



CENTRAL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WORSHIP SERVICE

April 4, 2021

9:30 & 11:00am

Easter Sunday



Amplification devices are available from ushers at the rear of the sanctuary.

Order of Worship

Liturgist is Rev. Dr. Mike Farley
Themes and Keywords: resurrection, life

PRELUDE

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

W. Oquin

CHORAL INTROIT

This Joyous Eastertide

Text: G.R. Woodward
Tune: *Dutch Carol*; arr. Charles Wood

This joyful Eastertide, away with sin and sorrow!
My Love, the Crucified, hath sprung to life this morrow.

*Had Christ, that once was slain, ne'er burst his three-day prison,
Our faith had been in vain; but now hath Christ arisen.*

In Adam all men died; then Jesus came to save us.
For He was crucified, and dying, new life gave us. *Had Christ, that once was slain...*

Death's flood hath lost his chill, since Jesus crossed the river:
Lover of souls, from ill my passing soul deliver. *Had Christ, that once was slain...*

STANDING (IF ABLE)

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP


from Revelation 5:5; 19:6

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who is the resurrection and the firstborn from the dead.
Weep no more; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah,
the Root of David, has conquered,
and the Lord our God the Almighty reigns.
Hallelujah! Christ is risen!
He is risen, indeed! Hallelujah!

WE PRAISE GOD

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

Text: Charles Wesley, 1739
Tune: *Lyræ Davidica*, 1708



1. Christ, the Lord, is ris'n to - day, Al - - - le - lu - ia!
2. Lives a - gain, our glo - rious King, Al - - - le - lu - ia!
3. Love's re - deem - ing work is done. Al - - - le - lu - ia!
4. Soar we now where Christ has led, Al - - - le - lu - ia!

Sons of men and an - gels say, Al - - - le - lu - ia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Al - - - le - lu - ia!
Fought the fight, the bat - tle won, Al - - - le - lu - ia!
Fol - l'wing our ex - al - ted Head, Al - - - le - lu - ia!

Raise your voice and tri - umphs high, Al - - - le - lu - ia!
Dy - ing once He all doth save, Al - - - le - lu - ia!
Death in vain for - bids Him rise, Al - - - le - lu - ia!
Made like Him, like Him we rise, Al - - - le - lu - ia!

Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth, re - ply, Al - - - le - lu - ia!
Where thy vic - to - ry, O grave? Al - - - le - lu - ia!
Christ has o - pened Par - a - dise, Al - - - le - lu - ia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Al - - - le - lu - ia!

WE PRAY FOR GOD TO HELP US WORSHIP

Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed!
He died for us that we might live for him.

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GOD CALLS US TO CONFESS OUR SIN

from John 11:25; James 4:8, 10

Jesus is the resurrection and the life.
Whoever believes in him, though he die, yet shall he live.
Therefore, draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.
Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

WE CONFESS OUR SIN

Eternal Father, you have raised Jesus from the dead
and crowned him the Lord of life.
**But we confess that we often live as if Jesus were dead.
In trials we doubt that you will sustain us,
and so we lose touch with the joy and power
of Jesus' resurrection life in us,
giving us strength to endure today
and bright hope in the weight of glory to come.
We seek our purpose and hope
in our work, our wealth, and our strength.
And we forget that you have made us for so much more,
for eternal glory with you in a world made new
by Jesus' resurrection life and healing power.
Lord, have mercy on us.**

(silent prayers of confession)

Living Lord, open our eyes to the light of your life and truth.
Open our hearts to trust in your conquering life and love.
Fix our eyes and our hope firmly on Jesus,
who has swallowed up death's sting, and lives that death may die.

STANDING (IF ABLE)

GOD DECLARES OUR FORGIVENESS

from 2 Timothy 1:9-10

God saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

For all who have turned from sin in sorrow and look to God for mercy, this is God's gift. In Jesus Christ, God loves you, God forgives you, God accepts you, and God rejoices over you as beloved daughters and sons.

Hallelujah, Amen!

WE PRAISE GOD

In Christ Alone

Text and Tune: Keith Getty and Stuart Townend, 2001
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1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song.
2. In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh, full - ness of God in help - less babe.
3. There in the ground His bod - y lay, light of the world by dark - ness slain.
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in me.

This cor - ner - stone, this sol - id ground, firm through the fierc - est drought and storm.
This gift of love and righ - teous - ness scorned by the ones He came to save.
Then burst - ing forth in glo - rious day, up from the grave He rose a - gain.
From life's first cry to fi - nal breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti - ny.

What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when striv - ings cease.
Till on that cross as Je - sus died, the wrath of God was sat - is - fied,
And as He stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ev - er pluck me from His hand.

My Com - for - ter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.
for ev - 'ry sin on Him was laid, here in the death of Christ I live.
for I am His, and He is mine, bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.
Till He re - turns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I stand.

