

SERVICE OF PRAISE AND
ASSIGNMENT OF CALLS



The Second Week of Easter
April 22, 2009
7:00 p.m.

Concordia Seminary
St. Louis, Missouri

In Nomine Jesu

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

This Joyful Eastertide (LSB 482) Congregation and Choir

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| 1 This joyful Eastertide
Away with sin and sorrow!
My love, the Crucified,
Has sprung to life this morrow: | 2 Death's flood has lost its chill
Since Jesus crossed the river;
Lover of souls, from ill
My passing soul deliver:
REFRAIN |
| REFRAIN: Had Christ, who once was slain,
Not burst His three-day prison,
Our faith had been in vain:
But now has Christ arisen, arisen,
arisen;
But now has Christ arisen! | 3 My flesh in hope shall rest
And for a season slumber
Till trump from east to west
Shall wake the dead in number:
REFRAIN |

Choir

Resurrection Dance

Russell Schulz-Widmar

Give ear, give ear, good Christians all,
Our song is worth a hearing:
We tell how grief has ended woe
And fear has finished fearing;
The pain that lasted for a day
Has brought eternal cheering.

Was ever a battle won like this—
Where He that lost was gaining;
And He that fell was triumphing,
And He that died was reigning;
And He that held the reed of Scorn
A Sceptre was obtaining?

The winner then had such a fall
As crushed him down for ever;
The wise was taken in his craft,
The strong in his endeavor,
And He, the Slain, was Victor still
And he that slew Him—never!

Give ear, give ear, good Christians all,
The riddle is expounded;
From north to south, from east to west
Its meaning shall be sounded;
On Easter Day was won the fight
And Life has Death confounded.

The Strife Is O'er (LSB 464) Congregation and Choir

Congregation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

- 1 The strife is o'er, the battle done;
Now is the victor's triumph won;
Now be the song of praise begun. Alleluia!

- 2 The pow'rs of death have done their worst,
But Christ their legions hath dispersed.
Let shouts of holy joy outburst. Alleluia!

Choir

- 3 The three sad days have quickly sped,
He rises glorious from the dead.
All glory to our risen Head! Alleluia!

Congregation

- 4 He broke the age-bound chains of hell;
The bars from heav'n's high portals fell.
Let hymns of praise His triumph tell. Alleluia!

- 5 Lord, by the stripes which wounded Thee,
From death's dread sting Thy servants free
That we may live and sing to Thee. Alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Awake My Heart, with Gladness (LSB 467)



all 1 A - wake, my heart, with glad - ness, See what to - day is done;
 men 2 The foe in tri - umph shout - ed When Christ lay in the tomb;
 all 3 This is a sight that glad - dens—What peace it doth im - part!
 women 4 Now hell, its prince, the dev - il, Of all their pow'r are shorn;



Now, af - ter gloom and sad - ness, Comes forth the glo - rious sun.
 But lo, he now is rout - ed, His boast is turned to gloom.
 Now noth - ing ev - er sad - dens The joy with - in my heart.
 Now I am safe from e - vil, And sin I laugh to scorn.



My Sav - ior there was laid Where our bed must be made When
 For Christ a - gain is free; In glo - rious vic - to - ry He
 No gloom shall ev - er shake, No foe shall ev - er take The
 Grim death with all its might Can - not my soul af - fright; It



to the realms of light Our spir - it wings its flight.
 who is strong to save Has tri - umphed o'er the grave.
 hope which God's own Son In love for me has won.
 is a pow'r - less form, How - e'er it rave and storm.

5 *All*

The world against me rages,
 Its fury I disdain;
 Though bitter war it wages,
 Its work is all in vain.
 My heart from care is free,
 No trouble troubles me.
 Misfortune now is play,
 And night is bright as day.

6 *Candidates and Faculty*

Now I will cling forever
 To Christ, my Savior true;
 My Lord will leave me never,
 Whate'er He passes through.
 He rends death's iron chain;
 He breaks through sin and pain;
 He shatters hell's grim thrall;
 I follow Him through all.

7 *All*

He brings me to the portal
 That leads to bliss untold,
 Whereon this rhyme immortal
 Is found in script of gold:
 "Who there My cross has shared
 Finds here a crown prepared;
 Who there with Me has died
 Shall here be glorified."

THE INVOCATION

Leader: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

THE COLLECT FOR THE SECOND WEEK OF EASTER

L: Let us pray... Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Sit

THE PSALMODY

Psalm 148 (spoken)

L: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the heights.

C: Praise him, all His angels; praise Him all His hosts!

