

# CAPE COD COVENANT CHURCH

## Easter Sunday

April 21, 2019

10:30am

PRELUDE

INTROIT

*For This Glorious Easter Morning*

arr. Raney

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed!**

Glory and honor, dominion and power, be to God forever and ever.

**Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen!**

\*ENTRANCE OF THE RESURRECTION LIGHT

\*EASTER HYMN

*Jesus Christ is Risen Today*

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**Jesus Christ is ris'n today, alleluia! Our triumphant holy day, alleluia!**

**Who did once upon the cross, alleluia! Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!**

**Hymns of praise then let us sing, alleluia! Unto Christ, our heav'nly King, alleluia!**

**Who endured the cross and grave, alleluia! Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!**

**But the pains which he endured, alleluia! Our salvation have procured, alleluia!**

**Now above the sky he's King, alleluia! Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!**

**Sing we to our God above, alleluia! Praise eternal as his love; alleluia!**

**Praise him, all you heav'nly host, alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!**

\*EASTER PRAYER OF INVOCATION

PSALM 118: 1,2, 14-24

*Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.*

*Let Israel say: "His love endures forever."*

*The Lord is my strength and my defense; he has become my salvation.*

*Shouts of joy and victory resound in the tents of the righteous: "The Lord's right hand has done mighty things! The Lord's right hand is lifted high; the Lord's right hand has done mighty things!"*

*I will not die but live, and will proclaim what the Lord has done.*

*The Lord has chastened me severely, but he has not given me over to death.*

*Open for me the gates of the righteous; I will enter and give thanks to the Lord.*

*This is the gate of the Lord through which the righteous may enter.*

*I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation.*

*The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.*

*The Lord has done it this very day; let us rejoice and be glad.*

\*HYMN

*Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*

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**Christ the Lord is ris'n today, Alleluia!**

**All creation joins to say: Alleluia!**

**Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!**

**Sing, O heav'ns, and earth reply: Alleluia!**

**Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!**

**Where, O death, is now your sting? Alleluia!**

**Dying once he all does save, Alleluia!**

**Where your victory, O grave? Alleluia!**

**Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!**

**Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!**

**Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!**

**Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!**

**Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!**

**Foll'wing our exalted Head, Alleluia!**

**Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!**

**Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!**

\*BENEDICTION

Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed!**

Death has been defeated.

**Love is triumphant!**

Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.**

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION

*I Know That My Redeemer Lives*

\*POSTLUDE

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**Welcome to our Easter celebration!** Today we join with Christians around the world, joyously celebrating the Good News that the stone has been rolled away. The tomb is found empty! Death has been defeated! Christ is risen from the grave! Alleluia!

If you are visiting with us today, we are thrilled you have chosen to do so. We pray that through this time of worship, you will encounter the very presence of God, and the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ, which is for all people.

Immediately following worship, we invite all children (young and young at heart) to gather in the Fellowship Hall area, where we will begin our Annual Easter Egg Hunt, coordinated by our Senior High Youth Ministry.

- For families with young children, please be aware that our infant/toddler nursery is available for you and is located downstairs in the Sunday School area.
- Hearing enhancement devices are available from your morning ushers.
- **LARGE PRINT BULLETINS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE USHERS.**

Reader: Steve Anderson



Welcome! We are thrilled that you have chosen to join with us this morning as we worship our amazing God of grace and love. If you are here with us for the first time, please feel free to take one of the WELCOME folders located in the pew backs.

Be sure to visit our church website, [www.capecodcovenantchurch.com](http://www.capecodcovenantchurch.com) for more information about who we are, and our many ministry opportunities.

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Accompanist:	Sara Pattie
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Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance.

*-from John 20*

**Low in the grave he lay, Jesus my Savior!  
Waiting the coming day, Jesus, my Lord!**

**Refrain: Up from the grave he arose, with a mighty triumph o'er his foes;  
He arose a victor from the dark domain,  
And he lives forever with his saints to reign.  
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!**

**Vainly they watched his bed, Jesus, my Savior!  
Vainly they sealed the dead, Jesus, my Lord! (Refrain)**

**Death could not keep its prey, Jesus my Savior!  
He tore the bars away, Jesus, my Lord! (Refrain)**

## PASTORAL PRAYER

## THE GOSPEL READING

John 20:1-18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!" So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus' head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) Then the disciples went back to where they were staying.

Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot.

They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?"

"They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him." At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus.

He asked her, "Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?"

Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him."

Jesus said to her, "Mary."

She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means "Teacher").

Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"

Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!" And she told them that he had said these things to her.

## \*GLORIA PATRI

2<sup>nd</sup> Century

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.**

## PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

They Could Not

Harris/Cloninger

## \*Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him all creatures here below;  
Praise him above ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

## \*Prayer of Dedication &amp; The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

## \*HYMN

Christ is Risen, He is Risen Indeed!

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**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!**

**Chorus: Christ is risen, He is risen indeed! Oh sing "Hallelujah!"**

**Join the chorus, sing with the redeemed, "Christ is risen, He's 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 pow'r of grace  
And pouring out their lives they gained life, life everlasting (chorus)**

**The pow'r 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 (chorus x2)**