

Office of Morning Prayer with the Conferring of Theological Diplomas

The Seventh Week of Easter May 17, 2024 · 10 a.m.

Concordia Seminary, St. Louis

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Order of Procession

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In nomine Jesu

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PreludeTrumpet Concerto in D Major (1st Movement)Johann Friedrich Fasch
(1688–1758)

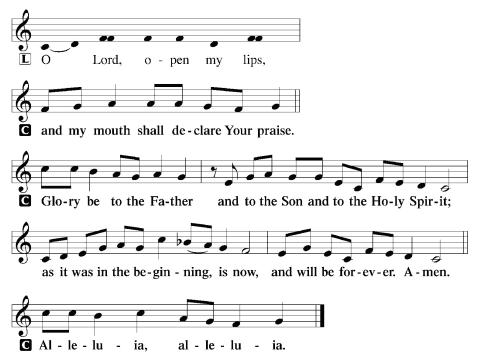
As the processional hymn is introduced, please stand and face the processional cross.

Christ Sits at God's Right Hand Processional Hymn Christ His sav - ing sits at God's right hand, work com plete, Christ 2 was that priest God swore, U nique - ly First and Last, 3 Where on Christ's al - tar was the tree, the world's be half cost - ly sac - ri - fice То sin! What cov hu - man - er ev - 'ry То till will lie Be neath His reign foe feetwould Who in righ - teous - ness and love Be un - sur passed: Of calf. He shed a blood, un like the blood goat or Who То but Christ Je sus had the right en ter in? ful - fill, All that the Fa - ther planned, The Son sought to "A priest for - ev - er - more,' seal God's guar - an - tee God would not break, priest An oath То Of can - not fail; grace that blood, that sprin-kled price, So His we might be as - sured When He said, "Lord, here am Ι will." first То do Your dek." priest with - in "A the or - der of Mel - chiz - e With He en - tered for good Be hind veil. blood our the That in - her - i - tance in our light Has been se cured. Then let us now draw near, \triangle 6 All praise to Christ we bring, 5 Washed in that precious flood Our Lord who intercedes, And enter the Most Holy Place Our great High Priest enthroned above By Jesus' blood. Who knows our needs; From hearts that are sincere, And to the Father sing Let tongues our hope profess, Our songs of thankful praise, And trust anew God's faithful grace Who with the Spirit reigns in love That we confess. For endless days.

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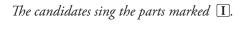
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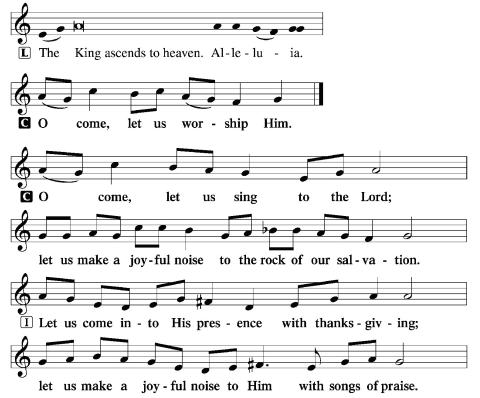
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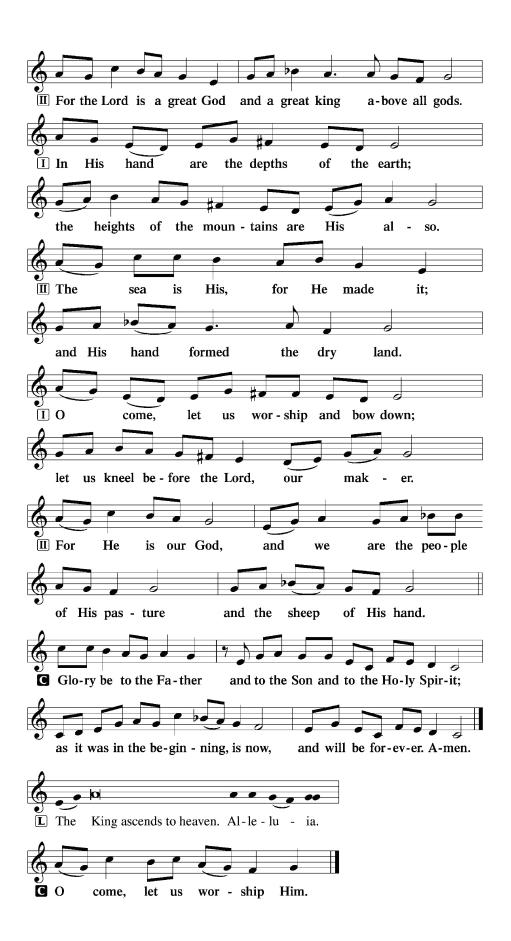


