

## A Service of Easter Praise

April 12, 2020

Call to Worship - Dan Bartsch

Prelude

P. Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed! Pastor Ale Tulu

PIANO SOLO (ELW #365, LBW # 151, SBH #92)

“Jesus Christ is Risen Today”



THE EASTER PRAYER OF THE DAY PASTOR ALE TULU

“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. 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 upon it. His appearance was like lightning, and his garment white as snow. And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, ‘Do not be afraid; for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified.

He is not here; for he has risen, as he said.

Come, see the place where he lay. Then go tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will meet him.”

PIANO SOLO (ELW #367, LBW # 143, SBH #103)

“Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds”

A LITANY OF CELEBRATION

Pastor John Golv

Praise the name of God, who breathed life into our bodies.

Praise the name of God, who gave us a garden!

Praise the name of God, who saved us from the flood,

Who gave us a rainbow,

Who promised to be our God,

For we would be God’s people.

Praise the name of God, who led us out of bondage, who parted the Red Sea and sent us manna,

Who sent us the prophets,

Who called us from chaos to shalom.

Praise the name of God, who sent the Son.

All praise to God almighty!

Praise the name of God, who stilts the waters,

Who gives us bread,

Who gives us the fatted calf,

Who raises us from the dead;

Who never ceases looking for lost lambs,

Who saves us from self-righteousness,

Who heals our broken bodies,

Who calls us away from Sadducee and Pharisee religiosity,

Who challenges us to throw the first stone,

Who gives us a cup of cold water,

And asks us to do the same for others;

Who calls us in Christ out of darkness into a new Light;

Who gives us in Christ this commandment: Love one another as he loves us.

Praise the name of God who weeps with us, and laughs with us, and calls  
us to believe. Praise the name of God who raised Jesus Christ from the dead!

PIANO SOLO (ELW #379, LBW #147, SBH #100) “Hallelujah Jesus Lives”

PRAYER OF THE DAY PASTOR ALE TULU

O God you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, so that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING Acts 10:34-43 **Millie**

Then Peter began to speak to them: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to ail the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

PSALM 118:1-2, 14-24 **Millie**

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; His mercy endures forever. Let Israel now proclaim, “His mercy endures forever.” The Lord is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation. There is a sound of exultation and victory in the tents of the righteous: The right hand of the Lord has triumphed! The right hand of the Lord is exalted! The right hand of the Lord has triumphed!” I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord. The Lord has punished me sorely, but he did not hand me over to death. Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the Lord. “This is the gate of the Lord; he who is righteous may enter.” I will give thanks to you, for you answered me and have become my salvation. The same stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This is the Lord’s doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes. On this day the Lord has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 **Millie**

Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain. For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

An Easter Solo

“Hallelujah”

Laura Rude

THE EASTER GOSPEL - Matthew 28:1-10 Pastor John Golv

SERMON – *God Is Not Done With Us* - Pastor John Golv

PIANO SOLO ELW #385, LBW #144, SBH #109

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!”

I believe in God, the Father almighty Creator  
of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the  
power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS PASTOR ALE TULU

THE LORD'S PRAYER PASTOR ALE TULU

Piano Solo ELW #382, LBW #131, SBH # "Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!"

Benediction Pastor John Golv

Postlude