

**CONCORDIA SEMINARY**  
**Chapel of St. Timothy and St. Titus**

The Third Week of Easter  
Tuesday, May 3, 2022

MULTIETHNIC SYMPOSIUM 2022

*“Rise and Enter the City:  
The Hopeful Church in the Multiethnic City”*

**Pre-Service Music**

Mariachi San Pablo

**Opening Versicles**

- L** Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- C** **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**
- L** Praise the Lord!
- C** **Yes, praise the Lord!**
- L** For it is good to sing praises to our God;
- C** **for He is beautiful and a song of praise is fitting.**
- L** The Lord builds up Jerusalem;
- C** **He gathers the outcasts of Israel.**
- L** He heals the brokenhearted
- C** **and binds up their wounds.** *(Psalm 147:1-3)*
- L** Fear not, for you will not be ashamed;
- C** **be not confounded, for you will not be disgraced;**
- L** for you will forget the shame of your youth,
- C** **and the reproach of your widowhood you will remember no more.** *(Isaiah 54:4)*
- L** Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- C** **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**Reading**

Revelation 5:11-14

*In Spanish and Swahili*

Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice, “Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!”

And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, “To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!”

And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” and the elders fell down and worshiped. (ESV)

- L** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Homily

“Our Family Reunion” Revelation 5:11–14

Rev. Dr. Gerard Bolling

### Prayer

- L** Father and Creator, Lord and Savior, Spirit and Comforter.
- C** **Precious is Your Holy name.**
- L** Father of all families, bless all who live in the city with Your grace and koinonia. May conversations be profound, every heart be heard and comforted; that all may follow You through Your precious Son Jesus.
- C** **They are precious in Your sight.**
- L** Meet the needs of all, especially Your Church as they minister and serve the lonely, the hungry, the hurried, the homeless, the hurting, the lost, the immigrant, the unemployed. Bring daily forgiveness, restoration and hope to all city dwellers; deepen and strengthen their walk of faith with Christ.
- C** **They are precious in Your sight.**
- L** Grant wisdom to all who serve in Your name in the city as they shepherd hurting men, women, youth and children, sustaining them with Your precious words and promises.
- C** **They are precious in Your sight.**
- L** Bring your peace in the midst of unrest. We ask for Your grace for all who suffer injustice, crime, fear, hate, mental health turmoil, uncertainty and death. May Your truth and peace be proclaimed to all.
- C** **They are precious in Your sight.**
- L** And with the many challenges of our global pandemic and unrest in our cities, You remain the one whose protecting presence and care will carry us through so much tribulation.
- C** **They are precious in Your sight.**
- L** Guide us all in our mission and ministry. May we blossom fully as we follow Your will for this Multiethnic Symposium and beyond.
- C** **We are precious in Your sight.**
- L** As we all work together, help us individually and together to know Your calling and blessing, as You lead us in ministry and mission among the millions who live, work, suffer, play, laugh, cry and exist, and those who are just trying to survive in the city.
- C** **We are precious in Your sight.**
- L** Grant Your wisdom to each of us as we learn, share and grow. We rejoice and celebrate that we can ask all of this in Jesus’ name.
- C** **Amen.**

## Benedicamus and Benediction

- L** Let us bless the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**
  
- L** The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C** **Amen.**

## Sending Hymn

*LSB 723 “The Lord Is My Light”  
The congregation is invited to sing  
in either English or Spanish*

## Post-Service Music

Mariachi San Pablo

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## In the Lord’s Service

Preacher	Rev. Dr. Gerard Bolling LCMS Urban Pastor at Bethlehem Lutheran Church—St. Louis, MO Assistant Professor of Leadership and Theology at Concordia University Texas—Austin, TX
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Musicians	Mariachi San Pablo
Organist	Rev. Dr. James Marriott