



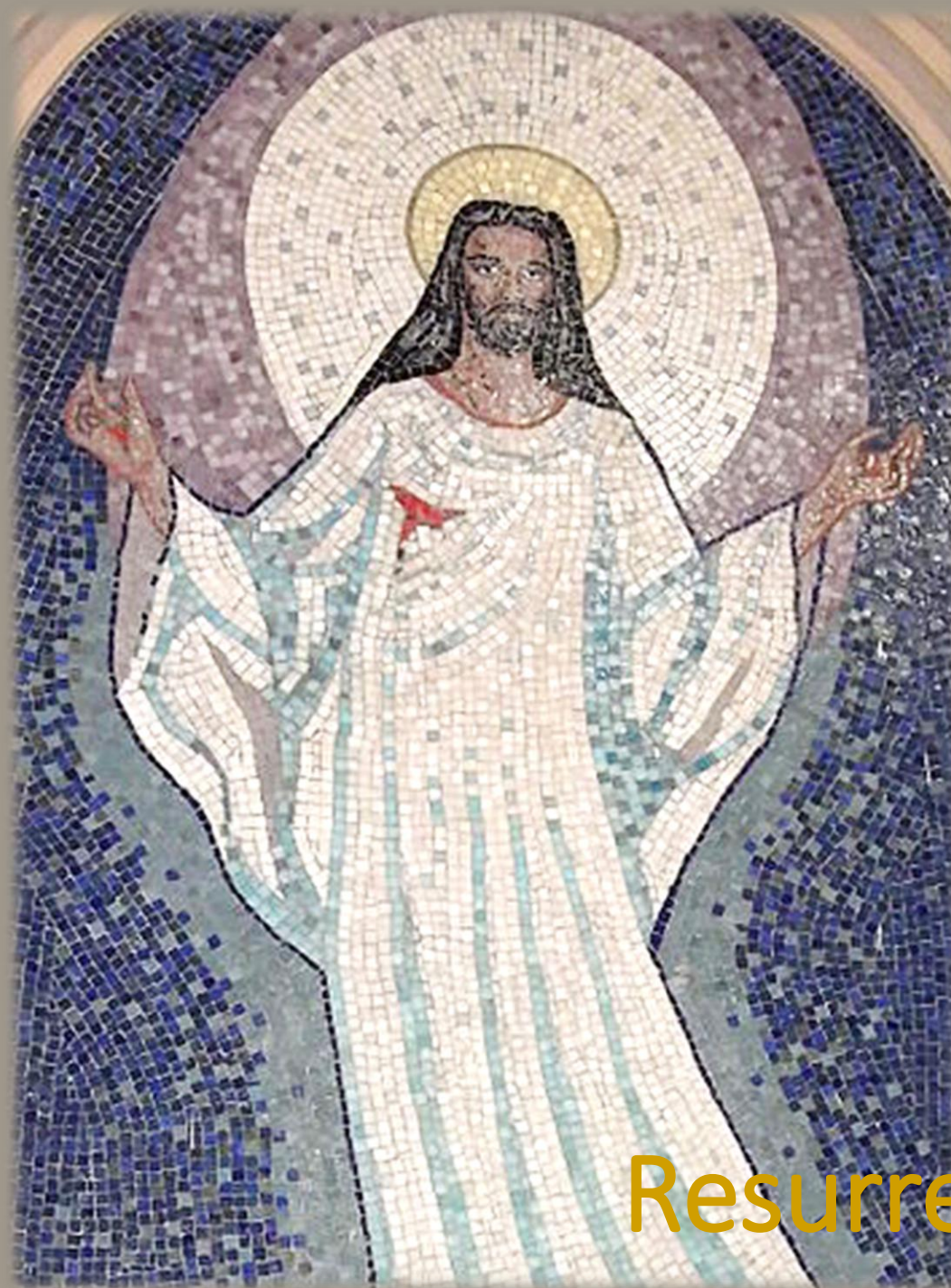
April 20th 2025

Portage Lake United Church

Lectionary Year C

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*Resurrection
Church of St Sebastian
Porto Alegre, Brazil*



The stone that the
builders rejected has
become the chief
cornerstone.

Psalm 118:22

Resurrection of the Lord

Welcome and Announcements

We gather in the name of the Holy Trinity, one God, source of all goodness and mercy. No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

- Thanks to all those who provided food for our breakfast this morning. It was a great time of good food and fellowship.
- Also, thanks to Estella, Jana, and Adam for sharing their gift of music with us this morning.
- Students, please don't forget your cookies and other snacks. Good luck on your finals and have a great summer.
- If you would like a lilly today, three of them are available to take home.
- May newsletter articles due Thursday, April 24, 2025
- 1st Quarter Financial Statements are available on the table in the lounge. Please take yours today.
- Angel Mission needs gift bags of all sizes for children shopping for Mother's Day.
- Angel Mission this week: Soap

Are there any other announcements?

