Office of Vespers
with Assignment of Vicarages and Internships

The Fourth Week of Easter
April 29, 2015
3 p.m.

CONCORDIA SEMINARY
ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI
THE PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

Litanyes

Jehan Alain

As the hymn is introduced, please stand and face the processional cross, turning as it passes you.

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor (LSB 534)

THE VERSICLES (spoken)

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen!
C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

L: O Lord, open my lips,
C: And my mouth will declare Your praise.

L: Make haste, O God, to deliver me;
C: Make haste to help me, O Lord.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.
Praise to you, O Christ. Alleluia!
Oh sing to the Lord, sing a new song,
For He has done marvelous things,
His right hand and His holy arm have worked salvation for Him.
The Lord has made known His salvation.
He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations.
All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.
Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth,
Break forth into joyous song.
Make a joyful noise to the Lord!

THE READING
1 John 3:16-24

L: This is the Word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

THE OFFICE HYMN
“Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings” (LSB 782)
THE SERMON

“Jesus Christ gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.” (Titus 2:14, ESV)

THE GOSPEL CANTICLE

My Soul Rejoices (LSB 933)  
Magnificat

THE ASSIGNMENT OF VICARAGES AND DEACONESS INTERNSHIPS

Stand

THE PRAYERS

L:  Lord, have mercy.
C:  Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
L: Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

C: 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 trespasses
    as we forgive those
    who trespass against us;
    and lead us not into temptation,
    but deliver us from evil.
    For Thine is the kingdom
    and the power and the glory
    forever and ever. Amen.

L: The Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.

L: Let us pray… O Lord God, merciful and gracious Father, we give thanks for these students who have been assigned vicarages and deaconess internships. By Your Holy Spirit grant them grace in their assignments and readiness, steadfastness, patience, understanding, a cheerful spirit, and great zeal in their service. Support and strengthen them that by Your Word Your Church may be built and increased; through Your Son, our great High Priest, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Vicars and Interns: Merciful God, we humbly implore You to cast the bright beams of Your light upon Your Church that we, being instructed by the doctrine of the blessed apostles, may walk in the light of Your truth and at length attain to the light of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

L: Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings with Your most gracious favor, and further us with Your continual help that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in You we may glorify Your holy name and finally by Your mercy obtain eternal salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

THE BENEDICAMUS AND BLESSING

L: Let us bless the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

L: The almighty Father, who raised our Lord Jesus from death, Jesus Christ, the risen Word of life, and the Holy Spirit who refreshes the Church through the gift of baptism, bless you and renew you in His life.

C: Amen.

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen!
C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!
THE RECESSIONAL HYMN
“Christ the Eternal Lord” (LSB 829)

1. Christ the eternal Lord, Whose promise here we claim,
   Whose gifts of grace are freely poured On all who name Your name;
   With thankfulness and praise We stand before Your throne,
   In tent to serve You all our days And make Your glory known.

2. Christ the unchanging Word To every passing age,
   Whose time-less teachings still are heard Set forth on Scripture’s page;
   Transform our thought and mind, Enlighten all who read.
   With in Your Word by faith to find The bread of life indeed.

3. Christ the redeeming Son, Who shares our human birth,
   And by His death salvation won For every child of earth;
   Inspire our hearts, we pray, To tell Your love abroad,
   That all may honor Christ today And follow Him as Lord.

4. Christ the unending Light Of everlasting day,
   Our Morning Star in splendor bright, The Life, the Truth, the Way;
   That light of truth You give To servants as to friends,
   Your way to walk, Your life to live, Till earth’s brief journey ends.

5. Christ the ascended King
   Exalted high above,
   In tent to serve You all our days And make Your glory known.
   Exalted high above, Whose praise unending ages sing,
   Exalted high above, Whom yet unseen we love;
   Exalted high above, When mortal life is past
   Exalted high above, Your voice from heaven’s throne
   Exalted high above, Shall call Your children home at last
   Exalted high above, To know as we are known.

THE POSTLUDE
Recessional

William Matthias

Soli Deo Gloria
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The Board of Regents, faculty, relatives, and friends are invited to a reception at 8:30 p.m. on the Chapel Plaza (Koburg Dining Hall in case of rain).

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