Jesus Christ Is Lord

Based on Philippians 2:6–11

Ken Canedo

Choral arrangement by Craig Kingsbury

REFRAIN  Prayerfully, with a strong beat ($ = ca. 96$)

Descant

Soprano

Alto

Je - sus Christ is Lord.

Tenor

Bass

Keyboard

E

D/E A/E E

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*Optional ending.
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VERSES

Melody

(Dscr.) Lord.

1. He did not hold to his equality with God,
2. He chose the will of God through death upon a cross,
3. And so God gave to him a name above all names.

Dmaj7  A/E  E  Amadd9  E
Jesus Christ Is Lord

1. for he did empty himself to be as one of us,
2. and God did raise him up, exalting him on high,
3. May all in heaven and earth proclaim him now as Lord,

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1. to be as one of us.
2. exalting him on high.
3. proclaim him now as Lord.

D.C.

Edition #20827
Composer Notes

One of the earliest recorded hymns of the Christian community is based on Philippians 2:6–11. Also known as “The Christ Hymn” by biblical scholars, this passage is prayed weekly in the Liturgy of the Hours. It serves as the second reading for Palm Sunday of the Lord’s Passion and it underscores Jesus’ passion, death, and resurrection in the overall framework of God’s eschatological design.

The refrain, “Jesus Christ Is Lord,” is the climax of Saint Paul’s rendering of this hymn. This setting was composed for the assembly to own the four words, and they can easily sing it from memory with great devotion. The verses may be sung by a soloist or choir, but the assembly may eventually want to sing them as well.

Instrumentalists should take care not to rush the song. Play it prayerfully and with respect for the natural rhythm of the powerful words.

The crescendo-diminuendo dynamics of the refrain are important. As an optional ending after the final verse, sing the refrain several times in harmony. I recommend building its intensity and then softening to an a cappella finish.

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Assembly Edition

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Refrain

Jesus Christ is Lord.

Verses

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2. him on high, exalting him on high,
3. now as Lord, proclaim him now as Lord.

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