Office of Vespers with the Assignment of Calls

The Third Week of Easter
April 26, 2023 · 7 p.m.

Concordia Seminary, St. Louis
Order of Procession

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Prelude  
*Komm, Gott Schöpfer, Heiliger Geist* (BWV 631)  
J. S. Bach

Choral Prelude  
*Stay with Us*  
By Egil Hovland

Stay with us, Lord Jesus, stay with us.
Stay with us, it soon is evening, and night is falling.
Jesus Christ, the world’s true light!
Shine so the darkness cannot overcome it!
Stay with us, Lord Jesus, it soon is evening.
Stay with us, Lord Jesus, for night is falling.
Let your light pierce the darkness and fill your church with its glory.
Stay with us, Lord Jesus, stay with us.
Stay with us, it soon is evening, and night is falling.
As the processional hymn is introduced, please stand and face the processional cross.

**Processional Hymn**

### Creator Spirit, Heavenly Dove

Setting by Carl Schalk

The choir sings stanzas 2, 4 and 6

1. **Choir:** Creator Spirit, heavenly dove,
   Descend upon us from above;
   With graces manifold, the gift of God Most High;
   The fount of life, the almighty hand be hold;
   Your love in every heart;
   Your own unfailling from Your own hand be stow;
   If You be our protector, the eternal Son to own;
   And You, whose name we fold restore;
   Your creatures as they were before.

2. **Choir:** To You, the Counselor, we cry,
   To You, we God's;
   To ev'ry sense impart, and shed;
   A way our cruel foe,
   And peace;
   Make to us the Father known;
   Teach us;
   And Ho -
   up - on us from a - bove;

3. **Choir:** In You, with graces seven-fold,
   We God's;
   Your light to ev'ry sense impart,
   And shed;
   Keep far away our cruel foe,
   And peace;
   Oh, make to us the Father known;
   Teach us;
   And Ho -
   upon us from above;

4. **Choir:** Praise we the Father and the Son
   And Ho -
   up - on us from a - bove;
   With graces manifold, the gift of God Most High;
   The fount of life, the almighty hand be hold;
   Your love in every heart;
   Your own unfailling from Your own hand be stow;
   If You be our protector, the eternal Son to own;
   And You, whose name we fold restore;
   Your creatures as they were before.

5. **Choir:** Fire of love, the soul's a - point - ing from above.
   Fire proclaim to all the world His holy name.
   Might supply to strengthen our in - fra - mi - ty.
   Tecting guide, no evil can our steps be - tide.
   Ever bless, of both the Spirit, to con - fess.
   The gifts that from the Spirit it flow.
   And may the Son on
Opening Versicles

O Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth will declare Your praise.

Make haste, O God, to deliver me;
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.
Psalm 27

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?

When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh,*
my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall.

Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear;*
though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.

One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after:*
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,
to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in his temple.

For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;*
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high up on a rock.

And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me,
and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy;*
I will sing and make melody to the Lord.

Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud;*
be gracious to me and answer me!

You have said, “Seek my face.”*
My heart says to you, “Your face, Lord, do I seek.”
L Hide not your face from me. Turn not your servant away in anger,*
   O you who have been my help. Cast me not off;
   forsake me not, O God of my salvation!
C For my father and my mother have forsaken me,*
   but the Lord will take me in.

C Refrain

L Teach me your way, O Lord,*
   and lead me on a level path because of my enemies.
C Give me not up to the will of my adversaries;*
   for false witnesses have risen against me, and they breathe out violence.

Choir: I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the Lord*
   in the land of the living!
C Wait for the Lord;*
   be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!

C 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.

C Refrain

Sit
A reading from Isaiah, the sixth chapter.

In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!”

And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. And I said: “Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!”

Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth and said: “Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.”

And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” Then I said, “Here am I! Send me.”

O Lord, have mercy on us.

Thanks be to God.
A reading from John, the 21st chapter.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” He said to him, “Feed my lambs.” He said to him a second time, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” He said to him, “Tend my sheep.” He said to him the third time, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” and he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep. Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were young, you used to dress yourself and walk wherever you wanted, but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will dress you and carry you where you do not want to go.” (This he said to show by what kind of death he was to glorify God.) And after saying this he said to him, “Follow me.”

O Lord, have mercy on us.

Thanks be to God.
With High Delight Let Us Unite

Setting by Kenneth T. Kosche

1 With high delight Let us unite In songs of great jubilation. Ye pure in heart, All bear your part.
2 True God, He first From death has burst Forth into life, all subduing. His enemy Doth vanquished lie;
3 Let praises ring; Give thanks, and bring To Christ our Lord adoration. His honor speed By word and deed

Sing Jesus Christ, our salvation. To set us free Forever, He is ris’n and sends To all earth’s
His death has been death’s undoing. “And yours shall be Like victory O’er death and grave,” Saith He, who
To every land, every nation. So shall His love Give us above, From misery And death set

ends Good news to save every nation. free, All joy and full consolation.
gave His life for us, life renewing.
Listen, God Is Calling

Assignment of Calls

The assembly is invited to sing in four-part harmony.
Canticle  

My Soul Rejoices

1 My soul rejoices, My spirit voices— Sing the great-ness of the Lord! For God my Savor Has shown me favor— Sing the great-ness of the Lord! With praise and blessing, Join in confession God, who is solely Mighty and hale; The meek exalted. Full are the hungry; Empty, the holy— O sing the great-ness of God the Lord! His mercy wealth-y— O sing the great-ness of God the Lord! Here is the surely Shall rest secure-ly On all who fear Him, token All that was spoken To A-br’ham’s off-spring Love and revere Him— O sing the great-ness of God the Lord! God is full-ling— O sing the great-ness of God the Lord!

Tune: Giovanni Giacomo Gastoldi, c. 1556–c. 1627.
Kyrie

Lord’s Prayer

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.

Collects

P The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.

Collect of the Day

P Let us pray. O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C Amen.

Choral Collect

O 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. Amen.

Collect for Peace

L O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C Amen.
Benedicamus and Benediction

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God

and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Amen.
Lift High the Cross
Recessional Hymn
LSB 837
Setting by Carl Schalk
The choir sings stanzas 2 and 4.

Postlude
Lift High the Cross
Arranged by Carolyn Hamlin
and Richard A. Nichols

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