Presider: Rev. Peter Norland

Musician: Susie Byykkonen

Reader: Beth Smock

Greeter: Beth Smock

Prayer Writer: Lois Jambekar

Children's Church: Olivia Byykkonen

Special Musicians: Estella Licari and Jana Meckler (flute), Adam Meckler (trumpet)



We gather on this most wonderful day as if it was the first Easter. Come with wonder and mystery, hope and expectation, joy and exaltation—the tomb was found empty and the Lord has **Risen** indeed!

Easter Greeting

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

This is the day that the Lord has made:

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!



Ann Campbell



Estella Licari, flute, Jana Meckler, flute
Susie Byykkonen, piano

MEDITATION

So, rather than deny death,
we affirm it by creatively living through it;
in order to become what we are not,
we willingly die to what we are.

(Francis Dorff)

✚ CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good!

God's steadfast love endures forever!

Let Israel say,

God's steadfast love endures forever!

Let the house of Aaron say,

God's steadfast love endures forever!

Let all who fear the Lord say,

God's steadfast love endures forever!

Let us worship the risen God!

Detail of Empty Tomb
Fra Angelico
San Marco Florence, Italy



Hymn "Thine Is the Glory" #123 BLUE

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Thine Is the Glory 122

JUDAS MACCABEUS 5.5.6.5.6.5.6.5 with refrain

Edmond Louis Budry, 1884

Trans. R. Birch Hoyle, 1923; alt.

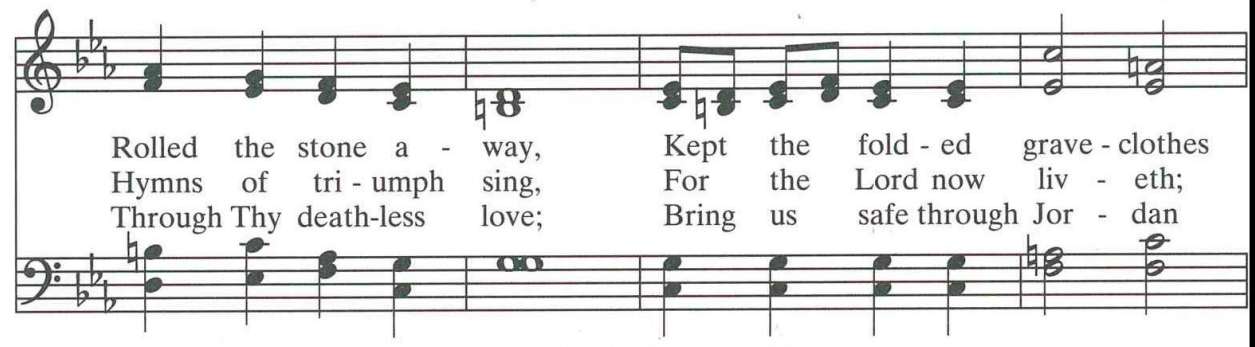
George Frederick Handel, 1748



1. Thine is the glo - ry, Ris - en, con - quering Son; End - less is the
2. Lo! Je - sus meets us, Ris - en from the tomb; - Lov - ing - ly He
3. No more we doubt Thee, Glo - rious Prince of life! Life is nought with -

