

Community Church of Glen Rock

The Rev. Terrence O'Brien, Senior Minister

April 9, 2023 Easter Sunday 10:00 am

Order Of Worship

PRELUDE - Baroque Suite John Stanley
 Summer Thompson, trumpet

EASTER PROCLAMATION

WE REJOICE IN GOD'S PRESENCE

***HYMN #123 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today**

(Entrance of The Paschal Light)

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

Hold your head high, Christ has risen! Death has been conquered.
Christ has restored us to new life. All that is broken has been
made whole.

**Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your
sting?**

Hold your head high, Christ has risen! From a triumphant Palm
Sunday to a dark Friday, passing through sorrow, through death,
to life and joy, we arrive at Easter.

**By the power of God, the cross could not defeat Christ. The
darkness of the tomb could not contain the light!**

Hold your head high, Christ has risen! Carry forward God's
healing. Carry it to a world where truth and justice triumph over
evil and oppression. You have been called out of darkness and
into new life!

**Rejoice! Life bursts through darkness into the light. Jesus
Christ is alive for evermore. Alleluia!**

SALUTATION

GATHERING PRAYER

SOLO – I Know That My Redeemer Liveth G. F. Handel
 Melanie Lota, soprano

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Loving God, we confess that at times we do not share in
the joy of the resurrection but are caught in the worries of
the world. We confess that we do not always live in the
spirit of new life but remain discontent, grumbling and
anxious. Forgive us for not sharing in the Good News.
Forgive us when we find it more comfortable to worry and
complain than to risk the joy and encouragement of new
life in Christ. Call us back to Your ways, O God, to seek
hope and reconciliation, restoration and peace. In the
name of the Risen Christ, we pray. Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI (HYMN 579)

*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.*

GREETING OF PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Let us share that peace with each other.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANTHEM – Crown Him Lord This Easter Day Don Besig
 Chancel Choir; Summer Thompson, trumpet

*The tomb is empty; he is not there! The stone is rolled away. Let all
of God's people rejoice and be glad for our Savior is risen today!
Behold the promise: he is alive! The chains of death are gone. Let all
of God's people proclaim the good news and unite in a jubilant song.
Sing Alleluia, Alleluia! Loudly our voices we raise. Sing Alleluia,
Alleluia! Crown him Lord, give him glory and praise. Crown him the
Lord of life who triumphs o'er the grave, and lives victorious
in the strife for those he came to save. Let all creation sing of him
who sets us free, let all declare him king of kings for all eternity. The
sun is rising; darkness has flown! The earth is now reborn; and all of
God's people can walk in the light of a new and glorious morn.*

WE RECEIVE GOD'S GRACE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Robin Emery

GOSPEL LESSON Mark 16:1-8 p.929

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord

Congregation: **Thanks be to God!**

* **HYMN #106 Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks**

SERMON ***Great Expectations***

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

OFFERING

BELLS – This Day of Gladness Susan Geschke
Chancel Ringers

THE MORNING PRAYER

Dialogue

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

LITANY (responsively)

Christ is Risen!

Christ is Risen Indeed!

Hallelujah!

On this day we celebrate the resurrection.

The power of life has overcome the power of death.

Hallelujah!

The light of love has shattered the darkness of fear.

Hallelujah!

The way of peace has prevailed against the violence of the empire.

Hallelujah!

The kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our Lord. He shall reign forever and ever.

Forever and ever. Hallelujah!

* **Hymn #122 – Thine is the Glory**

* **BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE - Toccata

C.M. Widor

(Please leave the pews quietly, respecting those who desire to listen to the postlude.)