

Order of Vespers for Assignment of Vicarages

Concordia Seminary
Saint Louis, Missouri

April 21, 1982
4:15 p.m.



THE PRELUDE

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good"

Sing praise to God, the highest good,
The author of creation,
The God of love who understood
Our need for his salvation.
With healing balm our souls he fills
And ev'ry faithless murmur stills:
To God all praise and glory!

What God's almighty pow'r has made,
In mercy he is keeping;
By morning glow or evening shade
His eye is never sleeping;
Within the kingdom of his might
All things are just and good and right:
To God all praise and glory!

We sought the Lord in our distress;
O God, in mercy hear us.
Our Savior saw our helplessness
And came with peace to cheer us.
For this we thank and praise the Lord,
Who is by one and all adored:
To God all praise and glory!

All who confess Christ's holy name,
Give God the praise and glory.
Let all who know his pow'r proclaim
Aloud the wondrous story.
Cast ev'ry idol from its throne,
For God is God, and he alone:
To God all praise and glory!

To God our shouts of joy we raise,
To Father, Son, and Spirit,
Now and through everlasting days
For blessings we inherit
Through Jesus Christ, our gracious King,
Thanksgivings ever echoing:
To God all praise and glory!

THE VERSICLES (spoken)

V: O Lord, open my lips,
R: **and my mouth will declare your praise.**

V: Make haste, O God, to deliver me;
R: **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.

THE PSALMODY *Psalm CXLVIII, Laudate Dominum de coelis*

THE LESSON Colossians 3:16--4:6 (selected)

THE RESPONSORY

V: Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again.
R: **Death has no more dominion over him; the life he lives he lives to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

V: He was delivered for our offenses. He was raised again for our justification.
R: **Death has no more dominion over him; the life he lives he lives to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

V: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
R: **Death has no more dominion over him; the life he lives he lives to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

THE OFFICE HYMN

"Forth in Your Name, O Lord, I Go"

Forth in your name, O Lord, I go,
My daily labor to pursue,
You, only you, resolved to know
In all I think or speak or do.

The task your wisdom has assigned,
Oh, let me cheerfully fulfill;
In all my works your presence find
And prove your good and perfect will.

You may I find at my right hand,
Whose eyes see truly what I do,
And labor on at your command
And offer all my works to you.

Give me to bear your easy yoke
And ev'ry moment watch and pray
And still to things eternal look
And hasten to your glorious day.

For you I joyously employ
Whatever you in grace have giv'n;
I run my course with even joy,
I closely walk with you to heav'n.

THE SERMON

THE CANTICLE

"With High Delight Let Us Unite"

With high delight Let us unite
In songs of sweet jubilation.
You pure in heart, Each take your part,
Sing Jesus Christ, our salvation.
To set us free Forever, he
Is ris'n and sends To all earth's ends
Good news to save ev'ry nation.

True God, he first From death has burst
Forth into life, all subduing.
His enemy Shall vanquished lie;
His death has been death's undoing.
"And yours shall be Like victory
O'er death and grave," Said he, who gave
His life for us, life renewing.

Let praises ring; Give thanks, and bring
To Christ our Lord adoration.
His honor speed By word and deed
To ev'ry land, ev'ry nation.
So shall his love Give us above,
From misery And death set free,
All joy and full consolation.

THE KYRIE (unison)

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

THE OUR FATHER (unison)

THE SALUTATION

V: The Lord be with you.
R: **And with your spirit.**

THE COLLECT (unison)

Blessed Lord, since you have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn and take them to heart that by patience and comfort of your holy Word we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE ASSIGNMENT OF VICARAGES

THE CHORAL *Abide, O Dearest Jesus*
arr. Wm. B. Heyne

THE COLLECT (unison)

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, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE BENEDICAMUS AND BLESSING

V: Let us bless the Lord.
R: **Thanks be to God.**

V: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
R: **Amen.**

THE RECESSIONAL HYMN

"Oh, that I Had a Thousand Voices"⁴

Oh, that I had a thousand voices
To praise my God with thousand tongues!
My heart, which in the Lord rejoices,
Would then proclaim in grateful songs
To all, wherever I might be,
What great things God has done for me.

O all you pow'rs that he implanted,
Arise, keep silence now no more;
Put forth the strength that God has granted!
Your noblest work is to adore.
O soul and body, join to raise
With heartfelt joy our maker's praise.

Your forest leaves so green and tender
That dance for joy in summer air,
You meadow grasses, bright and slender,
You flow'rs so fragrant and so fair,
You live to show God's praise alone.
Join me to make his glory known.

All creatures that have breath and motion,
That throng the earth, the sea, the sky,
Come, share with me my heart's devotion,
Help me to sing God's praises high.
My utmost pow'rs can never quite
Declare the wonders of his might.

Creator, humbly I implore you
To listen to my earthly song
Until that day when I adore you,
When I have joined the angel throng
And learned with choirs of heav'n to sing
Eternal anthems to my king.

Praise to the Father throned in heaven;
Praise to the everlasting Son;
Praise to the Spirit freely given;
Praise to the blessed Three in One;
To you, O God, we ever raise
Our one united song of praise.

THE POSTLUDE

Soli Deo Gloria

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The Faculty, Council of Presidents, Board of Regents, Candidates, Vicars, spouses, relatives, and friends are invited to a reception in Sieck Hall, Rooms 201-202, at 8:30 p.m.

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