

OFFICE OF VESPERS AND  
ASSIGNMENT OF VICARAGES  
AND INTERNSHIPS



The Second Week of Easter  
April 22, 2009  
3:00 p.m.

Concordia Seminary  
St. Louis, Missouri



*In Nomine Jesu*

**THE PRELUDE**

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

**THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

*Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain (LSB 487)*



1 Come, you faith-ful, raise the strain Of tri - um - phant glad - ness!  
2 'Tis the spring of souls to - day: Christ has burst His pris - on  
3 Now the queen of sea - sons, bright With the day of splen - dor,  
4 For to - day a - mong His own Christ ap - peared, be - stow - ing  
5 Al - le - lu - ia! Now we cry To our King im - mort - al,



God has brought His Is - ra - el In - to joy from sad - ness,  
And from three days' sleep in death As a sun has ris - en;  
With the roy - al feast of feasts Comes its joy to ren - der;  
His deep peace, which ev - er - more Pass - es hu - man know - ing.  
Who, tri - um - phant, burst the bars Of the tomb's dark por - tal.



Loosed from Pha - raoh's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters,  
All the win - ter of our sins, Long and dark, is fly - ing  
Comes to glad - den faith - ful hearts Which with true af - fec - tion  
Nei - ther could the gates of death Nor the tomb's dark por - tal  
Come, you faith - ful, raise the strain Of tri - um - phant glad - ness!



Led them with un - moist - ened foot Through the Red Sea wa - ters.  
From His light, to whom is giv'n Laud and praise un - dy - ing.  
Wel - come in un - wea - ried strain Je - sus' res - ur - rec - tion!  
Nor the watch - ers nor the seal Hold Him as a mor - tal.  
God has brought His Is - ra - el In - to joy from sad - ness!

**THE VERSICLES** *(spoken)*

Leader: O Lord, open my lips,

**Congregation: And my mouth will declare Your praise.**

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

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 PSALM MOTET

**This Is the Day (Psalm 118)**

JACOB GALLUS (HANDL), 1550–91

This is the day the Lord hath made. O rejoice, be glad in it. Alleluia!

## THE READING

**1 John 1:1-2:2**

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

## THE OFFICE HYMN

*I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light (LSB 411)*



*all* 1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to  
*vicars/interns* 2 I want to see the bright-ness of God. I want to  
*all* 3 I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ. I want to



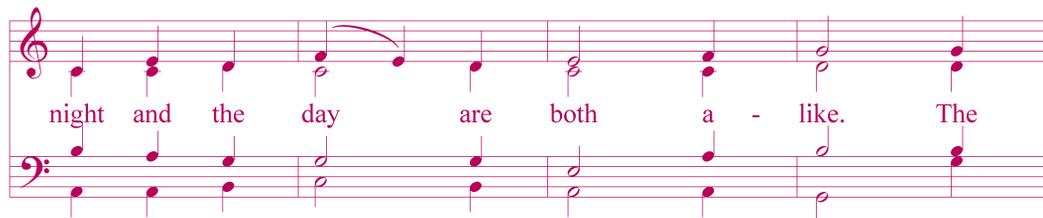
fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give light to the  
 look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of Righ-teous-ness, shine on my  
 be with Je - sus. When we have run with pa-tience the



world. The star of my life is Je - sus.  
 path, And show me the way to the Fa - ther.  
 race, We shall know the joy of Je - sus.



*all* In Him there is no dark - ness at all. The



night and the day are both a - like. The

Lamb is the light of the cit - y of God.

Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

## THE SERMON

### THE GOSPEL CANTICLE – *Magnificat*

HEALEY WILLAN

My soul magnifies the Lord; and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.  
 For he has regarded the low estate of his handmaiden  
 For behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.  
 For he that is mighty has done to me great things and holy is his name.  
 And his mercy is on them that fear him from generation to generation.  
 He has showed strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.  
 He has put down the mighty from their seats and exalted them of low degree.  
 He has filled the hungry with good things and the rich he has sent empty away.  
 He has helped his servant Israel in remembrance of his mercy,  
 As he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham, and to his seed forever.  
 Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
 As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

## THE ASSIGNMENT OF VICARAGES AND DEACONESS INTERNSHIPS

*Stand*

## THE PRAYERS

L: Lord, have mercy.

