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BACCALAUREATE SERVICE

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REFORMATION SUNDAY

THE PREPARATION

PRELUDE

GREETING:

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

HYMN Hanover

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| <p>1. O worship the King, all glorious above,
O gratefully sing his wonderful love;
Our shield and defender, the Ancient
of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor, and girded with
praise.</p> <p>2. O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy
space;
His chariots of wrath the deep thunder-
clouds form,
And dark is his path on the wings of the
storm.</p> <p>3. The earth with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty, thy power hath founded of old;
Hath stablished it fast by a changeless
decree,
And round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.</p> | <p>4. Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
It streams from the hills, it descends to
the plain,
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.</p> <p>5. Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
In thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.</p> <p>6. O measureless Might, ineffable Love,
While angels delight to hymn thee above,
The humbler creation, though feeble
their lays,
With true adoration shall sing to thy
praise. Amen.</p> |
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- Robert Grant, 1779-1838

THE PSALTER

V: Lord, open our lips.

R: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

All: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as in the beginning, so now, and for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

THE PSALM Gelineau

THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST LESSON

SECOND LESSON

ANTHEM: "O Come Ye Servants of the Lord" Christopher Tye

THE SERMON

1. Lord, keep us steadfast in thy word,
Curb those who fain by craft or sword
Would wrest the kingdom from thy Son,
And set at naught all he hath done.
2. Lord Jesus Christ, thy power make known,
For thou art Lord of lords alone;
Defend thy Christendom, that we,
May evermore sing praise to thee.
3. O Comforter of priceless worth,
Send peace and unity on earth;
Support us in our final strife,
And lead us out of death to life. Amen.

Martin Luther, 1483-1546
Tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1829-78

THE APOSTLES' CREED:

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the
Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was
buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of
the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the
communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection
of the body, and the life everlasting.

THE PRAYERS:

V: The Lord be with you.
R: And also with you.
V: Let us pray.

The Lord's Prayer:

Our Father in heaven, holy be your Name, your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Do not bring us to the test but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and
for ever. Amen.

V: Show us your mercy, O Lord:
R: And grant us your salvation.
V: Clothe your ministers with righteousness:
R: Let your people sing with joy.
V: Give peace, O Lord, in all the world:
R: For only in you can we live in safety.
V: Lord, keep this nation under your care:
R: And guide us in the way of justice and truth.
V: Let your way be known upon earth:
R: Your saving health among all nations.

V: Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten:
R: Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
V: Create in us clean hearts, O God:
R: And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

The Prayer of the Day

ANTHEM: "Almighty God which has me brought in
safety to the present day" Thomas Ford

Leader: Let us pray:

All: Almighty God, by your grace we have come together to offer you our common petitions; and you have promised by your Son Jesus Christ that when two or three are gathered in his Name he will be in the midst of them. Fulfil now, O Lord, our desires and petitions, as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the world to come life everlasting; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Leader: Let us bless the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

RECESSIONAL HYMN EIN' FESTE BURG

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| <p>1. A mighty fortress is our God,
A bulwark never failing;
Our helper he amid the flood
Of mortal ills prevailing:
For still our ancient foe
Doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and power are great,
And, armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.</p> <p>2. Did we in our own strength confide
Our striving would be losing;
Were not the right Man on our side,
The Man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be?
Christ Jesus, it is he;
Lord Sabaoth His Name,
From age to age the same,
And he must win the battle.</p> | <p>3. And though this world, with devils filled,
Should threaten to undo us;
We will not fear, for God hath willed
His truth to triumph through us:
The prince of darkness grim,
We tremble not for him;
His rage we can endure,
For lo! his doom is sure,
One little word shall fell him.</p> <p>4. That word above all earthly powers,
No thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours
Through him who with us sideth:
Let goods and kindred go,
This mortal life also;
The body they may kill:
God's truth abideth still,
His kingdom is forever.</p> |
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Martin Luther, 1483-1546
Tr. Frederick H. Hedge, 1805-90

POSTLUDE

Participants:

- Mrs. Eleanor Budd, Vice-President of the WLU Staff Association, is a Lector
Mr. Duncan Frewin, Student in the Faculty of Music, is Organist and Conductor
The Rev. Vivian Msomi, Waterloo Lutheran Seminary, is a Lector
The Rev. Arnold Weigel, Waterloo Lutheran Seminary, is the Liturgist
Dr. John A. Weir, School of Business and Economics, is the Speaker
The WLU Chapel Choir