



CONCORDIA VESPERS

Sunday, November 15th, 5pm
The Chapel of the Holy Trinity
Concordia University—Ann Arbor



Welcome

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SERVICE OF LIGHT

L Jesus Christ is the Light of the world,
C the light no darkness can o - ver - come.

L Stay with us, Lord, for it is eve - ning,
C and the day is almost o - ver.

L Let Your light scatter the dark - ness
C and il - lu - mine Your Church.

Thanksgiving for Light

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- L** Blessèd are You, O Lord our God, king of the universe, who led Your people Israel by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. Enlighten our darkness by the light of Your Christ; may His Word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path; for You are merciful, and You love Your whole creation and we, Your creatures, glorify You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

PSALMODY

Psalm 141

LSB 245

C Let my prayer rise be - fore You as in - cense,

the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

I O Lord, I call to You; come to me quick - ly; hear my voice

when I cry to You. **C** Let my prayer rise be - fore You as in - cense,

the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

II Set a watch be - fore my mouth, O Lord, and guard the door of my lips.

I Let not my heart in - cline to an - y e - vil thing;

let me not be oc - cu - pied in wick - ed - ness with e - vil - do - ers.

II But my eyes are turned to You, O God; in You I take ref - uge.

Strip me not of my life. **C** Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and

to the Son and to the Ho - ly Spir - it; as it was in

the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

Let my prayer rise be - fore You as in - cense,

the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

L Let us pray.

Let the incense of our repentant prayer ascend before You, O Lord, and let Your loving-kindness descend on us that, with purified minds, we may sing Your praises with the Church on earth and the whole heavenly host and may glorify You forever.

C Amen.

Anthem

The Concordia Choir

“Repent, the kingdom of heav’n is near,” said John the Baptist at the river Jordan.

“Repent and be baptized. Repent and be baptized.”

“Heaven is near,” said John the Baptist at the Jordan. “Repent and be baptized.”

Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John.

As soon as Jesus was baptized heaven was opened,
and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove.

And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, whom I love;
with him I am well pleased.”

“This is my own dear Son. I am well pleased,” said God the Father at the river Jordan.

“This is my own dear Son. With him I am well pleased.”

“This is my Son,” said God the Father at the Jordan. “With him I am well pleased.”

These truths on Jordan’s banks were shown By mighty word and wonder.

The Father’s voice from heav’n came down, Which we do well to ponder:

“This one is my beloved Son, In whom my heart has pleasure.

Him you must hear, and him alone, And trust in fullest measure

The word that he has spoken.”

“This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.”

THIS IS MY SON

Music, CHARLES W. ORE

Text, MATTHEW 3

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READINGS

Jesus, Founder and Perfecter of Our Faith

Hebrews 12: 1–3

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Arborsong

Jesus, I adore thee Word of truth and grace, Who in glory shineth light upon our race.

Christ, to thee surrendered, my whole heart is bowed. Alpha and Omega, thou true Son of God.

Taste and touch and vision to discern thee fail; Faith that comes by hearing, pierces through the veil.
I believe whate'er the Son of God hath told. What the truth hath spoken that for truth I hold.
Word of God incarnate, Lord of life and light, Teach me how to love and worship thee aright.
Holy Spirit, ever bide within my heart, Speaking thy commandments, telling all thou art,
Wondrous revelation, verity and grace. Lo, in glory's heav'n I see thee face to face.
Light of endless light whom heav'n and earth adore, Fill me with thy radiance, Now and evermore.

JESUS, I ADORE THEE
Music, STEPHEN CARRACIOLO
Words, ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI
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The Baptism of Jesus

Matthew 3:13-17

Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; and behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

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

Anthem

The Concordia Choir

Turn back O Man, forswear thy foolish ways. Old now is Earth, and none may count her days,
Yet thou, her child, whose head is crowned with flame, Still wilt not hear thine inner God proclaim
"Turn back O Man, forswear thy foolish ways!"

Earth might be fair and all men glad and wise, Age after age their tragic empires rise.

Built while they dream, and in that dreaming weep. Would man but wake from out his haunted sleep

Earth might be fair and all men glad and wise.

Earth shall be fair, and all her people one, Nor till that hour shall God's whole will be done.

Now, even now, once more from earth to sky Peals forth in joy man's old undaunted cry

"Earth shall be fair, and all her folk be one!"

TURN BACK O MAN
Music, GUSTAV HOLST
Words, CLIFFORD BAX
Galaxy Music Corp.

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Ryan R. Peterson

Vice President of Administration, Concordia University—Ann Arbor

Anthem

The Concordia Choir

How lovely are the messengers that preach us the gospel of peace!
To all the nations is gone forth the sound of their words,
throughout all the lands their glad tidings.

HOW LOVELY ARE THE MESSENGERS

Music, FELIX MENDELSSOHN

Text, ROMANS 5:15,16

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CANTICLE

Magnificat

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Refrain

My soul mag-ni-fies the Lord, and my spir-it re-joic-es in God, my Sav-ior. My soul mag-ni-fies the Lord, and my spir-it re-joic-es in God, my Sav-ior.

- C** For He has regarded the lowliness of His handmaiden.
For behold, from this day all generations will call me blessed.

For the Mighty One has done great things to me, and holy is His name;
and His mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to generation. *Refrain.*

He has shown strength with His arm; He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones and has exalted the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich He has sent empty away.
He has helped His servant Israel in remembrance of His mercy as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed forever.

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. *Refrain.*

PRAYER

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. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

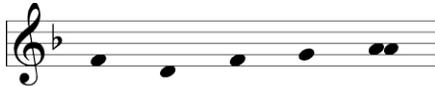
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L Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

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.

Benedicamus

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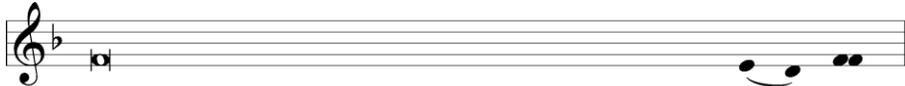
L Let us bless the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

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L The almighty and merciful Lord,
the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and pre - serve us.



C A - men.

Anthem

The Concordia Choir—Juliette Harrison, soloist

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!

What more can he say than to you he has said, to You who for refuge to Jesus have fled.

“Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed, for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid.

I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand, upheld by my righteous omnipotent hand.”

“When through the deep waters I call thee to go, the rivers of woe shall not thee overflow.

For I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless, And to sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.”

“The soul that on Jesus still leans for repose, I will not, I will not desert to its foes.

That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I'll never, no never, no never forsake!”

Postlude

**How Firm a Foundation— sett. Wilbur Held
FOUNDATION— Bernard Wayne Sanders**

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