**C: Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

**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: 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 grace of our Lord ☩ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: Amen.**

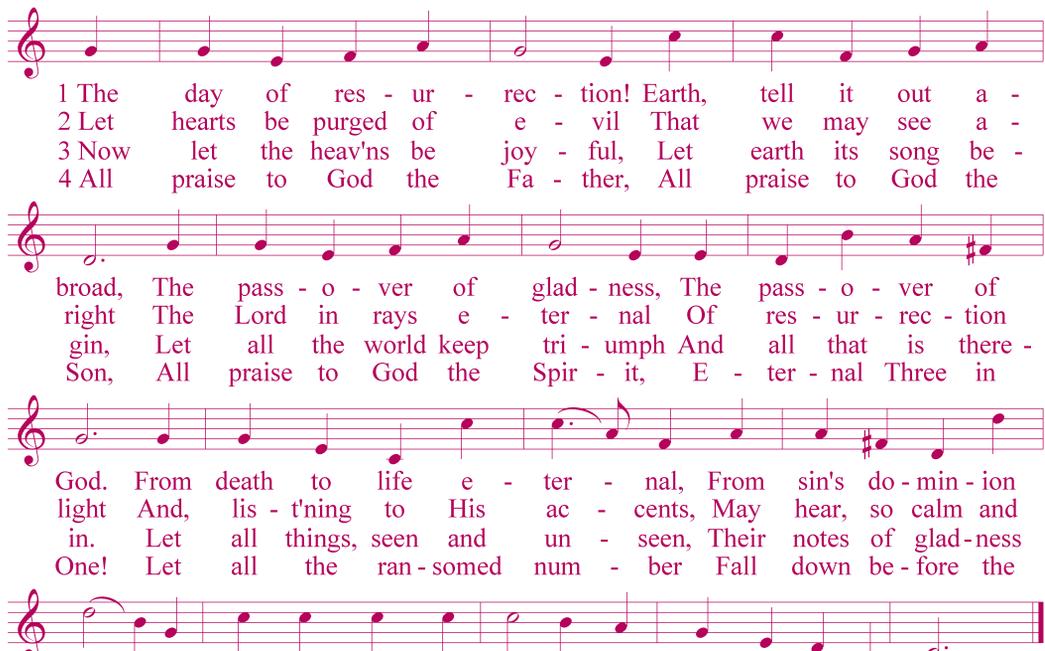
L: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

*Turn and follow the cross as it leaves the sanctuary.*

## THE RECESSIONAL HYMN

*The Day of Resurrection (LSB 478)*



1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a -  
2 Let hearts be purged of e - vil That we may see a -  
3 Now let the heav'ns be joy - ful, Let earth its song be -  
4 All praise to God the Fa - ther, All praise to God the

broad, The pass - o - ver of glad - ness, The pass - o - ver of  
right The Lord in rays e - ter - nal Of res - ur - rec - tion  
gin, Let all the world keep tri - umph And all that is there -  
Son, All praise to God the Spir - it, E - ter - nal Three in

God. From death to life e - ter - nal, From sin's do - min - ion  
light And, lis - t'ning to His ac - cents, May hear, so calm and  
in. Let all things, seen and un - seen, Their notes of glad - ness  
One! Let all the ran - somed num - ber Fall down be - fore the

free, Our Christ has brought us o - ver With hymns of vic - to - ry.  
plain, His own "All hail!" and, hear - ing, May raise the vic - tor strain.  
blend; For Christ the Lord has ris - en, Our joy that has no end!  
throne And hon - or, pow'r, and glo - ry As - cribe to God a - lone!

## THE POSTLUDE

*Soli Deo Gloria*

## THE SERVANTS

### Preacher

Gerhard C. Michael, Jr.  
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Paul Winningham, *director*  
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The Faculty, Council of Presidents, Board of Regents,  
Candidates, Vicars, Interns, spouses, relatives and friends  
are invited to a reception on the Chapel Plaza  
(Koburg Dining Hall, if rain) at 8:30 p.m.

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