



SERVICE OF PRAISE WITH ASSIGNMENT OF CALLS

THE FIFTH WEEK OF EASTER

APRIL 26, 2016

7 p.m.

CONCORDIA SEMINARY, ST. LOUIS

In Nomine Jesu

THE PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

Come, We That Love the Lord / David von Kampen

Bell Peal

*AS THE HYMN IS INTRODUCED, PLEASE STAND AND FACE THE
PROCESSIONAL CROSS, TURNING AS IT PASSES YOU.*

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Voices Raised to You We Offer (LSB 795)



1 Voic - es raised to You we of - fer; Tune them, God, for
2 All cre - a - tion joins to praise You; Earth and sky Your
3 Christ, the song of Love in - car - nate, Touch - ing earth with
4 Spir - it, flam - ing through cre - a - tion, Kin - dle faith with -



songs of praise. Hearts and hands we bring in trib - ute
works dis - play. Art and mu - sic, gifts You lend us,
heav - en's grace, For Your liv - ing, suf - f'ring, dy - ing,
in each heart. Lift our voic - es high in cho - rus;



For Your gifts through all our days. Al - le - lu - ia!
We re - turn to You to - day. Al - le - lu - ia!
For Your ris - ing, hear our praise! Al - le - lu - ia!
Through our hands Your love im - part. Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Tri - une God, to You we sing!
Al - le - lu - ia! God, Cre - a - tor, source of life!
Al - le - lu - ia! Christ, Re - deem - er, Lord of life!
Al - le - lu - ia! Spir - it, Help - er, breath of life!

- 5 How can any praise we offer
Measure all the thanks we owe?
Take our hearts and hands and voices —
Gifts of love we can bestow.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Triune God, to You we sing!

THE INVOCATION

Liturgist: 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 FIFTH WEEK OF EASTER

L: Let us pray: O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

SIT

THE PSALMODY

Psalm 90 O God, Our Help in Ages Past (LSB 733)

Stanza 5: Organ only / Setting by James Albrecht



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, Our hope for years to come,
2 Un - der the shad - ow of Thy throne Thy saints have dwelt se - cure;
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood Or earth re - ceived her frame,
4 A thou - sand a - ges in Thy sight Are like an eve - ning gone,



Our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, And our e - ter - nal home:
Suf - fi - cient is Thine arm a - lone, And our de - fense is sure.
From ev - er - last - ing Thou art God, To end - less years the same.
Short as the watch that ends the night Be - fore the ris - ing sun.

- 5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Soon bears us all away;
We fly forgotten as a dream
Dies at the op'ning day.
- 6 O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while troubles last
And our eternal home!

THE READING

Revelation 21:1-7

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

CHORAL ANTHEM

If Ye Love Me / Thomas Tallis

If ye love Me,
keep My commandments,
and I will pray the Father,
and He shall give you another comforter,
that He may 'bide with you forever,
e'en the spirit of truth (John 14:15-17).

STAND

THE READING

John 13:31-35

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SIT

THE SERMON

The Love Will Have Been Enough. (John 13:34-35)

THE HYMN

We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God (LSB 941)

Congregation:

We praise You and acknowledge You, O God, to be the Lord,
The Father everlasting, by all the earth adored.
To You all angel powers cry aloud, the heavens sing,
The cherubim and seraphim their praises to You bring:
“O holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;
Your majesty and glory fill the heavens and the earth!”

Choir:

The band of the apostles in glory sing Your praise;
The fellowship of prophets their deathless voices raise.
The martyrs of Your kingdom, a great and noble throng,
Sing with the holy Church throughout all the world this song:

Congregation:

“O all-majestic Father, Your true and only Son,
And Holy Spirit, Comforter — forever Three in One!”

Choir:

You, Christ, are King of glory, the everlasting Son,
Yet You, with boundless love, sought to rescue ev'ryone:
You laid aside Your glory, were born of virgin's womb,
Were crucified for us and were placed into a tomb;
Then by Your resurrection You won for us reprieve —
You opened heaven's kingdom to all who would believe.
Alleluia!

Congregation:

You sit in splendid glory, enthroned at God's right hand,
Upholding earth and heaven by forces You command.
We know that You will come as our Judge that final day,
So help Your servants You have redeemed by blood, we pray;
May we with saints be numbered where praises never end,
In glory everlasting. Amen, O Lord, amen!

Choir:

Alleluia! Amen!

THE ASSIGNMENT OF CALLS

THE RESPONSE

How Lovely Are the Messengers / Felix Mendelssohn

How lovely are the messengers that preach us the Gospel of peace,
To all the nations is gone forth the sound of their words,
Throughout all the lands their glad tidings.

STAND

THE PRAYERS

L: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

L: Let us pray: 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 in the past 177 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 are magnified everywhere; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

CHORAL BLESSING

Lord God, You have Called Your Servants

Setting by James Marriott

For guidance in our calling

Lord God, You have called Your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go but only that Your hand is leading us and Your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

THE BENEDICTION

L: The blessing of the Lord God, the Father Almighty, the blessing of † Christ Jesus, the Son, the Lamb who was slain and raised from the dead, and the blessing of the Spirit of truth, be among you and remain with you always.

C: **Amen.**

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

THE RECESSIONAL HYMN

O Church Arise

Words and music by Keith Getty and Stuart Townend



O Church, a - rise, and put your ar - mor on; Hear the call of Christ our Cap - tian. For now the
Our call to war, to love the cap - tive soul, but to rage a - gainst the cap - tor; And with the
Come see the cross, where love and mer - cy meet, as the Son of God is strick - en; Then see His
So Spir - it, come, put strength in ev - 'ry stride, give — grace for ev - 'ry hur - dle; That we may
5
weak can say that they are strong, in the strength that God has giv - en. With shield of
sword that makes the wound - ed whole, we will fight with faith and val - or. When faced with
foes lie crushed be - neath His feet, for the Con - quer - or has ris - en. And as the
9
run with faith to win the prize of a serv - ant, good and faith - ful. As saints of
faith and belt of truth, we'll stand a - gainst the dev - il's lies; An ar - my
trials on ev - 'ry side, we know the out - come is se - cure. And Christ will
stone is rolled a - way, and Christ e - merg - es from the grave, this vic - t'ry
13
old still line the way, re - tell - ing tri - umphs of His grace, we hear their
bold, whose bat - tle cry is Love, reach - ing out to those in dark - ness.
have the prize for which He died, an in - her - it - ance of na - tions.
march con - tin - ues till the day ev - 'ry eye and heart shall see Him.
calls, and hun - ger for the day when, with Christ, we stand in glo - ry.

THE POST-SERVICE MUSIC

Soli Deo Gloria

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

The streamers, if used in the service, add elements of movement and color. They are celebratory in nature, accenting the celebration of Christ Jesus the Lord's resurrection and the certification of men and women for service in the Church.

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