



**WEST BRIDGEWATER**  
COMMUNITY CHURCH

Sunday, April 9, 2023

*Join us live on our Facebook or YouTube page beginning at 10:30 a.m.*

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Opening Prayer**

**Hymn: “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”**

*Words: Charles Wesley. Music: Lyra Davidica.*

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!  
Sons of men and angels say, Alleluia!  
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!  
Sing, ye heav’ns, and earth, reply: Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!  
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!  
Dying once He all doth save, Alleluia!  
Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Love’s redeeming work is done, Alleluia!  
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!  
Death in vain forbids His rise, Alleluia!  
Christ hath 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!

**Hymn: “In Christ Alone”**

*Words and music: Keith Getty and Stuart Townend.*

In Christ alone my hope is found; He is my light, my strength, my song;  
This Cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace when fears are stilled, when strivings cease.  
My Comforter, my All in All; here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh; fullness of God in helpless babe.  
This gift of love and righteousness scorned by the ones He came to save;  
'til on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied;  
for every sin on Him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay; Light of the world by darkness slain.  
Then, bursting forth in glorious Day, up from the grave He rose again!  
And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me;  
for I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me.  
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no scheme of man can ever pluck me from His hand;  
'til He returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

**Hymn: "Christ Is Risen, He Is Risen Indeed!"**

*Words and music: Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, and Ed Cash.*

How can it be, the One who died has borne our sin in sacrifice  
to conquer every sting of death? Sing, sing, "Hallelujah!"

Christ is risen, He is risen indeed! Oh, sing "Hallelujah!"  
Join the chorus, sing with the redeemed:  
"Christ is risen, He's risen indeed!"

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'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!"

Christ is risen, He is risen indeed! Oh, sing "Hallelujah!"  
Join the chorus, sing with the redeemed:  
"Christ is risen, He's risen indeed!"

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.

Christ is risen, He is risen indeed! Oh, sing “Hallelujah!”

Join the chorus, sing with the redeemed:

“Christ is risen, He’s risen indeed!”

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.

Christ is risen, He is risen indeed! Oh, sing “Hallelujah!”

Join the chorus, sing with the redeemed:

“Christ is risen, He’s risen indeed!”

## **Time of Prayer**

### **Sermon: “Jesus Rose from the Grave**

#### **Matthew 27:57–28:15 (ESV)**

<sup>57</sup>When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who also was a disciple of Jesus. <sup>58</sup>He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. <sup>59</sup>And Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen shroud <sup>60</sup>and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had cut in the rock. And he rolled a great stone to the entrance of the tomb and went away. <sup>61</sup>Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb.

<sup>62</sup>The next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate <sup>63</sup>and said, “Sir, we remember how that impostor said, while he was still alive, ‘After three days I will rise.’ <sup>64</sup>Therefore order the tomb to be made secure until the third day, lest his disciples go and steal him away and tell the people, ‘He has risen from the dead,’ and the last fraud will be worse than the first.” <sup>65</sup>Pilate said to them, “You have a guard of soldiers. Go, make it as secure as you can.” <sup>66</sup>So they went and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone and setting a guard.

<sup>1</sup>Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. <sup>2</sup>And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. <sup>3</sup>His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. <sup>4</sup>And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. <sup>5</sup>But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. <sup>6</sup>He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. <sup>7</sup>Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you.” <sup>8</sup>So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. <sup>9</sup>And behold, Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. <sup>10</sup>Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me.”

<sup>11</sup>While they were going, behold, some of the guard went into the city and told the chief priests all that had taken place. <sup>12</sup>And when they had assembled with the elders and taken counsel, they gave a sufficient sum of money to the soldiers <sup>13</sup>and said, “Tell people, ‘His disciples came by night and stole him away while we were asleep.’ <sup>14</sup>And if this comes to the governor’s ears, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble.” <sup>15</sup>So they took the money and did as they were directed. And this story has been spread among the Jews to this day.

## **Hymn: “Crown Him with Many Crowns”**

*Words: Matthew Bridges and Godfrey Thring. Music: George J. Elvey.*

Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne;  
Hark! how the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own;  
Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee,  
and hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown Him the Son of God, before the worlds began,  
and ye who tread where He hath trod, crown Him the Son of Man;  
who ev'ry grief hath known that wrings the human breast,  
and takes and bears them for His own, that all in Him may rest.

Crown Him the Lord of love, behold His hands and side,  
those wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified.  
No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,  
but downward bends His wond'ring eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown Him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave,  
and rose victorious in the strife for those He came to save.  
His glories now we sing, who died, and rose on high,  
who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

Crown Him the Lord of lords, who over all doth reign,  
who once on earth, th'incarnate Word, for ransomed sinners slain,  
now lives in realms of light, where saints with angels sing  
their songs before Him day and night, their God, Redeemer, King.

## **Benediction**

### **Hebrews 13:20–21 (ESV)**

<sup>20</sup>Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, <sup>21</sup>equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.