



Emmanuel
LUTHERAN CHURCH & PRESCHOOL

7pm Evening Prayer — The Holy Season of Easter

Wednesday, April 29, 2020

Connecting The Organ Music Of J.S. Bach To The Psalms

Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Vienna, VA

Worship Livestream at www.facebook.com/elcvienna





Welcome & Announcements

A Prayer of Healing for the Nations

Pastor: In this time of pandemic, let us pray...

(A moment of silence for reflection.)

Pastor: From a world-wide pandemic of the coronavirus disease,

All: heal us, O Lord.

Pastor: From fevers and difficulty breathing, from sickness and dying,

All: heal us, O Lord.

Pastor: From fear and worry, from stress and weariness

All: heal us, O Lord.

Pastor: From isolation and loneliness, from uncertainty and loss

All: heal us, O Lord.

Pastor: We are all ages and all colors, all genders and all creeds

All: heal us, O Lord.

Pastor: For our families and friends, all communities and all nations,

All: heal us, O Lord.

Pastor: In Jesus' name we pray

All: heal us, O Lord. Amen.

Invocation

Pastor: In this holy season of Easter we are gathered in the name of the Father, † the Son and the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Special Music

Christ lag in Todesbanden (BWV 625)
("Christ Lay In Death's Bands")

J.S. Bach



Reading

Psalm 107: 1-6

Reader: ¹O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever.

All: ²Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, those he redeemed from trouble

Reader: ³and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

All: ⁴Some wandered in desert wastes, finding no way to an inhabited town;

Reader: ⁵hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted within them.

All: ⁶Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress;

Connecting The Psalm To The Music

Special Music

Jesus Christus, unser Heiland, der den Tod überwand (BWV 626) J.S. Bach
("Jesus Christ Our Savior Who Overcame Death")

Reading

Psalm 107: 7-15

Reader: ⁷he led them by a straight way, until they reached an inhabited town.

All: ⁸Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to humankind.

Reader: ⁹For he satisfies the thirsty, and the hungry he fills with good things.

All: ¹⁰Some sat in darkness and in gloom, prisoners in misery and in irons,

Reader: ¹¹for they had rebelled against the words of God, and spurned the counsel of the Most High.

All: ¹²Their hearts were bowed down with hard labor; they fell down, with no one to help.



Reader: ¹³Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he saved them from their distress;

All: ¹⁴he brought them out of darkness and gloom, and broke their bonds asunder.

Reader: ¹⁵Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to humankind.

Connecting The Psalm To The Music

Special Music Christ ist erstanden (BWV 627) J.S. Bach
("Christ Is Risen")

Reading Psalm 107: 16-22

Reader: ¹⁶For he shatters the doors of bronze, and cuts in two the bars of iron.

All: ¹⁷Some were sick through their sinful ways, and because of their iniquities endured affliction;

Reader: ¹⁸they loathed any kind of food, and they drew near to the gates of death.

All: ¹⁹Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he saved them from their distress;

Reader: ²⁰he sent out his word and healed them, and delivered them from destruction.

All: ²¹Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to humankind.

Reader: ²²And let them offer thanksgiving sacrifices, and tell of his deeds with songs of joy.

Connecting The Psalm To The Music

Special Music Erstanden ist der heil'ge Christ (BWV 628) J.S. Bach
("Risen Is The Holy Christ")



Reading Psalm 107: 23-32

Reader: ²³Some went down to the sea in ships, doing business on the mighty waters;

All: ²⁴they saw the deeds of the LORD, his wondrous works in the deep.

Reader: ²⁵For he commanded and raised the stormy wind, which lifted up the waves of the sea.

All: ²⁶They mounted up to heaven, they went down to the depths; their courage melted away in their calamity;

Reader: ²⁷they reeled and staggered like drunkards, and were at their wits' end.

All: ²⁸Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he brought them out from their distress;

Reader: ²⁹he made the storm be still, and the waves of the sea were hushed.

All: ³⁰Then they were glad because they had quiet, and he brought them to their desired haven.

Reader: ³¹Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to humankind.

All: ³²Let them extol him in the congregation of the people, and praise him in the assembly of the elders.

Connecting The Psalm To The Music

Special Music Erschienen ist der herrliche Tag (BWV 629) J.S. Bach
("The Glorious Day Has Appeared")

Reading Psalm 107: 33-43

Reader: ³³He turns rivers into a desert, springs of water into thirsty ground,

All: ³⁴a fruitful land into a salty waste, because of the wickedness of its inhabitants.



Reader: ³⁵He turns a desert into pools of water, a parched land into springs of water.

All: ³⁶And there he lets the hungry live, and they establish a town to live in;

Reader: ³⁷they sow fields, and plant vineyards, and get a fruitful yield.

All: ³⁸By his blessing they multiply greatly, and he does not let their cattle decrease.

Reader: ³⁹When they are diminished and brought low through oppression, trouble, and sorrow,

All: ⁴⁰he pours contempt on princes and makes them wander in trackless wastes;

Reader: ⁴¹but he raises up the needy out of distress, and makes their families like flocks.

All: ⁴²The upright see it and are glad; and all wickedness stops its mouth.

Reader: ⁴³Let those who are wise give heed to these things, and consider the steadfast love of the LORD.

Special Music Heut triumphiert Gottes Sohn (BWV 630) J.S. Bach
("Today God's Son Triumphs")

Reflection

"His Steadfast Love" based upon Psalm 107 by Pastor Tony Prinsen

Hymn of the Evening

Now Thank We All Our God

(verses 1+2)

ELW # 840



Now Thank We All Our God

1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,
2 Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
3 All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,

who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,
the Son, and Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven,

who, from our mothers' arms, has blest us on our way
and keep us all in grace, and guide us when perplexed,
the one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore;

with countless gifts of love, and still is ours to-day.
and free us from all harm, in this world and the next.
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

Text: Martin Rinkhart, 1586-1649; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878
Music: NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT, Johann Crüger, 1598-1662



The Lord's Prayer

Leader: God, remember us in your love, and teach us to pray:

All: 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 forever. Amen.

Sending

Pastor: Let us go in peace and share the good news!

All: Thanks be to God!

Closing Hymn

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