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Relax. At Cross of Christ, our worship is designed to praise God and enrich faith. We aim to make the service clear and appropriately reverent. For your convenience, the service is printed as well as projected on the screens.

Bring the kids. Our congregation enjoys the worshiping family. In fact, our worship includes a children's message with little ones in mind. That's why children who act up are never viewed as a bother to the worship service. However, parents who want to calm a restless child may do so by walking them in the lobby. Video & audio of the worship service are available in the lobby to assist families with their worship. A private parents' room is located in the alcove to your left as you exit the chapel.

Don't feel obligated. Our members give offerings to the Lord as an expression of our thanks and praise for his amazing love. Visitors, please know that you are our guests. We're happy you came today to hear about Jesus and his Word. You are not expected to give an offering; it's your choice.

Make yourself at home. Today is a special day! There's breakfast for all in the gym between services, 9:30-10:45 am, and an egg hunt for the kids at 10:20 am. We'd be honored if you'd join us!

Restrooms are located to the left and right of the water fountain in the lobby.

Questions? If you'd like to know more about our church or our beliefs, feel free to speak with one of our pastors after the service. More information is also available online at cocidaho.org.

Welcome to Worship

Opening Song

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”



1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!
praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!



who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!



suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

An Easter Dialogue

with “I Know that My Redeemer Lives”

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Christ, the Lamb who was slain, now lives in the glory of the Father. Let us come before him in worship, honor, and joyous thanksgiving!

I know that my Re - deem - er lives! What com - fort
this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who
once was dead; he lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head!

Our Redeemer was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification. (*Romans 4:25*)

Alleluia!

What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? (*Romans 6:1*)

By no means! We died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? (*Romans 6:2*)

We count ourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus. We were buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. (*Romans 6:4*)

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

(♪) **He lives to silence all my fears;
he lives to wipe away my tears;
he lives to calm my troubled heart;
he lives all blessings to impart.**

In his great mercy, God has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. *(1 Peter 1:3)*

Alleluia!

We believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. *(1 Thessalonians 4:14)*

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Christ. *(Revelation 12:10)*

(♪) **He lives, all glory to his name!
He lives, my Jesus, still the same.
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:
I know that my Redeemer lives!**

Prayer

Almighty God, by the glorious resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, you conquered death and opened the gate to eternal life. Grant that we, who have been raised with him through Baptism, may walk in newness of life and ever rejoice in the hope of sharing his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be dominion and praise now and forever.

Amen!

God's Word

Job 19:23-27

²³“Oh, that my words were recorded,
that they were written on a scroll,
²⁴that they were inscribed with an iron tool on lead,
or engraved in rock forever!
²⁵I know that my redeemer lives,
and that in the end he will stand on the earth.
²⁶And after my skin has been destroyed,
yet in my flesh I will see God;
²⁷I myself will see him
with my own eyes—I, and not another.
How my heart yearns within me!”

God's Word

1 Corinthians 15:19-26

¹⁹If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.
²⁰But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. ²²For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. ²³But each in turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. ²⁴Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. ²⁵For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

Choir Anthem

“See, What a Morning”

See, what a morning, gloriously bright,
with the dawning of hope in Jerusalem;
folded the grave-clothes, tomb filled with light,
as the angels announce, “Christ is risen!”
See God’s salvation plan,
wrought in love, borne in pain, paid in sacrifice,
fulfilled in Christ, the Man,
for he lives: Christ is risen from the dead!
See Mary weeping, “Where is he laid?”
as in sorrow she turns from the empty tomb.
Hears a voice speaking, calling her name;
it’s the Master, the Lord raised to life again!
The voice that spans the years,
speaking life, stirring hope, bringing peace to us,
will sound till he appears,
for he lives: Christ is risen from the dead!
One with the Father, Ancient of Days,
through the Spirit who clothes faith with certainty.
Honor and blessing, glory and praise
to the King crowned with pow’r and authority!
And we are raised with him;
death is dead, love has won, Christ has conquered.
And we shall reign with him,
for he lives: Christ is risen from the dead!
For he lives: Christ is risen from the dead!

Children’s Message

Song

“Christ, Our Hope in Life and Death”



1 What is our hope in life and death? Christ a-
2 What truth can calm the trou - bled soul? God is
3 Un - to the grave, what will we sing? "Christ, he



lone, Christ a-lone. What is our on - ly con - fi -
good, God is good. Where is his grace and good - ness
lives; Christ, he lives!" And what re - ward will heav - en



dence? That our souls to him be-long. Who holds our
known? In our great Re-deem - er's blood. Who holds our
bring? Ev - er - last - ing life with him. There we will



days with - in his hand? What comes, a - part from his com-
faith when fears a - rise? Who stands a - bove the storm - y
rise to meet the Lord, Then sin and death will be de -



mand? And what will keep us to the
trial? Who sends the waves that bring us
stroyed, And we will feast in end - less



end? The love of Christ, in which we stand.
nigh Un - to the shore, the Rock of Christ?
joy, When Christ is ours for - ev - er - more.

