

OFFICE OF VESPERS  
WITH ASSIGNMENT OF VICARAGES  
AND INTERNSHIPS



The Second Week After Easter  
April 29, 2014  
3:00 p.m.

**CONCORDIA SEMINARY**  
**ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI**

## THE PRELUDE

*Send Out Thy Light*

Pro Musica Sacra—A Lutheran Community Choir

M. A. Balakireff

David M. Cherwien, editor

Send out Thy light, O send Thy truth,  
that they may lead me, O Lord, that they may lead me to Thy holy hill.

My soul shall trust in God the Lord;  
For I will yet give thanks to God,  
who is the help of my countenance, and my God.

Send out Thy light, O send Thy truth,  
that they may lead me, Lord, to Thy dwelling place.

*Improvisation on "O God of Light"*

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

## THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*O God of Light (LSB 836)*



1 O God of light, Your Word, a lamp un - fail - ing,  
2 From days of old, through blind and will - ful a - ges,  
3 Un - dimmed by time, those words are still re - veal - ing  
4 To all the world Your sum - mons You are send - ing,



Shall pierce the dark - ness of our earth - bound way  
Though we re - belled, You gent - ly sought a - gain  
To sin - ful hearts Your jus - tice and Your grace;  
Through all the earth, to ev - 'ry land and race,



And show Your grace, Your plan for us un - veil - ing,  
And spoke through saints, a - pos - tles, proph - ets, sa - ges,  
And quest - ing spir - its, long - ing for Your heal - ing,  
That myr - iad tongues, in one great an - them blend - ing,



And guide our foot - steps to the per - fect day.  
Who wrote with ea - ger or re - luc - tant pen.  
See Your com - pas - sion in the Sav - ior's face.  
May praise and cel - e - brate Your gift of grace.

## 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 27**

Laudamus—A Select Men's Chorus  
William Wingfield

Light of the world!

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living!

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear;

though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living!

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

Wait for the Lord; and let your heart take courage.

Wait for the Lord! The Light of the world!

The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living!

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

O Lord!

## THE READING

**Jonah 3:1-10**

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## THE OFFICE HYMN

*Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense (LSB 741)*



1 Je - sus Christ, my sure de - fense And my Sav - ior, now is  
 2 Je - sus, my Re - deem - er, lives; Like - wise I to life shall  
 3 No, too close - ly I am bound By my hope to Christ for -  
 4 I am flesh and must re - turn To the dust, whence I am



liv - ing! Know - ing this, my con - fi - dence  
 wak - en. He will bring me where He is;  
 ev - er; Faith's strong hand the Rock has found,  
 tak - en; But by faith I now dis - cern



Rests up - on the hope here giv - en, Though the  
 Shall my cour - age then be shak - en? Shall I  
 Grasped it, and will leave it nev - er; E - ven  
 That from death I shall a - wak - en With my



night of death be fraught Still with man - y an anx - ious thought.  
 fear, or could the Head Rise and leave His mem - bers dead?  
 death now can - not part From its Lord the trust - ing heart.  
 Sav - ior to a - bide In His glo - ry, at His side.

5 Glorified, I shall anew  
 With this flesh then be enshrouded;  
 In this body I shall view  
 God, my Lord, with eyes unclouded;  
 In this flesh I then shall see  
 Jesus Christ eternally.

7 Laugh to scorn the gloomy grave  
 And at death no longer tremble;  
 He, the Lord, who came to save  
 Will at last His own assemble.  
 They will go their Lord to meet,  
 Treading death beneath their feet.

6 Then take comfort and rejoice,  
 For His members Christ will cherish.  
 Fear not, they will hear His voice;  
 Dying, they will never perish;  
 For the very grave is stirred  
 When the trumpeter's blast is heard.

8 O, then, draw away your hearts  
 From all pleasures base and hollow;  
 Strive to share what He imparts  
 While you here His footsteps follow.  
 As you now still wait to rise,  
 Fix your hearts beyond the skies!

## THE READING

**1 Peter 1:3-9**

**L:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

## THE SERMON

## THE GOSPEL CANTICLE

*Nunc Dimittis*

The Seminary Chorus  
Timothy Shaw

*Recitative*

There was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon,  
and this man was righteous and devout,  
waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him.

*Canticle*

Lord, Lord, now You are letting Your servant depart in peace,  
Lord, Lord, according to Your word; for my eyes have seen,  
my eyes have seen Your salvation that You have prepared in the presence of all peoples,  
a light, a light, a light for revelation to the Gentiles,  
for the glory to Your people Israel.

Lord, Lord, now You are letting Your servant depart in peace.

## 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 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 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; further us with Your continual help that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in you, that 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: God has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Almighty God, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless you and raise you to life, both now and forever.

C: Amen.

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

### THE RECESSIONAL HYMN

*Forth in Thy Name, O Lord, I Go (LSB 854)*

1 Forth in Thy name, O Lord, I go, My dai - ly  
2 The task Thy wis - dom has as - signed, O let me  
3 Thee may I set at my right hand, Whose eyes my  
4 Give me to bear Thine eas - y yoke, And ev - 'ry  
5 For Thee de - light - ful - ly em - ploy What - e'er Thy

la - bor to pur - sue, Thee, on - ly Thee, re -  
cheer - ful - ly ful - fill; In all my works Thy  
in - most sub - stance see, And la - bor on at  
mo - ment watch and pray, And still to things e -  
boun - teous grace has giv'n, And run my course with

solved to know In all I think or speak or do.  
pres - ence find, And prove Thy good and per - fect will.  
Thy com - mand, And of - fer all my works to Thee.  
ter - nal look, And has - ten to Thy glo - rious day.  
e - ven joy, And close - ly walk with Thee to heav'n.

### THE POSTLUDE

*Soli Deo Gloria*

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The Board of Regents, faculty, relatives, and friends are invited to a reception  
at 8:30 pm on the Chapel Plaza (Koburg Dining Hall in case of rain)

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