

Sunday 20th September

Call to Worship

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Call to Worship

Leader: Sing joyfully to the LORD, you righteous; it is fitting for the upright to praise him. Praise the LORD with the harp; make music to him on the ten-stringed lyre. Sing to him a new song; play skilfully, and shout for joy. For the word of the LORD is right and true; he is faithful in all he does. The LORD loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of his unfailing love. (Psalm 33:1-5)

Song: O Praise the Name

I cast my mind to Calvary
Where Jesus bled and died for me
I see His wounds His hands His
feet
My Saviour on that cursed tree

His body bound and drenched in
tears
They laid Him down in Joseph's
tomb
The entrance sealed by heavy
stone
Messiah still and all alone

*O praise the Name of the Lord our
God*

*O praise His Name forevermore
For endless days we will sing Your
praise*

Oh Lord oh Lord our God

Then on the third at break of
dawn
The Son of heaven rose again
O trampled death where is your
sting
The angels roar for Christ the
King

Chorus

He shall return in robes of white
The blazing sun shall pierce the
night
And I will rise among the saints
My gaze transfixed on Jesus' face

Chorus

O Lord, O Lord our God
O Lord, O Lord our God

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Prayer of Adoration

Prayer of Confession & Assurance

As we come to God we ask for forgiveness and remind ourselves that when we do so God promises to listen and respond with grace.

Leader (Confession): Merciful Father, we have gathered today in your name in great freedom. Yet we acknowledge not all people are free. We confess our tendency to live comfortably with injustice; we confess our use of liberty for personal gain and self-preservation; we confess our ignorance and apathy towards those who are vulnerable and abused. Forgive us, Lord Jesus, and transform us into people who share your heart for justice. Amen.

All: Father, we ask for your forgiveness through the death of your Son Jesus and give us the strength to live for you each day. Amen.

Bible Reading: Luke 23

The death of Jesus

⁴⁴ It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, ⁴⁵ for the sun stopped shining. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. ⁴⁶ Jesus called out with a loud voice, 'Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.' When he had said this, he breathed his last.

⁴⁷ The centurion, seeing what had happened, praised God and said, 'Surely this was a righteous man.' ⁴⁸ When all the people who had gathered to witness this sight saw what took place, they beat their breasts and went away. ⁴⁹ But all those who knew him, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

Lectura Bíblica: Lucas 23

Muerte de Jesús

⁴⁴ Desde el mediodía y hasta la media tarde^[a] toda la tierra quedó sumida en la oscuridad, ⁴⁵ pues el sol se ocultó. Y la cortina del santuario del templo se rasgó en dos. ⁴⁶ Entonces Jesús exclamó con fuerza:

— ¡Padre, en tus manos encomiendo mi espíritu!

Y al decir esto, expiró.

⁴⁷ El centurión, al ver lo que había sucedido, alabó a Dios y dijo:

— Verdaderamente este hombre era justo.

⁴⁸ Entonces los que se habían reunido para presenciar aquel espectáculo, al ver lo ocurrido, se fueron de allí golpeándose el pecho. ⁴⁹ Pero todos los conocidos de Jesús, incluso las mujeres que lo habían seguido desde Galilea, se quedaron mirando desde lejos.

IJM Stories of Hope

Prayer for Justice & Peace

Song: Psalm 42

1 As pants the deer for flowing streams,
So longs my soul, O God, for you.
2 I thirst for God, the living God;
When can I meet with God anew?
3 My tears have been my constant food
Both in the night and in the day,
While all day long insistently,
“Where is this God of yours?”
they say.
4 As I pour out my soul in grief,
These things I do remember still:

How with the multitude I went
Up to God’s house on Zion hill.
In their procession I would lead
As we approached with cheerful song
And shouts of joy and thankfulness,
Rejoicing with the festive throng.
5 *Why are you downcast, O my soul?
Why are you so disturbed in me?
Trust God, for I will praise him yet;
My Saviour and my God is he.*

Talk

Song: And Can It Be

And can it be that I should gain
An interest in the Saviour's blood
Died He for me who caused His pain
For me who Him to death pursued
*Amazing love how can it be
That Thou my God should die for me
Amazing love how can it be
That Thou my God should die for me*

He left His Father's throne above
So free so infinite His grace
Emptied Himself of all but love
And bled for Adam's helpless race
*'Tis mercy all immense and free
For O my God it found out me
'Tis mercy all immense and free
For O my God it found out me*

Long my imprisoned spirit lay
Fast bound in sin and nature's
night
Thine eye diffused a quickening
ray
I woke the dungeon flamed with
light
*My chains fell off my heart was free
I rose went forth and followed Thee
My chains fell off my heart was free
I rose went forth and followed Thee*

No condemnation now I dread
Jesus and all in Him is mine
Alive in Him my living Head
And clothed in righteousness
divine
*Bold I approach th' eternal throne
And claim the crown through Christ
my own
Bold I approach th' eternal throne
And claim the crown through Christ
my own*

*Amazing love how can it be
That Thou my God shouldst die for
me*

Benediction

Coming up

*At the close of the service this morning your City Group will be meeting online via Zoom.
Please contact your City Group leader if you need more info.*

City Groups will meet online on their usual day this week. Your City Group leader will be in touch. If you are not currently part of a City Group and would like to be, or you have questions, please get in touch with AnnaLauren (annalauren@cornerstone-edinburgh.com).

Women's Bible Study will not be meeting this week.

God's Big Picture - A 9-week course that gives us an overview of God's storyline told in the Bible and helps us to understand where we fit into it. It's helpful whether you're a Christian or not, so invite some friends if you think they might be interested.

Email Geoff (geoff@cornerstone-edinburgh.com) for more info.

Hardship Fund - During this time we really want to help those who are struggling financially and we've set up a fund for those connected to Cornerstone who need assistance.

If you would like to donate to this fund or apply for help, please contact: AnnaLauren on annalauren@cornerstone-edinburgh.com or Laird (Colin) on colin@cornerstone-edinburgh.com for details.

Giving Information - If you would like to make a donation to the work of Cornerstone in Edinburgh, please follow this link <https://cornerstoneedinburgh.com/donate>

Old Schoolhouse Updates - Restoration work at OSH is progressing well! You can find updates at www.osh.org.uk/updates where we'll post photos and information periodically.

Pastoral Care for the whole Church - Message from Neil

Our hope is that everyone connected to Cornerstone is taken care of during this time. Please also be proactive in connecting with your City Group leaders throughout the holidays and letting them know how you are. Let's be creative about being in touch with others and finding our own ways to connect also. Feel free to contact me, Laird or AnnaLauren at any time if you need help of any kind.

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