

***Real Grief, Real Comfort:
Miscarriage Memorial Service***



Chapel of St. Timothy and St. Titus
Concordia Seminary, Jan. 31, 2020

(Childcare is available in the lower level of the Chapel)

SERVICE OF PRAYER AND PREACHING

The Purification of Mary and Presentation of Our Lord *Observing the Loss of Children through Miscarriage, Stillbirth or Other Tragedy*

Pre-Service Music

Opening Versicles: Lent (*stand if able*) p. 260

Reading (*sit*) Psalm 30

Responsory for Lent p. 263

Homily

A Rite of Remembrance

During the solo and hymn anyone may, in memory of the death of a child, come forward to place a flower on the table in front of the sanctuary. May the beauty of the flowers express the beauty of God's gift of life. By placing the flowers near the altar, we symbolize our faith that entrusts our whole lives into the care of the God who has loved us in Jesus Christ.

After the service, you are welcome to take a flower with you as a remembrance of this service and the gift of life.

Solo: *This Dust*

Kip Fox

The lyrics are provided for your contemplation. They tell of the Incarnate Savior who grieves with us, taking our pain to the Cross. His resurrection promises us hope.

Lord have mercy on me
I am riddled with the world's disease
Taking what I want
And turning it into a need
I am flesh and blood
Never good enough
You poured out your love
To cover o'er this dust

Oh what senseless love
That you would come to join with us
Drink this cursed cup
Redeeming all that we've undone

We are flesh and blood
Never good enough
You poured out your love
To cover o'er this dust

Your mercy reigns on all our shame
And washes all the stain away

Death is all around us,
We are not afraid
Written is the story,
Empty is the grave (2x)

A Litany of Grief and Hope (*stand*)

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy

P: For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and mind, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy

P: For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy

P: For parents and families whose children have died, and whose grief may seem more than they are able to bear, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy

P: For all those who minister in love to the grieving, that they may have wisdom to listen well and to speak carefully in loving understanding, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy

P: For hearts that need God's truth, that the promise of Christ's return and the hope of the resurrection of all flesh may bring a strong foundation and a place to stand, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy

P: Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Benedicamus and Benediction

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(*sit*)

Post-Service Music

SERVANTS OF THE WORD

Professor David Schmitt

Preacher

Professor Jeffrey Gibbs

Liturgist

Dr. James Marriott

Organist

Seminarian Caleb Worrall

Guitarist

Deaconess Student Alex Shick

Soloist

Q&A Panel with Parents who have Suffered Miscarriage

At 12:00 noon today in Koburg Dining Hall there will be a panel sharing helpful ways to support others who are going through the trauma and grief associated with the loss of a child through miscarriage/stillbirth. Light refreshments will be provided and you are welcome to bring your lunch. Childcare is provided.

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