

COLLEGEVILLE-TRAPPE MINISTERIUM
Evening Prayer and Cantata

March 29, 2023

7:30 PM

SILENT PRAYER

PRELUDE: *What Wondrous Love* arr. Linda Lamb
Jonathan Mueller, bell tree; Laurie Mueller, accompanist

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stand

HYMN: *The Day You Gave Us, Lord, Has Ended*
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The Day You Gave Us, Lord, Has Ended

1 The day you gave us, Lord, has end - ed;
 2 We thank you that your church, un - sleep - ing
 3 As to each con - ti - nent and is - land
 4 The sun, here hav - ing set, is wak - ing
 5 So be it, Lord; your realm shall nev - er,

the dark - ness falls at your be - hest.
 while earth rolls on - ward in - to light,
 the dawn leads on an - oth - er day,
 your chil - dren un - der west - ern skies,
 like earth's proud em - pires, pass a - way;

To you our morn - ing hymns as - cend - ed;
 through all the world its watch is keep - ing,
 the voice of prayer is nev - er si - lent,
 and hour by hour, as day is break - ing,
 but stand and grow and rule for - ev - er,

your praise shall hal - low now our rest.
 and nev - er rests by day or night.
 nor dies the strain of praise a - way.
 fresh hymns of thank - ful praise a - rise.
 till all your crea - tures own your sway.

Text: John Ellerton, 1826–1893, alt.
 Music: ST. CLEMENT, Clement C. Scholefield, 1839–1904

DIALOGUE

L Behold, now is the acceptable time;
C now is the day of salvation.

L Turn us again, O God of our salvation,
C that the light of your face may shine on us.

L May your justice shine like the sun;
C and may the poor be lifted up.

THANKSGIVING FOR LIGHT

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

L Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

L We give you thanks, O God,
for in the beginning you called light into being,
and you set light in the sky
to govern night and day.
In a pillar of cloud by day
and a pillar of fire by night
you led your people into freedom.
Enlighten our darkness by the light of your Christ:
may your Word be a lamp to our feet
and a light to our path;
for you are merciful,
and you love your whole creation,
and with all your creatures we give you glory,
through your Son Jesus Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

PSALMODY

All

**Let my prayer rise before you as incense;
the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.**

Choir

O Lord, I call to you; come to me quickly;
hear my voice when I cry to you.

All

**Let my prayer rise before you as incense;
the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.**

Choir

Set a watch before my mouth, O Lord,
and guard the door of my lips.

All

**Let not my heart incline to any evil thing;
let me not be occupied in wickedness with evildoers.**

Choir

But my eyes are turned to you, Lord God;
in you I take refuge.
Strip me not of my life.

All

**Glory 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.**
**Let my prayer rise before you as incense;
the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.**

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Ezekiel's vision of the valley of dry bones is a promise that Israel as a nation, though dead in exile, will live again in their land through God's life-giving spirit. Three times Israel is assured that through this vision they will know that "I am the Lord."

L A reading from Ezekiel.

¹The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ²He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. ³He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." ⁴Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. ⁵Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord."

⁷So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. ⁹Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." ¹⁰I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

¹¹Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.'

¹²Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. ¹³And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord."

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Romans 8:6-11

For Paul, Christian spirituality entails living in the reality of the Holy Spirit. The driving force behind our actions and values is not our sinful desire for self-satisfaction but the very Spirit by which God raised Jesus from the dead and will also raise us from the dead.

℣ A reading from Romans.

⁶To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, ⁸and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him.

¹⁰But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

℣ The word of the Lord.

☩ **Thanks be to God.**

℣ Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets,

☩ **but in these last days God has spoken to us by the Son.**

Stand

GOSPEL CANTICLE: *My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness*
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My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness

1 My soul pro-claims your great-ness, Lord; I sing my Sav - ior's praise!
 2 To all who live in ho - ly fear your mer - cy ev - er flows.
 3 To Is - ra - el, your ser - vant blest, your help is ev - er sure;

You looked up - on my low - li - ness, and I am full of grace.
 With might - y arm you dash the proud, their schem - ing hearts ex - pose.
 the prom - ise to our par - ents made their chil - dren will se - cure.

Now ev - 'ry land and ev - 'ry age this bless - ing shall pro - claim—
 The ruth - less you have cast a - side, the low - ly throned in - stead;
 Sing glo - ry to the Ho - ly One, give hon - or to the Word,

great won - ders you have done for me, and ho - ly is your name.
 the hun - gry filled with all good things, the rich sent off un - fed.
 and praise the Pow'r of the Most High, one God, by all a - dored.

