

WATERLOO LUTHERAN UNIVERSITY



BACCALAUREATE SERVICE

May 21, 1967

UNIVERSITY THEATRE-AUDITORIUM
WATERLOO, ONTARIO

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

(The congregation shall stand at the beginning of the procession and remain standing except for the reading of the Epistle, the announcements and the sermon).

THE PROCESSION

(A period of silence shall follow the procession so that each person may say his own prayer of preparation and invocation).

THE INVOCATION

In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Response: Amen.

THE INTROIT HYMN

1. O worship the King, all glorious above,
O gratefully sing his wonderful love;
Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendour, and girded with praise.
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.
3. The earth with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty, thy power had founded of old;
Hath stablished it fast by a changeless decree,
And round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.
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 distils in the dew and the rain.
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.
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.

THE KYRIE

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, have mercy.

For the peace that is from God, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the people of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, have mercy.

For this university, and for them that in faithfulness offer here the worship of their service and labor, let us pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, have mercy.

For this graduating class, and for all who are receiving recognition among us for work well done, let us pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, pity and defend us, O God, by thy grace.

Response: Amen.

THE HYMN OF PRAISE

1. From all that dwell below the skies
Let the Creator's praise arise;
Let the Redeemer's Name be sung
Through every land, by every tongue.
2. Eternal are thy mercies, Lord,
Eternal truth attends thy word;
Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore,
Till suns shall rise and set no more.
Amen.

THE COLLECT

The Lord be with you.

Response: And with thy spirit.

Let us pray

Response: Amen.

THE EPISTLE FOR THE DAY

Romans 11: 33-36

Response: Lord, I have loved the habitation of thy house, and the place where thine honor dwelleth. Alleluia.

THE GOSPEL FOR THE DAY

Matthew 28: 18-20

Response to the Announcement: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Response to the Conclusion: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

THE APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried: he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HYMN

1. Thine for ever! God of love,
Hear us from thy throne above;
Thine for ever may we be
Here and in eternity.
2. Thine for ever! O how blest
They who find in thee their rest!
Saviour, Guardian, heavenly Friend,
O defend us to the end.

3. Thine for ever! Lord of life,
Shield us through our earthly strife;
Thou, the Life, the Truth, the Way,
Guide us to the realms of day.

4. Thine for ever! Thou our Guide,
All our wants by thee supplied,
All our sins by thee forgiven,
Lead us, Lord, from earth to heaven.

Amen.

THE BACCALAUREATE SERMON

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THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

The thanksgiving

Response: Hear us, O Lord.

For the church of Christ and all who minister

Response: Hear us, O Lord.

For the state and all who exercise authority

Response: Hear us, O Lord.

For schools, universities, and graduates

Response: Hear us, O Lord.

For all people

Response: Hear us, O Lord.

For those who have served and now rest from their labors

Response: Hear us, O Lord.

The Conclusion: The Lord's Prayer

THE BENEDICTION

THE HYMN

1. Rise up, O men of God!
Have done with lesser things;
Give heart and soul and mind and strength
To serve the King of kings.

2. Rise up, O men of God!
His kingdom tarries long;
Bring in the day of brotherhood,
And end the night of wrong.

3. Rise up, O men of God!
The Church for you doth wait,
Her strength unequal to her task;
Rise up and make her great!

4. Lift high the Cross of Christ!
Tread where his feet have trod;
As brothers of the Son of Man,
Rise up, O men of God!

Amen.

THE RECESSION

The Participants are: The Reverend Martin L. Dolbeer, Th.D., Acting University Pastor; The Reverend J. Ray Houser, D.D., Principal of Waterloo Lutheran Seminary; The Reverend Lloyd H. Schaus, D.D., Dean of Waterloo University College; The Reverend William J. Villaume, Ph.D., President and Vice-Chancellor of the University; The Reverend Otto F. Reble, B.D., Regional Secretary of the Canada Board of American Missions, Lutheran Church in America; Mr. Larry Houff, is organist. Professor Welf Heick, Ph.D., is Marshall.