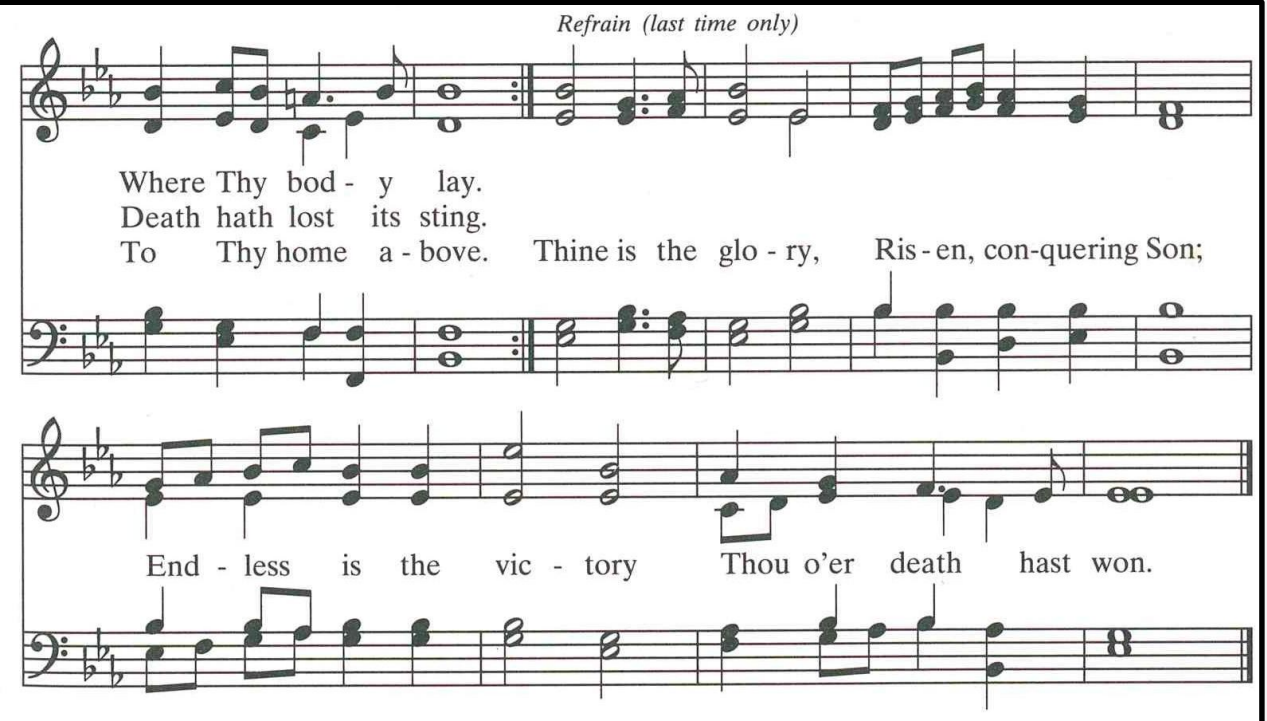


vic - tory Thou o'er death hast won. An - gels in bright rai - ment
greet us, Scat - ters fear and gloom. Let the church with glad - ness
out Thee; Aid us in our strife. Make us more than con - querors



Rolled the stone a - way, Kept the fold - ed grave - clothes
Hymns of tri - umph sing, For the Lord now liv - eth;
Through Thy death - less love; Bring us safe through Jor - dan

Refrain (last time only)



Where Thy bod - y lay.
Death hath lost its sting.
To Thy home a - bove. Thine is the glo - ry, Ris - en, con - quering Son;
End - less is the vic - tory Thou o'er death hast won.

✚ PRAYER OF THE DAY

Praise be to you, O God of resurrection,
for you have defeated
the powers of sin and death.
In resurrecting Christ Jesus,
you displayed your holy power
and transformed all of creation.
In your steadfast love,
you have redeemed us once and for all.
Where we once saw pain, scarcity, and despair,
we now see wholeness, abundance, and hope.
Holy Spirit, inspire us to live as your new creation,
working to make things on earth as they are in heaven.
Amen.



Women at the Tomb
ca. 1150 Chartres Cathedral

✦ Thanksgiving for Baptism (responsive)

Thanksgiving for Baptism

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Creator God, you drew out life-giving water from a desert rock.

We give you thanks for the water of baptism.

In being joined with Christ,

we die to what destroys

and are raised to new life with Christ.

As streams rush into rivers,

may our lives flow into yours,

joining in your work of a new creation for a world in need.

In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

+ PASSING THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

Greet each other with a sign of God's peace.

Children of God, we are the body of Christ.
By one spirit we were baptized into one body.

Keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.
Amen. We are bound by the love of Christ.



WORD



*God speaks to
us in scripture,
reading,
preaching and
song*

Special Music

“How Majestic is Your Name”

Michael W. Smith, arr. by Joseph Linn

Adam Meckler, trumpet, Susie Byykkonen, piano

Photo: Sherry Middlemis-Brown

Isaiah 65:17-25

New heavens and a new earth

65:17 For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. 65:18 But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating, for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy and its people as a delight. 65:19 I will rejoice in Jerusalem and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it or the cry of distress. 65:20 No more shall there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime, for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. 65:21 They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. 65:22 They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat, for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. 65:23 They shall not labor in vain or bear children for calamity, for they shall be offspring blessed by the LORD-- and their descendants as well. 65:24 Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. 65:25 The wolf and the lamb shall feed together; the lion shall eat straw like the ox, but the serpent--its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the LORD.

