Office of Vespers with Assignment of Vicarages and Internships

The Fourth Week of Easter
April 24, 2018
3 p.m.

Concordia Seminary, St. Louis
THE PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

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

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us (LSB 851)

1 Lord of glory, You have bought us With Your life-blood as the price, Never grudging for the lost ones That tremendous sacrifice;
2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give You gladly, freely of Your own. With the sunshine of Your goodness Melt our thankless hearts of stone sentence, “You have done it all to Me.”
3 Wondrous honor, You have given To our humblest charity In Your own mysterious lost ones That tremendous sacrifice.
4 Lord of glory, You have bought us With Your life-blood as the price, Never grudging for the And with that have freely given Blessings till our cold and selfish natures, Warmed by Can it be, O gracious Master, That You give us faith to trust You boldly, Hope, to count less as the sand To the unthankful You, at length believe That more happy deign for alms to sue, Saying by Your stay our souls on You; But, oh, best of and the evil With Your own unpining hand, and more blessed 'Tis to give than to receive, poor and needy, “Give as I have giv'n to you”? all Your graces, With Your love our love re-new.
THE VERSICLES  *(spoken)*

Liturgist: Alleluia! Christ is risen!
Congregation: 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!

Sit

THE ANTHEM

*All That Hath Life and Breath Praise ye the Lord / René Clausen*

All that hath life and breath praise ye the Lord,
shout to the Lord, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia. Praise the Lord with joyful song,
sing to the Lord with thanksgiving, alleluia, praise Him!

Praise the Lord with joyful song, alleluia, alleluia.
All that hath life and breath praise ye the Lord!
All that hath life and breath praise ye the Lord, shout to the Lord, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

All that hath life and breath praise ye the Lord,
sing to the Lord a new-made song, praise His name, alleluia.
Unto thee, O Lord, have I made supplication,
and cried unto the rock of my salvation;
but thou hast heard my voice, and renewed my weary spirit.

All that hath life and breath praise Him, praise Him.
Praise Him, alleluia, praise Him, alleluia.
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation.
O my soul praise Him for He is thy health and salvation.

All that hath life and breath praise ye the Lord, shout to the Lord, alleluia!
Alleluia, praise Him!
Praise Him, laud Him, praise Him, laud Him, alleluia!
THE READING

1 John 3:16-24

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

Stand

THE OFFICE HYMN

Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings (LSB 782)

New each morning all our days, For Your mercies never ending, For Your love we offer praise.
Filled with creatures large and small; As we tend that endless treasure May our care encircle all.
Knew the care of faithful friends; May our deeds of dedication Of our love that never ends.
Bear the imprint of Your grace; With the Son and Holy Spirit, Praise be Yours in every place!

Lord, we pray that we, Your people Who Your gifts unnumbered claim, Through the sharing of Your blessings May bring glory to Your name.

Sit
THE SERMON

No Substitute for Love
1 John 3

Stand

THE GOSPEL CANTICLE

Inveni David / Anton Bruckner

Inveni David servum meum oleo sancto meo unxi eum,  
Manus enim mea auxiliabitur ei et brachium meum confortabit eum.  
Alleluia.

I have found David, my servant;  
with my holy oil I have anointed him,  
so that my hand shall be established with him;  
my arm also shall strengthen him. Alleluia.

Sit
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:

*The Lord's Prayer / Christian Izaac Tamaela (Indonesian)*

Our Fa-ther in heav-en, hal-low-ed be your Name,
your king-dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav-en.
Give us to-day our dai-ly bread. For-give us our sins as
we for-give those who sin a-gainstus. Save us from the time of tri-al
and de-liv-er us from e-vil. For the king-dom, the pow-er,
and the glo-ry are yours now and for-ev-er. A-men.
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 CHORAL PRAYER

E’en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come / Paul Manz

Peace be to you and grace from Him
Who freed us from our sins,
Who loved us all and shed His blood
That we might saved be.

Sing holy, holy to our Lord.
The Lord, Almighty God,
Who was and is and is to come;
Sing holy, holy, Lord!

Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein,
Rejoice on earth, ye saints below,
For Christ is coming, is coming soon,
For Christ is coming soon!

Lord Jesus, quickly come,
And night shall be no more;
They need no light nor lamp nor sun,
For Christ will be their all!
THE BENEDICAMUS AND BLESSING

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

L: May God who has brought us from death to life fill you with great joy in believing. Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
C: Amen.

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

THE RECESSIONAL HYMN

Rise, Shine, You People (LSB 825)

Our human story; God in Him is centered.
He brings us freedom, light and life and healing.
Your songs and prayers against the darkness hurling.
Tell of the Son, who life and freedom gave us.

He comes to us, by death and sin sur-
All men and women, who by guilt are
To all the world go out and tell the
Tell how the Spirit calls from ev’ry
round-ed, With grace un-bound-ed.
drv-en, Now are for-giv-en.
sto-ry Of Je-sus’ glo-ry.
nation His new cre-a-tion.

THE POST-SERVICE MUSIC

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

The streamers, if used in the service, add elements of movement and color. They are celebratory in nature, accenting the celebration of Christ Jesus the Lord’s resurrection and the certification of men and women for service in the church.

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