

OFFICE OF VESPERS
WITH ASSIGNMENT OF VICARAGES
AND INTERNSHIP



The Fifth Week of Easter
May 1, 2013
3:00 p.m.

CONCORDIA SEMINARY
ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

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)

Stanza 3: Choir only



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 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 143

Text Translation: Richard Leach

Music: Amanda Husberg

Refrain:

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Choir: Refrain

All: Refrain

Choir: Hear my prayer, O Lord; listen to me now.
Hear me as I call on Your faithfulness.
I do not declare that I have no fault.
I am crushed beneath all my enemies,
In a place as dark as the grave itself.
I can barely breathe, my heart is held by fear.

All: Refrain

Choir: Yet I do recall all You did before.
I lift up my hands and pray and pray to You.
I am dry as dust in my thirst for You.
Lord, I need You now; hope is nearly gone.
Do not hide Your face, or I will be lost.
Let the morning bring good news of Your love.

All: Refrain

Choir: Show me what to do; I am in Your hands.
Save me, save me, Lord, from my enemies.
I have fled to You; shelter, shelter me.
Rescue me and be known as God who saves,
As my enemies fall before Your power.
Hear Your servant call; that is what I am.

All: Refrain

THE READING


Acts 11:1-18

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

THE OFFICE HYMN

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (LSB 700)



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of
2 Breathe, O breathe Thy lov - ing Spir - it In - to
3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; Let us and
4 Fin - ish then Thy new cre - a - tion, Pure and

heav'n, to earth come down! Fix in us Thy
ev - 'ry trou - bled breast; Let us all in
all Thy life re - ceive; Sud - den - ly re -
spot - less let us be; Let us see Thy

hum - ble dwell - ing, All Thy faith - ful mer - cies crown.
Thee in - her - it; Let us find Thy prom - ised rest.
turn, and nev - er, Nev - er - more Thy tem - ples leave.
great sal - va - tion Per - fect - ly re - stored in Thee,

Je - sus, Thou art all com - pas - sion, Pure, un -
Take a - way the love of sin - ning; Al - pha
Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing, Serve Thee
Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, Till in

bound - ed love Thou art; Vis - it us with
and O - me - ga be; End of faith, as
as Thy hosts a - bove, Pray and praise Thee
heav'n we take our place, Till we cast our

Thy sal - va - tion, En - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
its be - gin - ning, Set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
with - out ceas - ing, Glo - ry in Thy per - fect love.
crowns be - fore Thee, Lost in won - der, love, and praise!

Stand

THE READING

John 13:31-35

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Sit

THE SERMON

THE GOSPEL CANTICLE

Nunc Dimittis

Setting: George Dyson

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 INTERNSHIP

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 Intern: 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 blessing of the Lord, the Father Almighty, the blessing of ☩ Christ, the Lamb who was slain and raised again, and the blessing of the Spirit of Truth, be upon you and remain with you forever.

C: Amen.

THE RECESSIONAL HYMN

Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng (LSB 813)



1 Re - joice, O pil - grim throng! Re - joice, give
2 With voice as full and strong As o - cean's
3 With all the an - gel choirs, With all the
4 Yet on and on - ward still, With hymn and
5 Still lift your stan - dard high, Still march in



thanks, and sing; Your fes - tal ban - ner
surg - ing praise, Send forth the stur - dy
saints on earth Pour out the strains of
chant and song, Through gate and porch and
firm ar - ray, As pil - grims through the



wave on high, The cross of Christ your king.
hymns of old, The psalms of an - cient days.
joy and bliss, True rap - ture, no - blest mirth.
col - umned aisle The hal - lowed path - ways throng.
dark - ness wend Till dawns the gold - en day.



Re - joice! Re - joice! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!

6 At last the march shall end;
The wearied ones shall rest;
The pilgrims find their home at last,
Jerusalem the blest. *Refrain*

7 Praise Him who reigns on high,
The Lord whom we adore:
The Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
One God forevermore. *Refrain*

THE POSTLUDE

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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