



CHRIST CHURCH

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CALL TO WORSHIP

LUKE 24:1-12

SONG – 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!

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

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!

He’s alive, He’s alive
Heaven’s gates are opened wide
He’s alive, He’s alive
Now in heaven glorified

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CONFESSION

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, You shattered the power of sin and death. Despite this being true, we confess that we often succumb to doubt and fear, rather than the hope and life given to us through the resurrection. We confess that we minimize Jesus, the King of Glory, not acknowledging His complete rule in our lives. We have gone along with the way of the world and failed to give Him our entire worship. Forgive us and raise our eyes to You, just as You have raised our lives from the grave, 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

ROMANS 6:5-6

SONG – MAN OF SORROWS

Man of sorrows, Lamb of God; by His own betrayed
The sin of man and wrath of God has been on Jesus laid

Silent as He stood accused, beaten, mocked, and scorned
Bowing to the Father’s will He took a crown of thorns

Oh that rugged cross, my salvation
Where Your love poured out over me
Now my soul cries out, “Hallelujah!”
“Praise and honor unto Thee”

Sent of heaven, God’s own Son, to purchase and redeem
And reconcile the very ones who nailed Him to that tree

Now my debt is paid; it is paid in full
By the precious blood that my Jesus spilled
Now the curse of sin has no hold on me
Whom the Son sets free, oh is free indeed!

See the stone is rolled away; behold the empty tomb
Hallelujah, God be praised; He’s risen from the grave!

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READING

REVELATION 5:1-14

SONG – BECAUSE HE LIVES

God sent His Son, they called Him Jesus
He came to love, heal and forgive
He lived and died to buy my pardon
An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives

Because He lives I can face tomorrow
Because He lives all fear is gone
Because I know He holds the future
And life is worth the living just because He lives

And then one day, I’ll cross that river
I’ll fight life’s final war with pain
And then as death gives way to victory
I’ll see the lights of glory and I’ll know He lives

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PROFESSION OF FAITH

We profess and affirm that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day. If Christ has not been raised, our faith is futile, and we are still in our sins. But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have also died. Since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. For as in Adam all die, so all who are in Christ will be made alive. Jesus Christ has risen, He has risen indeed! Jesus Christ has risen, He has risen indeed!

– Taken from 1 Corinthians 15

PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH

SONG OF ILLUMINATION HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
What more can He say than to you He hath said
To you who for refuge to Jesus hath fled

“Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed
“For I am your God, and will still give thee aid
“I’ll strengthen thee, help thee and cause thee to stand
“Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand”

“When through the deep waters I call thee to go
“The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow
“For I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless
“And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress”

“The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose
“I will not, I will not desert to his foes
“That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake
“I’ll never, no never, no never forsake!”

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SCRIPTURE READING

LUKE 24:13-27

PREACHING OF THE WORD

SONG – IS HE WORTHY?

Do you feel the world is broken? We do
Do you feel the shadows deepen? We do
But do you know that all the dark
Won’t stop the light from getting through? We do
Do you wish that you could see it all made new? We do

Is all creation groaning? It is
Is a new creation coming? It is
Is the glory of the Lord
To be the light within our midst? It is
Is it good that we remind ourselves of this? It is

Is anyone worthy, is anyone whole?
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?
The Lion of Judah, who conquered the grave
He is David’s root and the Lamb, who died to ransom the slave

Is He worthy, is He worthy?
Of all blessing and honor and glory?
Is He worthy of this? He is

Does the Father truly love us? He does
Does the Spirit move among us? He does
And does Jesus our Messiah hold forever those He loves?
He does
Does our God intend to dwell again with us? He does

From ev’ry people and tribe, ev’ry nation and tongue
He has made us a kingdom and priests to God
to reign with the Son

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COMMUNION

SONG – BEAUTIFUL, SCANDALOUS NIGHT

Go on up to the mountain of mercy
To the crimson perpetual tide
Kneel down on the shore, Be thirsty no more
Go under and be purified

Follow Christ to the holy mountain
Sinner sorry and wrecked by the fall
Cleanse your heart and your soul in the fountain that flows
For you and for me and for all

At the wonderful, tragic, mysterious tree
On that beautiful, scandalous night you and me
Were atoned by His blood and forever washed white
On that beautiful, scandalous night

On the hillside, you will be delivered
At the foot of the cross justified and your spirit restored
By the river that pours from our blessed Savior’s side

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SONG – OH HOW GOOD IT IS

Oh how good it is when the family of God
Dwells together in spirit, in faith and unity
Where the bonds of peace of acceptance and love
Are the fruit of His presence here among us

So with one voice we’ll sing to the Lord
And with one heart we’ll live out His Word
Till the whole earth sees the Redeemer has come
For He dwells in the presence of His people

Oh how good it is, on this journey we share
To rejoice with the happy and weep with those who mourn
For the weak find strength; the afflicted find grace
When we offer the blessing of belonging

Oh how good it is to embrace His command
To prefer one another; forgive as He forgives
When we live as one, we all share in the love
Of the Son with the Father and the Spirit

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BENEDICTION

1 CORINTHIANS 15:54B-58