Word of God, Word of Life. Thanks be to God

1 Corinthians 15:19-26

Christ raised from the dead

19 If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

20 But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. 21 For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; 22 for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. 23 But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. 24 Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. 25 For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. 26 The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

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HYMN "The Day of Resurrection"

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John of Damascus (c. 675-749)
Trans. John Mason Neale, 1862

Henry Thomas Smart, c. 1835



1. The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad;
2. Our hearts be pure from e - vil, That we may see a - right
3. Now let the heavens be joy - ful, Let earth the song be - gin,



The Pass - o - ver of glad - ness, The Pass - o - ver of God.
The Lord in rays e - ter - nal Of res - ur - rec - tion light;
Let the round world keep tri - umph, And all that is there - in;



From death to life e - ter - nal, From this world to the sky,
And, lis - tening to His ac - cents, May hear, so calm and plain,
Let all things seen and un - seen Their notes of glad - ness blend,



Our Christ hath brought us o - ver With hymns of vic - to - ry.
His own "All hail!" and, hear - ing, May raise the vic - tor strain.
For Christ the Lord is ris - en, Our joy that hath no end.



+ GOSPEL READING John 20:1-18

20:1 Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. 20:2 So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." 20:3 Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. 20:4 The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. 20:5 He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. 20:6 Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, 20:7 and the cloth that had been on Jesus's head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. 20:8 Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed, 20:9 for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. 20:10 Then the disciples returned to their homes.

+ GOSPEL READING John 20:1-18

20:11 But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb, 20:12 and she saw two angels in white sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. 20:13 They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." 20:14 When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. 20:15 Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." 20:16 Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). 20:17 Jesus said to her, "Do not touch me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" 20:18 Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord," and she told them that he had said these things to her.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. Thanks be to God

SERMON



SPECIAL MUSIC



"Jesus Paid it All"

John T. Grape/Dick Bolks & Joseph Linn

Adam Meckler, trumpet, Susie Byykkonen, piano

Photo: Sherry Middlemis-Brown

OFFERING PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We praise you, O God of new life,
and give you thanks that you have given us
such joy, such grace, and such hope,
in the resurrection of Jesus.

Let our lives be proof of that good news.

Teach us to live each day for you,
that our words and actions, our love and service
bear witness to your resurrection power;
for the sake of our living Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

EASTER EASTER

106 Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

ALLELUIA NO. 1 8.8 with refrain

Donald Fishel, 1973
Arr. Betty Pulkingham
and Donald Fishel, 1979

Donald Fishel, 1973

Descant

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

ris - en Lord. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give

1-4 *Final ending*

Praise to His Name. Name.

praise to His Name. Name.

1. Je - sus is Lord of all the earth.
2. Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
3. We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ.
4. Come, let us praise the liv - ing God.

He is the King of cre - a - tion.
Je - sus has died and has ris - en. Al - le -
Now we shall live for ev - er.
Joy - ful - ly sing to our Sav - ior.

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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PRAYER OF OUR SAVIOR

ECUMENICAL



The Lord's Prayer James Tissot 1886 - 1896

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.

EASTER

1 Corinthians 15:3-4

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Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN 7.7.7.7 with alleluias

Stanzas 1-3, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708
Stanza 4, Charles Wesley, 1740

Lyra Davidica, 1708
Adapted from *The Compleat Psalmodist*, 1749
Desc. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1955

Descant

1. Je - sus Christ is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3. But the pains which He en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4. Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!

Our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Un - to Christ, our heav - en - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
 Praise e - ter - nal as God's love; Al - le - lu - ia!

Who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Now a - bove the sky He's King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Praise our God, ye heav - en - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

Suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

SENDING *God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

CHARGE AND BLESSING

Go out with joy to tell good news:
Jesus Christ is risen!
Alleluia!

The blessing of the eternal, triune God—
Alpha and Omega,
first and last,
beginning and end—
be with you all. Alleluia!

Postlude "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

Gesangbuch der Herzogl, Wurrtemberg, 1784/Brent Olstad

Estella Licari, Jana Meckler, Susie Byykkonen, flute trio

Questions for Reflection

What difference does it make to believe that Jesus Christ is risen from the dead?

How does your faith in the resurrection of Jesus Christ change the way you think about sin and death?

How does it change the way you live?



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Visio Divina

Jacques Joseph Tissot (French: [tiso]; 15 October 1836 – 8 August 1902), Anglicized as James Tissot (/ˈtɪsoʊ/).

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/James_Tissot

This week we feature one more painting by James Tissot



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