SERVICE OF THE WORD WITH THE ASSIGNMENT OF VICARAGES AND DEACONESS INTERNSHIPS

THE FOURTH WEEK OF EASTER
April 23, 2024 · 3 p.m.

CONCORDIA SEMINARY, ST. LOUIS
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Prelude
Trumpet Tune
Composed by William Boyce (1711–79)
Arranged by S. Drummond Wolff

Choral Prelude
Not Unto Us
Music by Donald Busarow

Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but to Your name give glory.
The Lord our God is in our midst, a helper who gives victory;
He will rejoice over us with gladness; He will renew us in His love.

Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but to Your name give glory,
for the sake of Your steadfast love and for Your faithfulness!

He will exalt over us with loud singing as in the day of a festival,
and at that time He will bring us home, when He gathers us together.
As the hymn is introduced, please stand and face the processional cross.

**Procesional Hymn**

*Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds*

Tune: Geistliche Kirchengesäng, 1623, Köln.
Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Psalm 66

L Shout for joy to God, all the earth;
C sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise!
L Say to God, “How awesome are your deeds!
C So great is your power that your enemies come cringing to you.
L All the earth worships you and sings praises to you;
C they sing praises to your name.”

L Come and see what God has done:
C he is awesome in his deeds toward the children of man.
L He turned the sea into dry land;
C they passed through the river on foot.
L There did we rejoice in him, who rules by his might forever,
C whose eyes keep watch on the nations—let not the rebellious exalt themselves.

L Bless our God, O peoples;
C let the sound of his praise be heard,
L who has kept our soul among the living
C and has not let our feet slip.
L For you, O God, have tested us;
C you have tried us as silver is tried.
L You brought us into the net;
C you laid a crushing burden on our backs;
L you let men ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water;
C yet you have brought us out to a place of abundance.

L I will come into your house with burnt offerings; I will perform my vows to you,
C that which my lips uttered and my mouth promised when I was in trouble.
L I will offer to you burnt offerings of fattened animals, with the smoke of the sacrifice of rams;
C I will make an offering of bulls and goats.

L Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for my soul.
C I cried to him with my mouth, and high praise was on my tongue.
L If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened.
C But truly God has listened; he has attended to the voice of my prayer.

L Blessed be God,
C because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me!
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.
Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray. Almighty God, You show those in error the light of Your truth so that they may return to the way of righteousness. Grant faithfulness to all who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's Church that they may avoid whatever is contrary to their confession and follow all such things as are pleasing to You; 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

First Reading

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

Hymn

Lord of All Hopefulness

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**Tune:** Irish.

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1. Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
   Whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could destroy:

2. Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
   Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:

3. Lord of all kindli ness, Lord of all grace,
   Your hands swift to welcome, Your arms to embrace:

4. Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
   Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm:

Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,

Be there at our labors, and give us, we pray,

Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,

Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,

Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

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Tune: Irish.
Second Reading

A reading from the Gospel according to St. John, the 16th chapter.

[Jesus said:] “A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me.” So some of his disciples said to one another, “What is this that he says to us, ‘A little while, and you will not see me, and again a little while, and you will see me’; and, ‘because I am going to the Father?’” So they were saying, “What does he mean by ‘a little while'? We do not know what he is talking about.” Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he said to them, “Is this what you are asking yourselves, what I meant by saying, ‘A little while and you will not see me, and again a little while and you will see me'? Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy. When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
   maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
   who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
   born of the virgin Mary,
   suffered under Pontius Pilate,
   was crucified, died and was buried.
   He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
   He ascended into heaven
   and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
   From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
   the holy Christian Church,
   the communion of saints,
   the forgiveness of sins,
   the resurrection of the body,
   and the life everlasting. Amen.

Sit
Hymn

With High Delight Let Us Unite  

LSB 483

1 With high delight Let us unite in songs of great jubilation. Ye pure in heart, All bear your part, all subduing. His enemy doth vanquished lie; adoration. His honor speed By word and deed

2 True God, He first From death has burst Forth into life, Sing Jesus Christ, our salvation. To set us free For ever, He Is ris’n and sends To all earth’s be Like victory O’er death and grave,” Saith He, who love Give us above, From misery And death set ends Good news to save ev’ry nation.

gave His life for us, life re-new ing.
free, All joy and full con-so-la- tion.


Tune: Cinquante Pseaumes, 1543, Geneva.

Sermon
The choir sings stanzas 1 and 3.

Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me  
*LSB 683*

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Assignment of Vicarages and Deaconess Internships
1 My soul rejoices, My spirit voices—Sing the great-
2 His arm now bearing, His strength declaring—Sing the
ness of the Lord! For God my Savior Has shown me
fa-vor—Sing the greatness of the Lord! With praise and
shat-ters—Sing the greatness of the Lord! Oppres-
bless-ing, Join in confess-ing God, who is solc-ly Might-
halt-ed; The meek ex-alt-ed. Full are the hun-
ho-ly—O sing the greatness of God the Lord! His mer-
wealth-y—O sing the greatness of God the Lord! Here is the
sure-ly Shall rest secure-ly On all who fear Him,
token All that was spoken To A-br’ham’s off-
Love and re-ver Him—O sing the greatness of God the Lord!
God is fill-ing—O sing the greatness of God the Lord!
Prayers

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

P Let us pray.
O Lord God, merciful and gracious Father, we give thanks for these students who have been assigned vicarages and deaconess internships. By Your Holy Spirit grant them grace in their assignments and readiness, steadfastness, patience, understanding, a cheerful spirit and great zeal in their service. Support and strengthen them that by Your Word Your church may be built and increased; through Your Son, our great High Priest, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C Amen.

P Merciful God, we humbly implore You to cast the bright beams of Your light upon Your church that we, being instructed by the doctrine of the blessed apostles, may walk in the light of Your truth and at length attain to the light of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
C Amen.

P 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.
C Amen.

Benediction

P Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great Shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.
C Amen.
Recessional Hymn

Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen

1 Alleluia! Jesus is risen! Trumpets resound in glorious light! Splendor, the Lamb, Heaven for ever! Oh, what a miracle God has in sight! Glory: Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise.

2 Walking the way, Christ in the center. Telling the stor y to open our eyes; Breaking our bread, Giving us people, Gift of the future now flowing to me.

3 Jesus the vine, We are the branches; Life in the sun der, and Easter is bright. Cherubim sing: “O grave, be ra sa le m, Jesus the Lamb. River of life, Saints and archangels, Sing with creation to God the I AM!”

4 Weeping, be gone; Sor row, be silent: Death put an end! Alleluia! What a miracle God has in sight!

5 City of God, Easter forever, Golden Jesus is risen and we shall arise: Give God the glory! Alleluia!


Postlude

Partita on Lancashire: Fugue/Finale

Composed by Kevin Hildebrand

Soli Deo Gloria
In the Lord’s Service

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The pre-service music on the Luther Tower carillon was provided by
Chief Information Officer John Klinger, carillonneur.

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