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**Announcements:** President Gene R. Pfeifer, Ph.D.

### Postlude

### Participants:

Preacher and Liturgist: Chaplain Don Moldstad

Concert Choir, directed by Dennis Marzolf

Mary Martha Singers, directed by Ann Fredrickson

Organists: Mark DeGarmeaux, Kara Johnson,

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# COMMENCEMENT VESPERS

May 11, 2017 | Mankato, Minnesota

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# Commencement Vespers

Trinity Chapel | May 11, 2017, 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 the choir)

**The Anthem: “And Can it Be?”** Dan Forrest (2014)

And can it be that I should gain an interest in the Savior’s blood?  
Died He for me, who caused His pain;  
For me, who Him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! How can it be,  
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

He left His Father’s throne above, so free, so infinite His grace;  
Emptied Himself of all but love, and bled for Adam’s helpless race;  
‘Tis mercy all, immense and free; for,  
O my God, it found out me.

No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in Him is mine!  
Alive in Him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine,  
Bold I approach the eternal throne,  
and claim the crown through Christ my own.

Amazing love! How can it be,  
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

Charles Wesley (1738)

**Lesson:** Colossians 2:6-8

As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving.

Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ.

**Responsory Anthem:**

**“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”** Stralsund, 1665, Arr. F. Melius Christiansen

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy Health and Salvation!  
All ye who hear, Now to His temple draw near,  
join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee,  
surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;  
Ponder anew What the Almighty can do  
if with His love doth befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord! Oh let all that is in me adore Him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him!  
Let the Amen Sound from His people again,  
gladly for aye we adore Him. Alleluia!

J. Neander, 1650-1680

## Homily

**Canticle: “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.