



# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## MARCH 31<sup>ST</sup>, 2024

### **Call to Worship: Psalm 118:24-29**

The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

### **Save us, we pray, O Lord!**

**O Lord, we pray, give us success!**

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

We bless You from the house of the Lord.

### **The Lord is God,**

**and He has made His light to shine upon us.**

You are my God, and I will give thanks to You;

You are my God; I will extol You.

**Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;  
for His steadfast love endures forever!**

### **Invocation**

### **Hymn 360: 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!

Love’s redeeming work is done; Alleluia!  
fought the fight, the battle won; Alleluia!  
death in vain forbids him rise; Alleluia!  
Christ hath opened paradise. Alleluia!

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Alleluia!  
Christ hath burst the gates of hell; Alleluia!  
death in vain forbids him rise; Alleluia!  
Christ hath 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 hath led, Alleluia!  
foll’wing our exalted Head; Alleluia!  
made like him, like him we rise; Alleluia!  
ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Alleluia!

Hail, the Lord of earth and heav’n! Alleluia!  
Praise to thee by both be giv’n; Alleluia!  
thee we greet triumphant now; Alleluia!  
hail, the Resurrection, thou! Alleluia!

### **Psalm 16A: Preserve Me, O My God**

Preserve me, O my God; you are my refuge true.  
I say, "You are my Lord. I have no good apart from you."  
The saints throughout the earth – in them is my delight,  
for excellent are they who live as holy in your sight.

Those seeking other gods shall multiply their pain;  
their gifts of blood I offer not; their gods I will not name.  
O LORD, you are to me my cup and portion sure;  
the lot that you assign to me you guard and keep secure.

The lot that fell to me is beautiful and fair;  
the heritage in which I dwell is good beyond compare.  
I praise the LORD above, whose counsel guides aright.  
My heart instructs me in his love in seasons of the night.

I keep before me still the LORD whom I have proved;  
at my right hand he guards from ill, and I shall not be moved.  
My heart is therefore glad; my tongue with joy will sing.  
My body, too, will rest secure in hope unwavering.

For you will not forsake my soul unto the grave,  
nor will you leave your Holy One to see the tomb's decay.  
Life's pathway you make known, full joy of boundless store  
is found with you; at your right hand are pleasures evermore.

### **Confession of Sin**

**Almighty, You have raised Jesus from the Grave  
and crowned him Lord of all.**

**We confess that we have not bowed before him or acknowledged his rule in our lives.**

**We have gone along with the way of the world and failed to give him glory.**

**Forgive us and raise us from sin, that we may be your faithful people,  
obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who rules the world and is head of the church, his body.**

**Amen.**

### **Assurance of Pardon**

Hear the Good News!

God, being rich in mercy,  
because of the great love with which he loved us,  
even when we were dead in our trespasses,  
made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—  
and raised us up with him and seated us with him  
in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show  
the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

For by grace you have been saved through faith.  
And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God.

Know that in Jesus, God embraces you, forgives you,  
And strengthens you to live a renewed life.

**Thanks be to God!**

**Song: It Was Finished Upon That Cross**

How I love the voice of Jesus on the Cross of Calvary;  
He declares his work is finished, He has spoken this hope to me.  
Though the sun had ceased its shining – Though the war appeared as lost,  
Christ had triumphed over evil, It was finished upon that Cross!

Now the curse it has been broken, Jesus paid the price for me.  
Full, the pardon he has offered, great the welcome that I receive.  
Boldly I approach my Father, clothed in Jesus' righteousness;  
There is no more guilt to carry, it was finished upon that Cross!

Death was once my great opponent, fear once had a hold on me,  
But the Son who died to save us rose that we would be free indeed!

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But the Son who died to save us rose that we would be free indeed!  
Yes, He Rose that we would be free indeed!

Free from every plan of darkness – Free to live and free to love;  
Death is dead and Christ is risen! It was finished upon that Cross!

Onward to eternal glory – To my Savior and my God;  
I rejoice in Jesus' victory, it was finished upon that Cross!

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**Song: 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 shall 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*

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**Scripture Reading: Mark 16:1-20**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Hymn 369: 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!

Doubt may lift its head to murmur, scoffers mock and sinners jeer;  
but the truth proclaims a wonder thoughtful hearts receive with cheer.  
He is risen, he is risen, now receive 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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**Scripture Reading: Revelation 1:17b-18**

**Sermon: “Death is Dead in Jesus Christ”**

**Lord's Supper**

**Song: Doxology**

**Benediction**