



Commencement Vespers

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Trinity Chapel | May 9, 2019, 7:30 p.m.

***Indicates all may stand**

Prelude

***Procession/Hymn: Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven, ELH 67**

***Versicles and Gloria Patri, p.120** (led by Concert Choir)

Anthem (Concert Choir)

God Is My Strong Salvation R. Shephard, b. 1949

God is my strong salvation; no enemy I fear;

He hears my supplication, dispelling all my care;

If he, my head and master, defend me from above,

What pain or what disaster can part me from his love?

I fully am persuaded, and joyfully declare,

I'm never left unaided, my Father hears my prayer.

His comforts never fail me, He stands at my right hand;

When tempests fierce assail me, they're calm at his command.

The ground of my profession is Jesus and his blood.

He giveth me possession of everlasting good.

To me his spirit speaketh full many a precious word

Of rest to him who seeketh a refuge in the Lord.

My merry heart is springing, it can no more be sad;

With laughter and with singing, in God's own sunshine glad.

For Christ is now preparing his City new and bright;

Where saints his throne are sharing, and faith is turned to sight.

P. Gerhardt, 1656, tr. J.C. Jacobi, 1725

Lesson: II Timothy 3:14-17

You must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them, and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Responsory (Mary Martha Singers)

Sursum Corda by Alan Bullard

Sursum corda habemus ad Dominum.

Lord, we lift up our hearts to Thee.

Homily

Canticle (Concert Choir)

"Nunc dimittis in B-flat" C.V. Stanford

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace;

according to thy word;

For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,

which thou hast prepared before the face of all people,

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles,

and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

***Kyrie, Lord's Prayer, p. 124**

***Hymn: Grant Peace, We Pray, ELH 584**

***Collects, with sung "Amen"**

***Benedicamus and Benediction, p. 125-127** (led by Concert Choir)

***Hymn: Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord, ELH 2**

Announcements: President Gene R. Pfeifer

Postlude

Participants:

Preacher and Liturgist: Chaplain Don Moldstad

Concert Choir directed by Dennis Marzolf

Mary Martha Singers directed by Ann Fredrickson

Organists: Mark DeGarmeaux, Natalie Dworak, Kayla Jannsen,

Cynthia Krause, Nathan Madson