



First Presbyterian

CHURCH OF PORTLAND

Service for the Lord's Day

March 31, 2024

10:30 AM

Resurrection of the Lord
Easter Sunday

Please remember to silence your cell phone.

*Please stand as you are able.

Regular text is read by minister.

Bold text is read by congregation.

THE GATHERING

The prelude is a time of music for quiet reflection to prepare our hearts for worship.

PRELUDE

INTROIT

Introit for Easter

Richard Proulx

Alleluia!

The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

Alleluia!

— Psalm 118:22

*WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

After nights of deep darkness,

the bright light of Easter has dawned.

We come in search of the One who has died and yet lives.

We come to hear the angel joyfully proclaim:

Christ is not here, for he is risen.

Christ is risen indeed!

*EASTER PRAYER

Brightness of God's glory, whom death could not conquer,

as you have shared our frailty in human flesh,

help us to share your life eternal in the Spirit.

Let no shadow of the grave frighten us,

for in you, death is overcome in victory.

Reveal yourself to us this Easter day and all our days,

our great and risen Lord. Amen.

**Jesus Christ is risen 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 God's love. Alleluia!
Praise our God, ye heav'nly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!**

Text: Stanzas 1-3, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708; stanza 4, Charles Wesley, 1740
Tune: EASTER HYMN, 7.7.7.7 with alleluias; *Lyra Davidica*, 1708

(Mitchell Nelson and Henry Marr, trumpets)

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*Unison*)

**On this morning of alleluias, O God, we confess how human we are.
Too often we have been callous to the needs of others,
bound by fears which hold us back.
Bring us new life, O God of resurrection.
Where we are weary or burdened, transform our hearts,
and fill us with your Spirit's joy.
In the name of Christ, who gives us life, we pray.**

Prayers of confession continue in silence.

***LORD, HAVE MERCY**

**Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.
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Text: Trad. liturgical text Tune: LAND OF REST, 8.7.8.7; American folk melody; arr. Richard Proulx, 1984

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

On this joyful Easter
we proclaim that nothing can separate us from the love of God,
for death and darkness are overcome in victory.
Friends, rejoice and believe:
in our risen Lord Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God!

***RESPONSE OF PRAISE**

**Hail the Lord of earth and heaven! Alleluia!
Praise to you by both be given, Alleluia!
Every knee to you shall bow, Alleluia!
Risen Christ, triumphant now. Alleluia!**

Text: Charles Wesley, 1739, alt. Tune: LLANFAIR, 7.7.7.7 with alleluias; Robert Williams, 1817

***SHARING THE PEACE**

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you!

Please take a moment to greet those around you with God's peace.

THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Estelle Brunner

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Colossians 3:1-4

Pew Bible, pg. 201 (NT)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM**Joy Is Come!**

14th-cent. German
arr. Andrew Carter

Joy is come! Eastertide! Sing we all far and wide,
see the stone rolled aside, Christ our Lord is risen, bursting from his prison.
Let the sound (sound, sound) ring around ('round, 'round)
and the song now rebound: Christ the Lord is risen!

Joy is come! Easter Day! Join the dance, homage pay,
Christ the Lord lights our way, from the tomb now breaking, Satan's power shaking.
Let the song (song, song) echo long (long, long),
shout it loud, sing it strong: Christ the Lord is risen!

Joy is come! Easter morn! With your Lord greet the dawn,
he endured crown of thorn and the bitter nailing, faithful and unfailing.
Tidings tell (tell, tell), chant it well (well, well),
risen Christ in us dwell, o'er the cross prevailing.

Easter joy may we bring, welcome, Lord, heaven's King,
winter turns into spring, darkness overtaking, and our spirits waking.
Praises flow (flow, flow), voices grow (grow, grow),
sounding far 'Gloria in excelsis Deo!'

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 16:1-8

Pew Bible, pg. 54 (OT)

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

"Taking Up the Torch"

Rev. Dr. Audrey Schindler

Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded graveclothes where thy body lay.
Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom.
Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting.
Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life!
Life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife.
Make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.
Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

Text: Edmund Louis Budry, 1884; trans. Richard Birch Hoyle, 1923, alt.

Tune: JUDAS MACCABEUS, 5.5.6.5.6.5.6.5 with refrain; George Frederick Handel, 1748

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

(from A Song of Faith, United Church of Canada)

This Easter day,
we rejoice that death is not the last word.
God raised Jesus from death,
turning sorrow into joy, despair into hope.
We sing of Jesus raised from the dead.
We sing hallelujah.
The Risen Christ lives today,
present to us and the source of our hope.
We sing of a church seeking to continue the story of Jesus
by embodying Christ's presence in the world.
We are called together by Christ as a community
of broken but hopeful believers,
loving what he loved, living what he taught,
striving to be faithful servants of God
in our time and place, even as we look ahead in hope.

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OFFERTORY

Christ the Lord Is Risen Again

Anthony Foster

Christ the Lord is risen again! Christ hath broken every chain!
Hark, the angels shout for joy, singing evermore on high, Alleluia!

He who gave for us his life, who for us endured the strife,
is our Paschal Lamb today! We too sing for joy, and say Alleluia!

He who bore all pain and loss comfortless upon the cross,
lives in glory now on high, pleads for us, and hears our cry: Alleluia!

— Michael Weisse, ca. 1531; trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1858

***DOXOLOGY**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures high and low.
Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

Text: Brian Wren, 1989 Tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, LM with alleluias; *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, 1623

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Unison*)

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

THE SENDING

*HYMN

All You on Earth

All you on earth, rejoice and sing; give glory to our risen King!
Raise your voices! Alleluia!
Our Lord, who died, now truly lives; to us this promise he now gives.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Your death, O Lord, was but the seed from which a new life would proceed!
Alleluia, alleluia!
Our Lord, once raised by heaven's pow'r, will raise us all in that last hour.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord has made this Easter day; to joy let sorrow now give way!
Alleluia, alleluia!
All Christians, who one faith declare, sing praise to Christ whose life we share.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Text: Omer Westendorf, 1970, alt.

Tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, LM with alleluias; *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, 1623

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Hallelujah Chorus *from* Messiah George Frederick Handel

Hallelujah: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.
The kingdom of this world is become
the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ.
And he shall reign for ever and ever.
King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Hallelujah.

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"He is not here for he is Risen!"

Tiffany window

*Love God.
Love Our Neighbors.*

Vision Statement

We commit to be a church that is:

Engaged: A forward-thinking and involved congregation committed to each other and to the wider community.

Inclusive: A faith community that affirms and welcomes all people.

Compassionate: A congregation that follows in Christ's way, advancing the well-being and dignity of all people, working for a just and equitable society, and caring for all creation.

Faithful: Living our faith authentically with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love while expanding the circle where God's love is known.

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