



**Easter Worship On-Line  
April 12, 2020  
Community Congregational Church of Chula Vista  
United Church of Christ  
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**Welcome**

**Music Medley**

**Call to Worship: Based on Psalm 118**

Pastor: Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good!

**People: His faithful loves endures forever!**

Pastor: The stone rejected by the builders has now become the cornerstone.

**People: This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous to see!**

Pastor: This is the day the Lord has made!

**All: We will rejoice and be glad in it!**

**Prayer of Invocation: (In unison)**

**Loving God, your angels appeared to the faithful women of Jesus' company,**

**bringing them news more wonderful and awe-inspiring than they could imagine – Christ is Risen!**

**Surely your angels can interrupt our lives, too,**

**breaking into our losses and sorrows**

**and offering a message of tremendous joy to change our lives!**

**Come this Easter morning, we pray,  
and fill us with the joy of the women disciples,  
the first witnesses to your resurrection,  
that our lives may also be renewed in hope and glory.  
Let us roll back the stone of the grave  
and sing Alleluia once again!  
In Christ we pray, Amen.**

**Hymn of Praise: Christ The Lord is Risen Today; #224, New Century  
Hymnal, Verses 1,3,4**

*Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia  
Mortal tongues and angels say, Alleluia  
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia  
Sing glad heavens and earth reply, Alleluia!*

*Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia  
Fought the fight the battle won, Alleluia  
Death in vain forbids Christ rise, Alleluia  
God has opened paradise, Alleluia!*

*Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia  
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia  
May like Christ, like Christ we rise, Alleluia  
Ours the cross the grave the skies, Alleluia!*

**Prayer of The People and Lord's Prayer**

**Choir Anthem**

**Scripture Reading Matthew 28:1-10**

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. <sup>2</sup> And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, 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> For fear of him the guards shook

and became like dead men. <sup>5</sup> But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. <sup>6</sup> He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. <sup>7</sup> Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.” <sup>8</sup> So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. <sup>9</sup> Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, 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; there they will see me.”

**Hymn of Reflection “I Come to the Garden Alone” 588, Red Hymnal, Verse 1, 3**

*I come to the garden alone, while the dew is still on the roses,  
And the voice I hear, falling on my ear,  
The Son of God, discloses...*

**(Chorus)**

*And He walks with me, and He talks with me,  
And He tells me I am His own;  
And the joy we share, as we tarry there,  
None other has ever known.*

*I stay in the garden with Him, though the night around me be falling,  
But He bids me go, through the voice of woe,  
His voice to me is calling...*

**(Chorus)**

**Easter Homily “With Fear and Joy...!”**

**Song of Exaltation “Because He Lives” 292, Red Hymnal, Verses 1 and 3**

*God sent His Son, they call Him Jesus  
He came to love, heal, and forgive;  
He lived and died to buy my pardon,*

*An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.*

**Chorus:**

*Because He lives, I can face tomorrow,  
Because He lives, all fear is gone;  
Because I know He holds the future,  
And life is worth the living just because He lives!*

*And then one day I'll cross the river,  
I'll fight life's final war with pain;  
And then as death gives way to victory,  
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He lives!*

**(Chorus)**

**Benediction**

