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Welcome

Prelude

Regine Kummer

Greeting

from Psalm 118

*The organ puts a low C under the words*

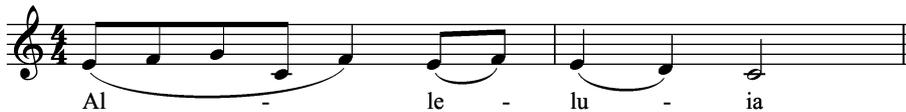
This is the day that the LORD has made;

**let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

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Alleluia *Sopranos the organ plays the melody along with the sustained C in the bass*



*the organ has sustained C and G in the pedals*

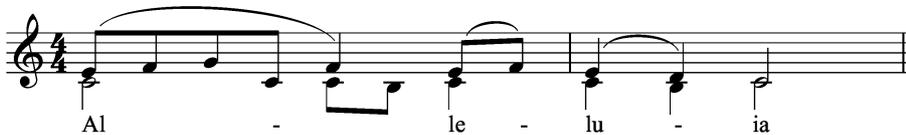
The LORD is my strength and my might;

**God has become my salvation.**

I shall not die, but I shall live,

**and recount the deeds of the LORD.**

Alleluia *Sopranos and altos The organ plays this along with sustained C and G in the pedals.*



*The organ shift the pedals to G and D*

Open to me the gates of righteousness,

**that I may enter through them**

**and give thanks to the LORD.**

This is the gate of the LORD;

**the righteous shall enter through it.**

Alleluia *Sopranos, altos and basses The organ plays this, with the sustained notes in the pedals.*

*The organ goes back to C and G*  
 I thank you that you have answered me  
**and have become my salvation.**  
 The stone that the builders rejected  
 has become the chief cornerstone.  
***This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.***

*Alleluia all parts But the organ now plays the parts.*

This is the day that the LORD has made;  
***let us rejoice and be glad in it.***

Hymn

Jesus Christ is risen today

LBW 151

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 heaven - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 praise e - ter - nal as his 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 him, all you heaven - 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!

The Grace

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

*And also with you.*

Hymn of Praise

Prayer of the day

The Lord be with you.

*And also with you.*

Let us pray:

God, showing no partiality,  
 whose justice breaks the categories of race, creed and class,  
 whose love charges through the barriers of distrust and fear,  
 whose grace leaves no one unacceptable,  
 ordain within us a new spirit  
 which testifies to your good news  
 so the stranger, the lonely, the wary, the weary

discover in our midst the spirit of your Beloved,  
and believe in him,  
our risen Lord, Jesus Christ  
who with you and the Holy Spirit is praised now and forever. Amen.

The First Lesson

Acts 10:34-43

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 all 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.’

Acclamation **Glory be to you**

Epistle Reading

1 Corinthians 15:19-26

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. 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. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

Alleluia

The Gospel John 20:1-18

The Gospel according to John chapter 20.  
***Glory to you, O Lord.***

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. 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.”

***Woman why are you weeping?***

Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb.

***Woman, why are you weeping?***

As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; 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. 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.” When

she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. 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.” Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, “Do not hold on to 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.’” 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.

***Woman, why are you weeping?”***

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

***Praise to you, O Christ.***

Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Stephen Larson

Hymn **Thine be the glory**

**LBW 145 verses 1 and 2**

*The baptismal party gathers around the font during the hymn, also the children gather around so they can see the baptism.*

The baptism of Thandi Shanice Noko

Introduction and Presentation of Thandi

God gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. The power of sin is put to death in this holy flood, and we are raised with Jesus Christ to new life.

Sponsor

I present Thandi for baptism.

Pastor to parents and sponsors:

Do you promise to nurture Thandi in the Christian faith as you are empowered by the Spirit of God and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church.

Sponsors and Parents I do.

Renunciation of Evil

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ, reject sin,  
and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

***I renounce them.***

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

***I renounce them.***

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God.

***I renounce them.***

The Apostles' Creed

Do you believe in God the Father?

***I believe in God, the Father almighty,***

*creator of heaven and earth.*

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

***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.***

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

***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***

Thanksgiving over the water (water is poured into the font during this prayer)

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your word, you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

***Amen.***

Baptism of Thandi

Thandi, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Congregation:

***You belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized. Alleluia.***

Alleluia

The laying on of hands

Sustain Thandi with the gift of your Holy Spirit:

The spirit of wisdom and understanding,

The spirit of counsel and might,

The spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord,

The spirit of joy in your presence both now and forever. Amen.

Sign of the Cross

Thandi, child of God,

You have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. Amen.