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PRAYERS

- L** In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For the health of the creation, for abundant harvests that all may share, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For public servants, the government, and those who protect us; for those who work to bring peace, justice, healing, and protection in this and every place, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For those who travel, for those who are sick and suffering, and for those who are in captivity, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For deliverance in the time of affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For all servants of the church, for this assembly, and for all people who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- A time of silence follows.*
- L** Giving thanks for all who have gone before us and are at rest, we commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ our Lord.
- C** **To you, O Lord.**

Sit

OFFERING – Pastor Schwarz-Green

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CANTATA: *It Is Finished* by Mary McDonald

*The congregation is invited to sing the parts in **bold** type.*

1. What Wondrous Love (Orchestra and Narrator)

2. When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

When I survey the wondrous cross, on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ, my God.
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood.

See, from His head, His hands, His feet, sorrow and love flow mingled
down.

Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose to rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small.
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all;
demands my soul, my life, my all.

3. I Am Light, I Am Life, I Am Love

At this table, come and dine, feast on bread, partake the wine.

Do this in remembrance of Me.

This, my body and my blood, for the weary soul outpoured.

Do this in remembrance of Me.

I was given for you. Come and taste of the Father's love.

As you drink from the cup, remember the blood shed for you.

I am Light. I am Life. I am Love.

At this table, come and dine, feast on bread, partake the wine.

Do this in remembrance of Me.

I was given for you. Come and taste the Father's love.

As you drink from the cup, remember the blood shed for you.

I am Light. I am Life. I am Love.

Kkkk

Let us break bread together on our knees. Let us break bread together on our knees.

**When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.**

4. As You Will, It Will Be

Come and sit here; pray with Me, Peter, sons of Zebedee;
for My soul is sorrowful, even unto death, to death.
Come watch with Me, and be with Me, for I will pray to My Father:
“Lord, not as I will, but as You will. Let this cup pass from Me.
As You will, it will be.”

How could you not watch with Me? Peter, pray! Thy flesh is weak.
Sleeping, resting; let them be, in this hour of death.

Come watch with Me, and be with Me, for I will pray to My Father:
“Lord, not as I will, but as You will. Let this cup pass from Me.
As You will, it will be.”

5. O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

**O sacred head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down,
now scornfully surrounded with thorns, Thine only crown.
How pale Thou art with anguish, with sore abuse and scorn!
How does that visage languish, which once was bright as morn!**

What Thou, my Lord, has suffered was all for sinners' gain
Mine, mine was the transgression, but Thine the deadly pain.
Lo, here I fall, my Savior! 'Tis I deserve Thy place.
Look on me with Thy favor, vouchsafe to me Thy grace.

6. Let Him Be Crucified

To free or crucify Barabbas, Jesus Christ?
Let Him be crucified!
What evil has He done, this Jesus Christ, the Son?

His blood be on us, and on our children!
Lead Him away to the cross to be crucified!

The thorns upon His head.
They scorned at Him and said, “Let Him be crucified!
He cannot save Himself, this king of Israel! Let Him be crucified!”

And in the darkest hour, these words He cried:
“My God, hast thou forsaken me?”
He was crucified! He was crucified!

7. It Is Finished

“It is finished.” These words He cried.
Silence! Silence! He bled and died.
Then the earth shook the darkened sky.
“It is finished,” My Lord was crucified.

**Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?**

**Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?**

Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?

All depart in silence.



Service Participants:

Liturgist: Pastor G. Warren Weleck
Ushers: Dick Allebach, Pat O'Hara, Frank DePaul, Ed Funk
Livestream: Jim Lien and Gary Wessner

Cantata Participants:

Director: Laurie Mueller
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Narrator: Father Mike Sowards

Violin 1: Julie Bougher	Violin 2: Chi Park Edmondson
Viola: Alexander Kruchoski	Cello: Elena Kauffman
Bass: Brent Edmondson	Flute: Ali Backlund
Clarinet: Jamie Bubeck	Oboe: Meribah Reitz
French Horn: Charles Knipe	Percussion and Projection: Jim Lien

Sopranos

Valerie Coughlin
Bonnie Derro
Jeannie Funk
Cindy Henson
Alanna Jessee
Hannah Mathur
Diane Raspen
Margaret Rubendall
Denise Staub
Janice Tabbut
Jennifer Wentworth

Altos

Judy Bubeck
Cheryl Camuso
Carole Exley
Nadine Folk
Vicky Gallagher
Martha Kriebel
Allison Mendelsohn
Tanya Millet
Janet Newman

Tenors

Mary Martin
Bob Reichner
Charles Rogers
Ron Davis

Basses

Bob Gannon
James Johnson
Jonathan Mueller
Jesse Shutt

Thank you : To St. Andrew's Lutheran Church for extra music stands, to the choir members who helped refurbish the candelabra, and to Augustus' WELCA chapter for sponsoring and hosting refreshments this evening.

Please join us for refreshments in Fellowship Hall following the service.