Refrain (after stanza 3 sing twice)

Oh, sing ha - le - lu jah! Our hope springs e - ter - nal; oh,
sing ha - le - lu - jah! Now and ev - er we con-
fess Christ our hope in life and death.

After final refrain

Now and ev - er we con - fess Christ our
hope in life and death.

Message from God's Word

Mark 16:1-8

¹When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body. ²Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb ³and they asked each other, "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?"

⁴But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. ⁵As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed.

⁶"Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.' "

⁸Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.

Song

"I Will Rise"

There's a peace I've come to know, tho' my
heart and flesh may fail. There's an an-chor for my soul;
I can say "It is well."

Refrain

Je-sus has ov-er-come, and the grave is o-ver-whelmed;
the vic-to-ry is won, he is ris-en from the dead.
And I will rise when he calls my name;
no more sor-row, no more pain. I will rise on ea-
gles' wings; be-fore my God fall on my knees and

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rise. I will rise.

Stanza 2

There's a day that's drawing near
 When this darkness breaks to light.
 And the shadows disappear
 And my faith shall be my eyes.

Refrain

Jesus has overcome, and the grave is overwhelmed;
 The victory is won, he is risen from the dead.
 And I will rise when he calls my name;
 No more sorrow, no more pain.
 I will rise on eagles' wings; before my God, fall on my knees,
 And rise, I will rise.

Bridge - sing twice

And I hear the voice of man - y an - gels sing,
 "Wor - thy is the Lamb!" And I hear the cry
 of ev - 'ry long - ing heart, "Wor - thy is the Lamb!"

Bridge ending

"Worthy is the Lamb!"

"Worthy is the Lamb!"

Final refrain

And I will rise when he calls my name;

No more sorrow, no more pain.

I will rise on eagles' wings;

Before my God fall on my knees

And rise. I will rise. I will rise!

Statement of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

The Lord's Prayer follows the prayer spoken by the pastor.

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Blessing

Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another, and serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

Amen!

Closing Song

“In Christ Alone”



1 In Christ a - lone my hope is found; he is my
2 In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh, full - ness of
3 There in the ground his bod - y lay, light of the
4 No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the



light, my strength, my song; this cor - ner - stone, this sol - id
God in help - less babe; this gift of love and right - eous -
world by dark - ness slain; then burst - ing forth in glo - rious
pow'r of Christ in me; from life's first cry to fi - nal



ground, firm through the fierc - est drought and storm.
ness, scorned by the ones he came to save.
day, up from the grave he rose a - gain!
breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti - ny.



What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are
Till on that cross as Je - sus died, the wrath of
And as he stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man can ev - er



stilled, when striv-ings cease! My com - fort - er, my all in
God was sat - is - fied; for ev - 'ry sin on him was
lost its grip on me; for I am his and he is
pluck me from his hand; till he re - turns or calls me



all; here in the love of Christ I stand.
laid; here in the death of Christ I live.
mine, bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.
home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

Silent Prayer

Thank you, Jesus, for rising for me! Strengthen my trust in the promises of your empty grave, so that the joy and hope of today may follow me every day. Alleluia and amen!

Cross of Christ Weekly Newsletter

March 31 - April 7	Boise (11655 W. McMillan Road)	Nampa (6134 Birch Lane)
Easter Sunday!	8:30am – Easter Worship 9:30-10:45am – Easter Breakfast (Gym) 10:20am – Kids’ Easter Egg Hunt 11:00am– Easter Worship	9:30am – Easter Worship Easter brunch & kids’ egg hunt between services 11:30am – Easter Worship
Monday	10:00am – Women’s Bible Study	
Tuesday	6:30am – Men’s Bible Study	
Wednesday	10:00 am – Cross Connections 7:00pm – Cross Trainers	7:00pm – Young Adult Group
Thursday		5:00 & 6:30pm – Cross Connections 6:30pm – Women’s & Men’s Bible Study
Friday		10:00am – Mommy & Me
Sunday	8:30am – Worship (Communion) 9:45am – Monthly Ministry Discussion (Chapel) Teen Class (Conference Rm) Confirmation Class (Rm 5) Kids’ Sunday School (Gym) 11:00am – Worship (Communion)	9:30am – Worship (Communion) 10:45am – Monthly Ministry Planning Meeting Confirmation Class (no Kids’ Sunday School)

Offerings

If you would like to give an offering to support gospel ministry at and through Cross of Christ, offering plates are available in the lobby. You can also give your gift online at cocidaho.org/give.



SCAN TO GIVE

THIS WEEK

Young Adult Group: Wednesday, April 3, Nampa campus (6134 Birch Lane)

For folks roughly 18 (post-high school) through early 30s, to hang out, make connections, and discuss real-life topics. This month: how to talk about spiritual matters with friends intelligently and winsomely. Friends very welcome!

