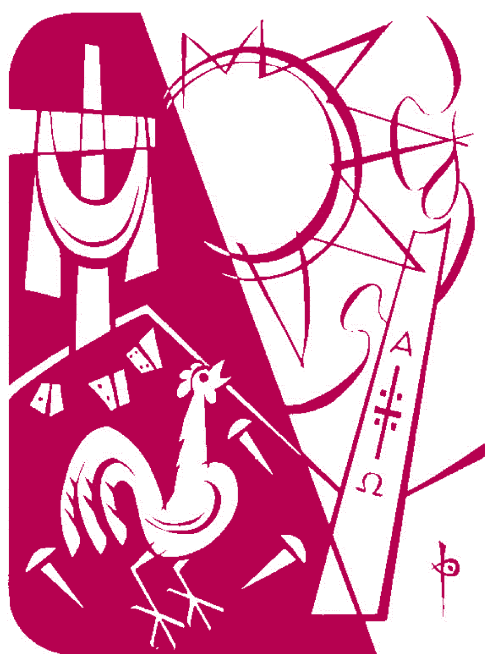


OFFICE OF VESPERS
WITH ASSIGNMENT OF VICARAGES
AND INTERNSHIPS



The Fourth Week of Easter
May 1, 2012
3:00 p.m.

CONCORDIA SEMINARY
ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

THE PRELUDE

How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord, Charles Callahan

Extemporization on *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus*

God be in My Head, sung by *Pro Musica Sacra*

Text: Adapted from 1514 Book of Hours, Clare College, Cambridge

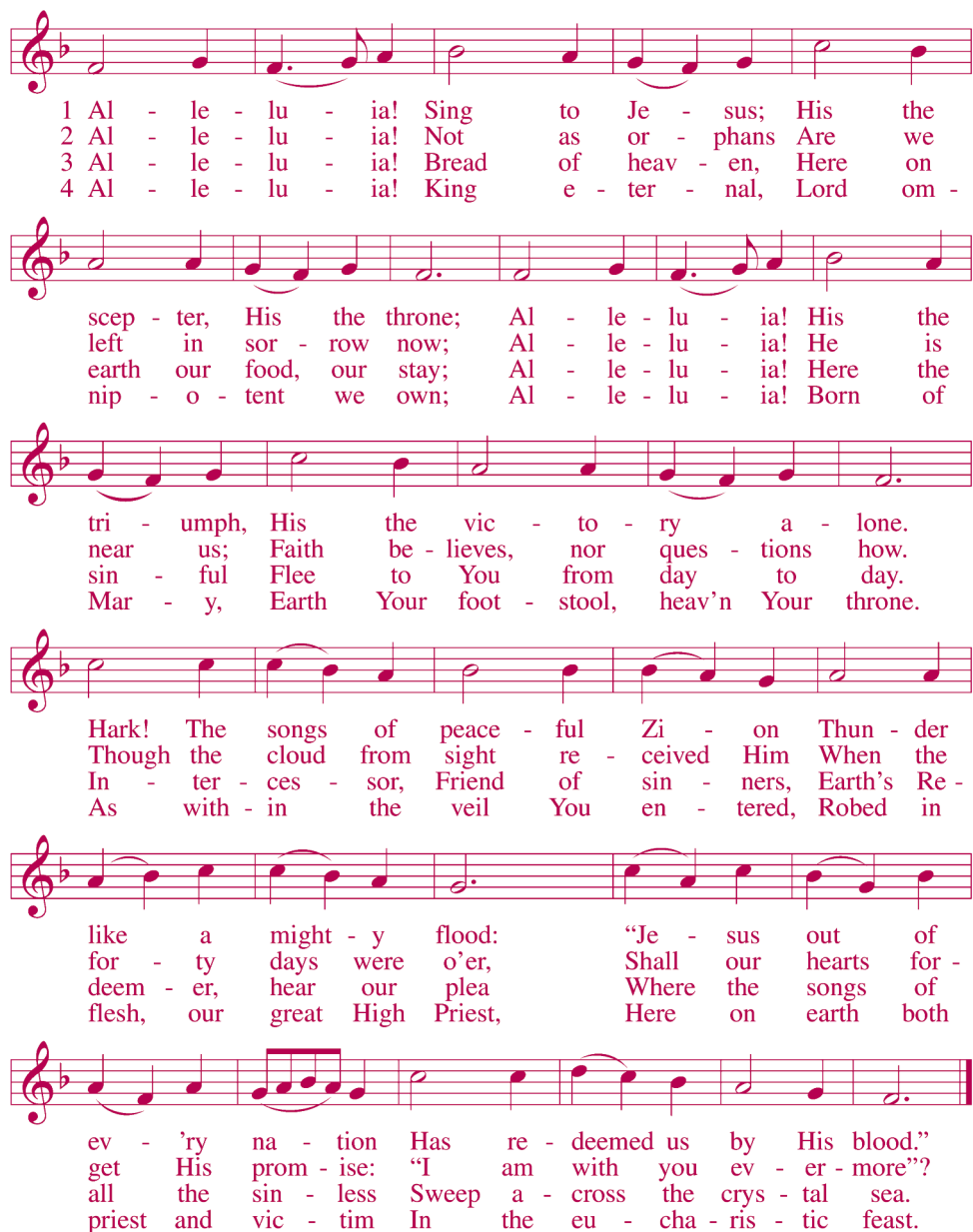
Music: Andrea Ramsey

God be in my head and in my understanding, God be in my eyes and in my looking and in my looking. God be in my head and in my understanding, God be in my mouth and in my speaking. God be in my heart. God be at my end and my beginning, and all my days in between.

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

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus (LSB 821)



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; His the
 2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans Are we
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of heav - en, Here on
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Lord om -

scep - ter, His the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! His the
 left in sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! He is
 earth our food, our stay; Al - le - lu - ia! Here the
 nip - o - tent we own; Al - le - lu - ia! Born of

tri - umph, His the vic - to - ry a - lone.
 near us; Faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how.
 sin - ful Flee to You from day to day.
 Mar - y, Earth Your foot - stool, heav'n Your throne.

Hark! The songs of peace - ful Zi - on Thun - der
 Though the cloud from sight re - ceived Him When the
 In - ter - ces - sor, Friend of sin - ners, Earth's Re -
 As with - in the veil You en - tered, Robed in

like a might - y flood: "Je - sus out of
 for - ty days were o'er, Shall our hearts for -
 deem - er, hear our plea Where the songs of
 flesh, our great High Priest, Here on earth both

ev - 'ry na - tion Has re - deemed us by His blood."
 get His prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more?"
 all the sin - less Sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.
 priest and vic - tim In the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.

- 5 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;
 His the scepter, His the throne;
 Alleluia! His the triumph,
 His the victory alone.
 Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
 Thunder like a mighty flood:
 "Jesus out of ev'ry nation
 Has redeemed us by His blood."

THE VERSICLES (spoken)

Leader: 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 PSALMODY

Psalm 146, sung by the Concordia Seminary Chorus

Setting: James Turle

Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul! I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being. Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation. When his breath departs, he returns to the earth; on that very day his plans perish. Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever; who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous. The LORD watches over the sojourners; he upholds the widow and the fatherless, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin. The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul! I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being. 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.

THE READING

1 John 3:16-24

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

THE OFFICE HYMN

"Be Strong in the Lord" (LSB 665)

1 Be strong in the Lord In ar - mor of light,
2 In - teg - ri - ty gird You round to im - part,
3 With ea - ger - ness shod Stand firm in your place,
4 Though Sa - tan pre - sume To test you and try,
With hel - met and sword, With shield for the fight;
The truth of His Word As truth in your heart;
Or go forth for God With news of His grace;
In hel - met and plume Your head shall be high;
On prayer be de - pen - dent, Be belt - ed and shod,
His righ - teous - ness wear - ing As breast - plate of mail,
No foe shall dis - arm you Nor force you to yield,
Be - set by temp - ta - tion Be true to your Lord,
In breast - plate re - splen - dent: The ar - mor of God.
His vic - to - ry shar - ing, Be strong to pre - vail.
No ar - row can harm you With faith as your shield.
Your hel - met sal - va - tion And Scrip - ture your sword.

- 5 So wield well your blade,
Rejoice in its pow'rs,
Fight on undismayed
For Jesus is ours!
Then in Him victorious
Your armor lay down,
To praise, ever glorious,
His cross and His crown.

THE SERMON

THE GOSPEL CANTICLE

Nunc Dimittis, sung by the Concordia Seminary Chorus

Music: Geoffrey Burgon

Lord, now lettest Thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word:
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, and to be the glory of thy people Israel. Glory be to the
Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost: 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.

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 let 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.

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.**

THE RECESSIONAL 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



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.



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



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.

- 5 Alleluia! Now we cry
To our King immortal,
Who, triumphant, burst the bars
Of the tomb's dark portal.
Come, you faithful, raise the strain
Of triumphant gladness!
God has brought His Israel
Into joy from sadness!

THE POSTLUDE

Fanfare, Michael Helman

Soli Deo Gloria

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The Board of Regents, faculty, 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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