# Office of Vespers with Assignment of Vicarages and Internship



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

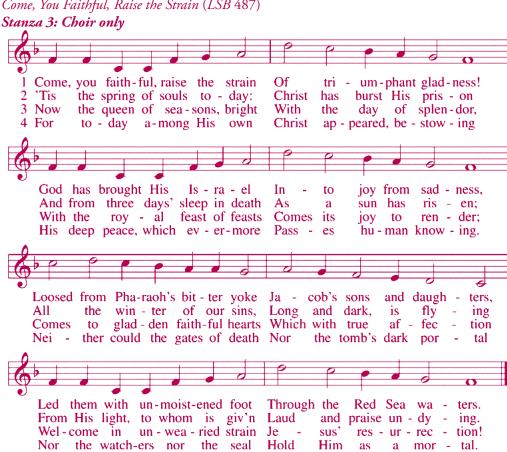
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# THE PRELUDE

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

#### THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN





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:



Let Your good Spir - it\_\_\_ guide me on safe and sol-id ground.

Choir: Refrain 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: Refrair

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

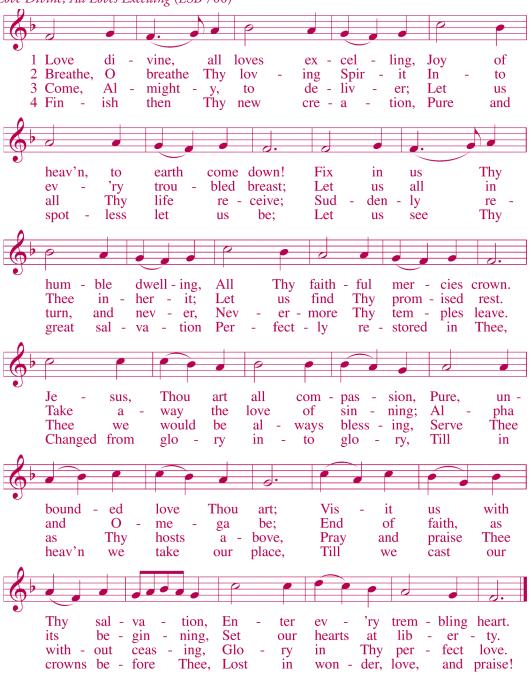
#### THE READING

#### 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)



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 A 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)



- 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

# THE SERVANTS OF THE WORD

#### **Preacher**

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Deaconess Ruth McDonnell, Flute
Assistant Director of the M. A. Program

#### Crucifer

Eric Ekong

Post-Vicarage Seminarian

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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