L: Praise him, sun and moon, praise Him, all you shining stars!

C: Praise Him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

Candidates: Let them praise the name of the Lord! For He commanded and they were created.

L: And He established them forever and ever; He gave a decree, and it shall not pass away.

Candidates: Praise the Lord from the earth, you great sea creatures and all deeps,

C: fire and hail, snow and mist, stormy wind fulfilling His word!

L: Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!

Candidates: Beasts and all livestock, creeping things and flying birds!

C: Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

L: Young men and maidens together, old men and children!

Candidates: Let them praise the name of the Lord, for His name alone is exalted; His majesty is above earth and heaven.

L: He has raised up a horn for His people, praise for all His saints, for the people of Israel who are near to Him.

C: Praise the Lord!

**All: 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.**

MOTET

Now Let the Heavens Be Joyful

Carl Halter

Choir:

Now let the heav'ns be joyful,
Let earth its song begin,
Let all the world keep triumph
And all that is therein.
He is risen, He is risen,
Christ, the Lord, is risen,
Our joy that has no end!

From death to life eternal,
From earth on to the sky,
Our Christ has brought us over
With hymns of victory.
He is risen, He is risen,
Christ, the Lord, is risen,
Our joy that has no end!

Let all things seen and unseen
Their notes of gladness blend.
For Christ, the Lord, is risen,
Our joy that has no end.
He is risen, He is risen,
Christ, the Lord, is risen,
Our joy that has no end!

Congregation:

Now let the heav'ns be joy - ful, Let_ earth its song be -
gin! Let all the world keep tri - umph And_ all that is there -
in. He is ris - en, He is ris - en, Christ, the_ Lord, is
ris - en, Our joy that has no end, Our joy that has no end!

Stand

THE READING

John 20:19-31

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

THE RESPONSE

Halle, Halle, Halle

Caribbean tune, arr. Marty Haugen

Choir: Halle, halle, hallelujah

Now Christ is raised up from death, He will never die again.

All who follow His way shall have life in Him: Hallelujah, hallelujah!

Congregation:



Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah.
Hal - le, ha - le, hal - le - lu - jah.
Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le -
lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.

Sit

THE SERMON

Stand

THE HYMN

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing (LSB 475)



1 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joi-ce and sing! Now is the tri - umph
2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day; Bring flow'rs of song to
3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry That love, that life which
4 Your name we bless, O ris - en Lord, And sing to - day with
of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:
strew His way; Let all the world re - joi-ce and say:
can - not die, And sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:
one ac - cord The life laid down, the life re - stored:
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Sit

THE ASSIGNMENT OF CALLS

Stand

THE PRAYERS

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Let us pray.

L: O Heavenly Father, the Author of all wisdom, understanding, and true strength, we ask You to look mercifully upon Your servants and send Your Holy Spirit into their hearts, that when they must join to fight in the field for the glory of Your holy name, then they, being strengthened with the defense of Your right hand, may stand in the confession of Your faith and of Your truth, and continue in the same unto the end; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

Candidates: Almighty and gracious God, You have commanded us to pray that You would send forth laborers into your harvest; in Your mercy make us true servants of Your Word with Your saving Gospel in our hearts and on our lips that we may truly fulfill Your command and do those things which are well-pleasing to You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

L: O Lord, You have power over death and the grave and have shown us Your wonderful grace in rescuing us from sin. We thank You for the blessings of the past 170 years that You have bestowed on Concordia Seminary and we thank You for the work You have given us to do together in The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. We ask You to give us grace to persevere in our present work so that Your honor and glory may be magnified every where; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE OUR FATHER

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.**

THE BENEDICTION

L: May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us His children through the resurrection of His Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of His blessing; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the ☩ Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever.

C: Amen.


L: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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

THE RECESSIONAL HYMN

Alleluia! Jesus is Risen (LSB 474)



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en! Trum - pets re -
2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter Tell - ing the
3 Je - sus the vine, We are the branch - es; Life in the
4 Weep - ing be gone; Sor - row, be si - lent: Death put a -
5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er, Gold - en Je -
sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light! Splen - dor, the Lamb, Heav - en for -
sto - ry to o - pen our eyes; Break - ing our bread, Giv - ing us
Spir - it the fruit of the tree; Heav - en to earth, Christ to the
sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright. Cher - u - bim sing: "O grave, be
ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb, Riv - er of life, Saints and arch -
ev - er! Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!
glo - ry: Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.
peo - ple, Gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.
o - pen!" Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.
an - gels, Sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!
Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise:
Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

Soli Deo Gloria

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