WE CONFESS OUR FAITH

The Nicene Creed

***We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.***

***We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all ages,
God from God, light from light, true God from true God,
begotten not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;***

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*who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,
and was made man,
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried,
and on the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven,
and sits on the right hand of the Father.
And he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom shall have no end.*

*And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
And we look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the age to come.*

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GOD INSTRUCTS US IN SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 24:1-12

¹ But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. ² And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³ but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴ While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. ⁵ 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? ⁶ He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷ that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise." ⁸ And they remembered his words, ⁹ and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰ 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, ¹¹ but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹² 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.

GOD INSTRUCTS US IN PREACHING

"Why do you seek the living among the dead?"
Rev. Dr. Clay Smith

WE OFFER OURSELVES IN GIFTS AND SONG

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Thine Be the Glory

Vocal Ensemble

Text: Edmund Budry, 1884; trans. Richard B. Hoyle, 1923

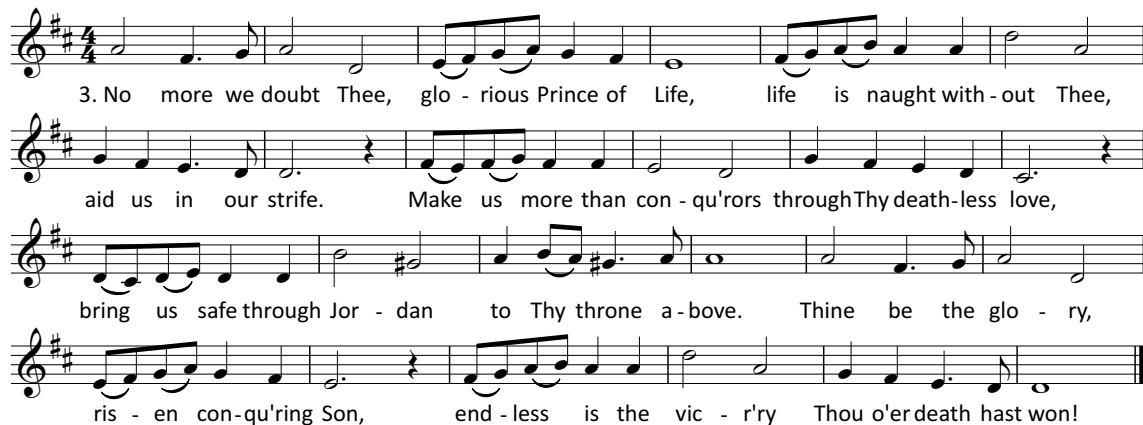
Music: G.F. Händel, *Judas Maccabeus*, 1747

Arr. J. Marty Cope

*Thine be the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;
Endless is the vict'ry Thou o'er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away.
Kept the folded grave clothes where Thy body lay.
Thine be the glory,...*

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
Lovingly He greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
Let His church with gladness, hymns of triumph sing,
For her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting.
Thine be the glory,...

All sing:



3. No more we doubt Thee, glo - rious Prince of Life, life is naught with - out Thee,
aid us in our strife. Make us more than con - qu'rors through Thy death-less love,
bring us safe through Jor - dan to Thy throne a - bove. Thine be the glo - ry,
ris - en con-qu'ring Son, end - less is the vic - r'y Thou o'er death hast won!

STANDING (IF ABLE)

WE PRAY FOR THE CHURCH AND THE WORLD

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.

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GOD FEEDS US AT HIS TABLE

Central Presbyterian welcomes all Christians who actively trust in Jesus Christ for salvation, who are willing to forsake their sin, and who are members of congregations that proclaim the gospel to receive Holy Communion with us. If you are not ready to receive communion, we invite you to meditate on the prayers below.

Is your child interested in receiving communion for the first time? We'd like to help with that process. Contact Karen Brown (kbrown@centralpres.com) for more information or to get started!

Prayer for those searching

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Help me to be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open me to the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent and convincing and that leads to the life you promise. Amen.

Prayer of new belief

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared believe, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

Hallelujah Chorus

Text: Revelation 19:6; 11:15
Music: G.F. Händel, 1741

Hallelujah! for the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth.
The Kingdom of this World is become the Kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ;
and He shall reign for ever and ever. King of Kings, and Lord of Lords.
Hallelujah!

GOD BLESSES US AND SENDS US OUT

And all God's people said...
Hallelujah! Amen.

POSTLUDE

Toccata from *Symphony V*

C. M. Widor

Musicians: Matthew Mazzoni (director), *piano, organ*; Cathy Benton, *piano, organ*;
Randy Holmes, Paul Davis *trumpet*; Tricia Jöstlein, *horn*; Jesse Bortz, *trombone*;
Luke Vetter, *tuba*; John Kasica, *timpani and percussion*.
Vocal Ensemble: Jill Clayton, Christine Karlake, Janet Rowden, Jennifer Mazzoni,
Matt Patterson, Brent Reed, Ray Benton, Jonathan Pollmann.

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