Highschool Youth Group resumes April 3, Boise campus

CrossTrainers, the youth group for high school students, will resume meeting this week, Wednesdays on the Boise campus, 7-9pm. We meet up for dinner, discussions of faith-related topics, and just hanging out! Friends always welcome.

Cross of Christ Preschool Enrollment Open: Discount Ends tomorrow!

Pick up a paper application from the lobby bulletin board or visit cocidaho.org/preschool to apply online. **Register by April 1 and receive a \$100 discount!** Or get in touch to schedule a tour: Talk to Mandy or Lacey at 208-375-3992 or admin@cocidaho.org.

Mommy & Me: Friday, April 5, 10:00 am

Free, themed playdates for kids 5 and under and a caregiver, the first Friday of each month on the Nampa campus (6134 Birch Ln). This month: Rain, Clouds, and Puddles! More info and registration at cocidaho.org/connect/mommy-and-me/ or the QR code.



Monthly Ministry Discussion: Next Sunday, April 7

Next Sunday we'll use the adult Bible class hour (9:45am-10:45am) for April's ministry discussion. We'll be discussing ways to love our neighbors through our current community partner (the International Rescue Committee), and planning how to build a culture of community at Cross of Christ this summer. Everyone is invited and encouraged to be part of the conversations shaping our ministry!

UPCOMING

Spring Growth Groups in One Week

The spring session of Growth Groups starts the week of April 7, and runs for six weeks (through the week of May 12). *Keep reading on the next page...*

These small group Bible studies meet at church and in members' homes to apply God's Word to our lives and get to know each other better. Carry the joy of Easter all the way through spring with this opportunity to get even more out of the Easter season messages from our pastors! Check out the available groups on the lobby bulletin board or at tinyurl.com/SpringGG2024.

Your Money Made Simple

With Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University, you will learn how to create (and stick to) a budget, pay off debt fast, save for emergencies, and plan for the future. Doesn't that sound peaceful? Registration will be open soon; email admin@cocidaho.org to be notified when it's available!

- Tuesdays, 6:30pm, **beginning May 7**
- nine-week program; sessions are 1-2 hours long
- here at Cross of Christ's Boise campus
- Cost: \$79.99
- Childcare available

GriefShare: Your Journey Toward Healing

You don't have to walk through the challenge of grieving all alone. GriefShare is a support group for those who've lost a loved one to death, regardless of how long it's been since the loss, where you'll find caring people to walk alongside you. This 13-week program uses teaching videos, a workbook, and group discussion to help you move toward healing. Register at cocidaho.org/connect/griefshare. Learn more about the program at griefshare.org.

- Thursdays, 6:30pm, **beginning May 9**
- at Cross of Christ's Nampa campus (6134 Birch Lane)
- participants may join any time during the 13 weeks
- \$20 registration fee provides your own GriefShare workbook.

Vacation Bible School – Save the Date!

Vacation Bible School will be July 8-11, 9am-12pm, on the Boise Campus. This is a fun, free, faith-building event for kids age 3 through entering 6th grade. Adults & teens 7th grade & older can volunteer. Registration coming soon; think about what friends you could invite – especially friends who don't know Jesus!

Serving	Easter Sunday		April 7	
	Nampa	Boise	Nampa	Boise
Altar Care	n/a	K. Struthers	TBD	C. Biggs, K. Townsend
AV Tech	J. Malnes, C. Whitaker, S. Tews	E. Christianson, C. Kennedy, T. Butterfield	TBD	T. Butterfield, L. Butterfield, M. Hartman
Bulletins	n/a	Ashley, Ford, Bafus, Ritger	n/a	Ritger, Ford, Ashley
Cleaning	TBD	Turley	TBD	n/a
Coffee	Guthmiller	C. Berrier K. Struthers	TBD	B. Robbins TBD
Flowers	Easter	Easter	n/a	Watkins
Music	J. Lowry, M. Dorn, C. Trull, L. Becker, K. Wetzel	Koepsell, Neujahr, B&M Evans, Russow, Dodd, Breckon, Light, Caudill, Lange, Adult Choir	K. Koepsell	A. Lange, M. Biondi
Open & Close	n/a	KC. Broyles R. Lange	n/a	G. Whitlach M. Brown
Tellers	Turley, Rule, Butterfield		TBD	
Ushers	n/a	J. Breckon, B. Walters, J. Harris, B. Turley	TBD	Geary, TBD

People in God's Word this past week	Boise	Nampa	Total
Last Weekend's Worship	72/87	120	279
Livestream Views	9		
Sunday Morning Adult/Teen Bible Study	24/5	43/n/a	67/5
Kids' Sunday School/Confirmation	30/6	17/5	47/11
Men's Bible Study/Women's Bible Study	6/10	7/13	13/23
Cross Connections	5	3	8



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