

The Order for the Worship of God

March 17, 2024
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 "Were You There / There is a Balm in Gilead" arr. Brant Adams
Judy Bailey, piano and Norm Malenke, cello

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 53

Call to Worship from Psalm 72

PASTOR: Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.

ALL: Blessed be his glorious name forever; may the whole earth be filled with his glory! Amen and Amen!

*Songbook #46 *The Power of the Cross* words printed on back

*Congregational Prayer to be prayed in unison by all

O Lord God, Creator of Heaven and earth; we confess that our salvation comes from you, and is not the result of anything we have done. Salvation is of the Lord, from first to last: You are the Architect of salvation, the sovereign source, the living initiator. You determined the timing and the method of our salvation. We received it and took hold of it with the empty hands of faith in Jesus Christ. Thank you for saving us from hell itself. Thank you for bringing us into your forever family. We worship you, our Great Savior – who has given us a salvation that is certain and secure – and all because of the obedience of Jesus and his work for us on the cross as our Substitute. Amen.

*Hymn #247 *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded* words printed on back

Morning Prayers for Christ’s Church and the World Larry Martin

Scripture Lesson John 19:30

Sermon Series on Sayings of Jesus from the Cross #6 Rev. Dr. H. Andrew Silman

Silent Reflection and Prayer

Christ spoke prophetic words in His passion, including His seven words, or sayings, from the cross, which revealed the following:

- *God’s grace to forgive sinners through Christ:* “Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do” (**Luke 23:34**).
- *God’s salvation through Christ for the repentant:* “Verily I say unto thee, Today shalt thou be with me in paradise” (**Luke 23:43**).
- *God’s creation of a new spiritual family in Christ:* “He saith unto his mother, Woman, behold thy son! Then saith he to the disciple, Behold thy mother! And from that hour that disciple took her unto his own home” (**John 19:26-27**).
- *God’s abandonment of Christ to suffer divine judgment as He bore our sins:* “My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?” (**Mark 15:34**).
- *God’s fulfillment of His promises and prophecies in Christ:* “Jesus knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the scripture might be fulfilled, saith, I thirst” (**John 19:28**).
- *God’s complete accomplishment of salvation by Christ:* “It is finished” (**John 19:30**).
- *God’s acceptance of Christ’s spirit because He completed His work, in anticipation of His resurrection:* “Father, into thy hands commend my spirit” (**Luke 23:46**).

Christ’s greatest revelation of God took place when His deity was most hidden in suffering and shame. This hidden revelation can be accessed only by faith, a faith that humbles our pride “that no flesh should glory in his presence,” but “he that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord” (**1 Cor. 1:29, 31**).

Christ is the Prophet of the cross, and we can receive His revelation by the way of the cross.” –Joel R. Beeke and Paul M. Smalley, *Reformed Systematic Theology, Volume 2: Man and Christ* (Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 2020), 2: 959.

*Hymn #255 *O Jesus, We Adore Thee* words printed on back

Benediction

Postlude Judy Bailey

*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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS MEETS AT 9:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

THE AFTER-CHURCH LUNCH IN MARCH will be held next Sunday, March 24th, at 12:15 p.m. following the worship service. The church will provide spiral-cut ham and fried chicken for the entree that day, and the congregation is encouraged to bring a side dish, a salad, or a dessert.

CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

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THE POWER OF THE CROSS

Oh, to see the dawn of the darkest day, Christ on the road to Calvary. Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten then nailed to a cross of wood. This the pow'r of the cross. Christ became sin for us. Took the blame, bore the wrath. We stand forgiven at the cross.

Oh, to see the pain written on your face, bearing the awesome weight of sin. Ev'ry bitter thought ev'ry evil deed crowning your blood-stained brow. This the pow'r of the cross. Christ became sin for us. Took the blame, bore the wrath. We stand forgiven at the cross.

Now the daylight flees, now the ground beneath quakes as its Maker bows his head. Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life "Finished!" the vict'ry cry. This the pow'r of the cross. Christ became sin for us. Took the blame, bore the wrath. We stand forgiven at the cross.

Oh, to see my name written in the wounds, for through your suff'ring I am free. Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live won through your selfless love! This the pow'r of the cross. Son of God slain for. Us. What a love, what a cost. We stand forgiven at the cross.

O SACRED HEAD, NOW WOUNDED

O sacred Head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down; now scornfully surrounded with thorns, thine only crown; O sacred Head, what glory, what bliss till now was thine! Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call thee mine.

What thou, my Lord, hast suffered was all for sinners' gain: mine, mine was the transgression, but thine the deadly pain. Lo, here I fall, my Savior! 'Tis I deserve thy place; look on me with thy favor, vouchsafe to me thy grace.

What language shall I borrow to thank thee, dearest Friend, for this thy dying sorrow, thy pity without end? O make me thine forever; and should I fainting be, Lord, let me never, never outlive my love to thee.

O JESUS, WE ADORE THEE

O Jesus, we adore thee, upon the cross, our King! We bow our hearts before thee, thy gracious name we sing. That name hath brought salvation, that name in life our stay, our peace, our consolation, when life shall fade away.

Yet doth the world disdain thee, still passing by the cross; Lord, may our hearts retain thee; all else we count but loss. Ah, Lord, our sins arraigned thee, and nailed thee to the tree: our pride, our Lord, disdained thee; yet deign our hope to be.

O glorious King, we bless thee, no longer pass thee by; O Jesus, we confess thee, the Son enthroned on high. Lord, grant to us remission; life through thy death restore; yea, grant us the fruition of life forevermore.

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



It is finished.

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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.