Venite

Psalm 95







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Text: Michael Schirmer, 1606–73, adapt.; (sts. 1, 3): tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.; (st. 2): tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, alt. Tune: Philipp Nicolai, 1556–1608.



First Reading

L A reading from Ezekiel, the 36th chapter.

"Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord GOD: It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am about to act, but for the sake of my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations to which you came. And I will vindicate the holiness of my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, and which you have profaned among them. And the nations will know that I am the LORD, declares the Lord GOD, when through you I vindicate my holiness before their eyes. I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules. You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God."

- **L** O Lord, have mercy on us.
- **C** Thanks be to God.



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Tune: Geystliche gesangk Buchleyn, 1524, Wittenberg, ed. Johann Walter.

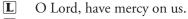
Second Reading

L A reading from John, the 15th and 16th chapters.

[Jesus said:] "When the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me. And you also will bear witness, because you have been with me from the beginning.

"I have said all these things to you to keep you from falling away. They will put you out of the synagogues. Indeed, the hour is coming when whoever kills you will think he is offering service to God. And they will do these things because they have not known the Father, nor me. But I have said these things to you, that when their hour comes you may remember that I told them to you.

"I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you."



C Thanks be to God.

Silence for reflection on God's Word.

- **L** In many and various ways, God spoke to His people of old by the prophets.
- **C** But now in these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son.

Sermon

"Bear Witness!"

John 15:26-16:4





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Tune: Christoph E. F. Weyse, 1774–1842.

Rite of Certification for the Holy Ministry

Rite of Certification for the Diaconate

Charge to Deferred Pastoral and Deaconess Candidates

Charge to Deferred Vicars, Alternate Route Vicars and Deaconess Interns

Litany for the Servants of the Word

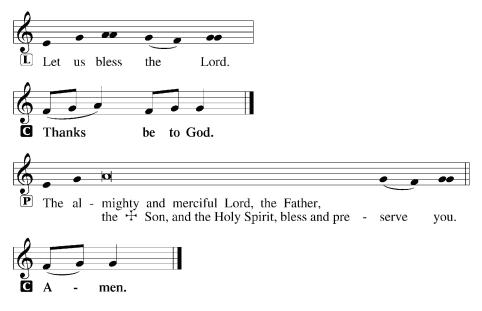
- L O God the Father in heaven, C L O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, C O God the Holy Spirit, C С L Be gracious to us. C L Be gracious to us. L For thankful hearts to discern Your will, for a special measure of Your Spirit, for mindfulness of the prayers of the church for us, for a clear vision of Christ crucified and risen: C we ask You to hear us, good Lord. L To find joy in being small followers of a great Lord, to find delight in Your working among people through Your holy Word and Sacraments, to find purpose in serving You and Your people in the church, to find peace in the five wounds of Christ and His open tomb: C we ask for Your grace, heavenly Father. L Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, C we implore You to hear us. Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, C have mercy. Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, C have mercy. L Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, C grant us Your peace.
- O Christ, C hear us.
- L C O Lord. have mercy.
- C L O Christ, have mercy.
- L O Lord, C have mercy. Amen.
- 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.

- have mercy.
- have mercy.
- have mercy.
- Spare us, good Lord.
- Help us, good Lord.

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Benedicamus and Benediction







Text: Joachim Neander, 1650–80; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt. Tune: Ander Theil Des Erneuerten Gesang-Buchs, 1665, Stralsund.

Postlude

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Music by John Eggert

Soli Deo Gloria

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