, by your baptism, fasting, and temptation, by your griefs and sorrows, by your prayers and tears, by your having been despised and rejected.

All: Bless and comfort us, Gracious Lord and God, by your agony and bloody sweat, by your bonds and scourging, by your crown of thorns, by your cross and death, by your sacred wounds and precious blood, by your dying words, by your atoning death, by your rest in the grave, by your glorious resurrection and ascension, by your sitting at the right hand of God, by your sending the Holy Spirit, by your prevailing intercession on our behalf, by your holy sacraments, by your divine presence, by your coming again for your church on earth, or our being called home to you.

Pastor: Bless and comfort us, Gracious Lord and God!

*HYMN #276 *Up from the Grave He Arose* words printed on back

POSTLUDE Diane Kroll

*Congregation Stands. (Please feel free to be seated at any time.)

WELCOME TO ALL who are spiritually weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who sin and need a Savior; to all who are strangers and want fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness; and to whoever will come this church opens wide her doors and offers her welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

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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!

Doubt may lift its head to murmur, scoffers mock and sinners jeer: but the truth proclaims a wonder thoughtful hearts receive with cheer. 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!

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 heav’ns, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; *Alleluia!* Christ has burst the gates of hell; *Alleluia!* Death in vain forbids his rise; *Alleluia!* Christ has opened paradise, *Alleluia!*

Lives again our glorious King; *Alleluia!* Where, O death, is now thy sting? *Alleluia!* Once he died, our souls to save; *Alleluia!* Where thy victory, O grave? *Alleluia!*

Soar we now where Christ has led, *Alleluia!* Foll’wing our exalted Head; *Alleluia!* Made like him, like him we rise; *Alleluia!* Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, *Alleluia!*

UP FROM THE GRAVE HE AROSE

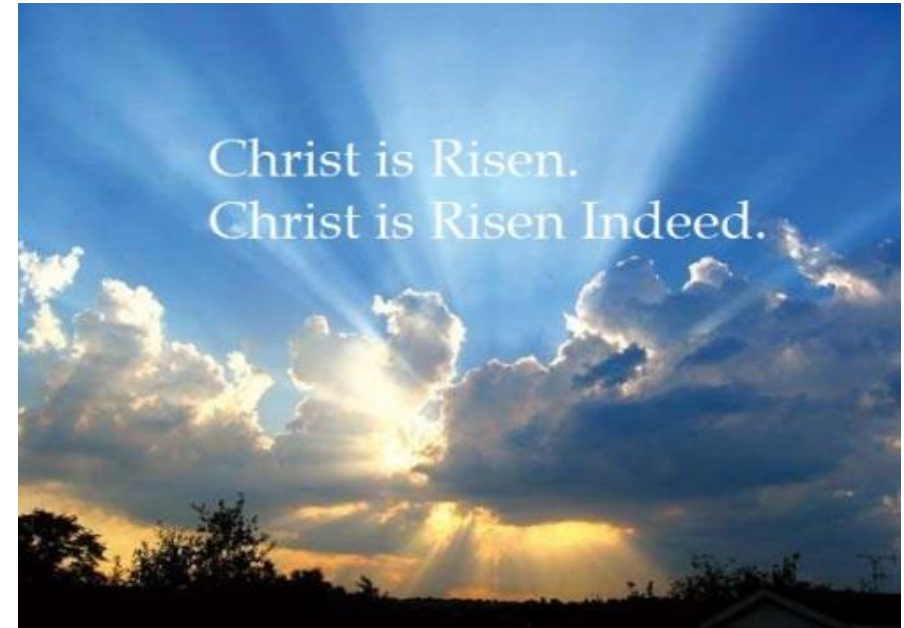
Low in the grave he lay – Jesus, my Savior, waiting the coming day – Jesus, my Lord.

REFRAIN: Up from the grave he arose, with a mighty triumph o’er his foes. He arose a victor from the dark domain, and he lives forever with his saints to reign. He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!

Vainly they watch his bed – Jesus, my Savior; vainly they seal the dead – Jesus, my Lord.
REFRAIN

Death cannot keep his prey – Jesus, my Savior; he tore the bars away – Jesus, my Lord.
REFRAIN

*...built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets,
Christ Jesus Himself being the chief cornerstone. Ephesians 2:20*



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OUR VISION

Cornerstone Presbyterian Church is a vibrant and unified community of Christians and their covenant children whose sole desire is to glorify God in everything. Because God’s grace has won our affections we are wholeheartedly committed to the following: the absolute authority of the Bible because it is the very Word of God; enthusiastic and biblical worship; deeds of mercy and sacrificial service; earnest prayer; deepening relationships with one another; and joyful, intentional proclamation of salvation by grace through faith in Jesus Christ to all the world beginning in Brevard. We warmly welcome as members all who trust in Jesus Christ alone for salvation and fully share our vision.

OUR MISSION

The mission of Cornerstone Presbyterian Church is to glorify the triune God by exalting Him and by edifying and equipping our members to share the gospel with everyone in both word and deed beginning in Brevard and to the ends of the earth.