Presentation of a Candle (a sponsor)

Walk in the faith of Christ crucified and risen. Shine with the light of Christ.

Welcome

Thandi, through baptism you have been received into the household of God, entrusted with the good news of Jesus Christ, and strengthened to serve by the holy and life-giving Spirit.

Brothers and sisters, let us welcome Thandi. into the household of God.

We welcome you into the body of Christ  
and the mission we share.

Join us as we give praise to God  
and bear God's creative and redeeming word to all the world. Amen.

*(Renewing Worship: Holy Baptism and related rites)*

Hymn **Thine be the glory**

**LBW 145 verses 3**

Prayers of Intercession

The Peace

Today we can use the traditional Easter greeting while we pass the peace. In English we say to each other, Christ is risen and the response is Christ is risen, indeed!

But in this room we probably have many ways of saying Christ is risen. So before we share the peace, could we hear Christ is risen in some other languages?

Let us share the peace with one another.

Christ is risen

***Christ is risen, indeed!***

Gathering of Gifts

choir

Offertory hymn **Bendice, Señor, nuestro pan**

**Agape 9**

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

***And also with you.***

Lift up your hearts.

***We lift them up to the Lord.***

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

***It is right to give God thanks and praise.***

Preface

Yes, God we give you thanks,  
you, bringing forth light  
bringing forth life, abundant life.  
treasuring your creation,  
treasuring your children,  
drowning sin with a flood,  
drowning sin with the waters of baptism,  
raising Jesus from the tomb  
raising us from death.  
You are worthy of our profoundest worship,  
our most exuberant thanks.

And so with Thandi, and all those being baptized this day,  
with Peter and Mary Magdalene  
with your church in every time and place  
with the saints and angels we join the hymn of praise.

Sanctus     **You are holy**

**Agape 16**

Eucharistic Prayer

Holy are you for sending us Christ Jesus  
eating with sinners  
eating with Pharisees,  
loving the outcast and the poor  
loving the rich young ruler  
bearing his cross  
risen in glory.

Words of Institution

On the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Dying, he destroyed death,  
living, his love overcomes all.

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of our faith

***Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.***

Pour out your Holy Spirit  
revealing Christ present for us,  
transforming these gifts  
transforming our lives  
into Christ's body and blood for the sake of the world.

Yes God, we give you thanks.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours,  
now and forever. ***Amen.***

Lord's Prayer *in our many languages*

Agnus Dei     **Agape 85**

Communion

*(Because this is the table of Jesus Christ, all people are welcome and invited to his feast. Communion is continuous. Please come forward, beginning with the center section, and form one circle around the altar.*

*Receive the bread in your hands. Take the chalice from the server or help yourself to one of the small, individual glasses. Please return to your seat after receiving communion.)*

Songs during communion     Alleluias

Gregorian antiphon

Hal - le - lu - ja, Hal - le - lu - ia, Hal - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - ly - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Alleluia Y'in Oluwa

Agape 5

Good Christians all, rejoice and sing

Michael Weisse

Melchoir Vulpius: Germany

1. Ge - lobt sei Gott im höch - sten Thron samt sei - nem ein - ge -  
1. Good Chris - tians all, re - joice and sing! Now is the tri - umph

bor - nen Sohn, der für uns hat ge - nug ge - tan.  
of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:

Hal - le - lu - ja, Hal - le - lu - ja, Hal - le - lu - ja.  
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

2. Er ist erstanden von dem Tod,  
hat überwunden alle Not;  
kommt, seht, wo er gelegen hat.  
Halleluja, halleluja, halleluja.

2. The Lord of life is risen today!  
Bring flowers of song, bedeck the way;  
let every tongue rejoice and say:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

3. Nun bitten wir dich, Jesu Christ,  
weil du vom Tod erstanden bist,  
verleihe, was uns selig ist.  
Halleluja, halleluja, halleluja.

3. Praise we in songs of victory  
that love, that life which cannot die,  
and sing with hearts uplifted high:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

4. Damit von Sünden wir befreit  
dem Namen dein gebenedeit,  
frei mögen singen allezeit:  
Halleluja, halleluja, halleluja.

4. Thy name we bless, O risen Lord,  
and sing today with one accord,  
the life laid down, the life restored:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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Sending forth

Let us pray:  
Risen Christ,  
you have spoken our names,  
calmed our fears,  
fed us with the bread of life, the wine of salvation,  
you are always with us.  
Send us forth with gracious boldness

to share the love you freely offer  
and serve you with joy,  
today and forever.  
*Amen.*

Benediction

Introduction of Visitors and Announcements