

WILFRID LAURIER UNIVERSITY



BACCALAUREATE SERVICE

October 28, 1990

KEFFER MEMORIAL CHAPEL

Waterloo, Ontario

10:00 a.m.

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PRELUDE: Sonate II, Second Movement "Ruhig Bewegt" Paul Hindemith

THE PREPARATION

GREETING:

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

Congregation: **And also with you.**

HYMN #250 Open Now Thy Gates..... Unser Herrsher

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| 1. Open now thy gates of beauty,
Zion, let me enter there,
Where my soul in joyful duty
Waits for God who answers prayer.
Oh, how blessed is this place,
Filled with solace, light, and grace! | 2. Gracious God, I come before thee;
Come thou also unto me;
Where we find thee and adore thee,
There a heav'n on earth must be.
To my heart, oh, enter thou,
Let it be thy temple now! |
| 3. Here thy praise is gladly chanted,
Here thy seed is duly sown;
Let my soul, where it is planted,
Bring forth precious sheaves alone,
So that all I hear may be
Fruitful unto life in me. | 4. Thou my faith increase and quicken,
Let me keep thy gift divine;
Howsoe'er temptations thicken,
May thy Word still o'er me shine
As my guiding star through life,
As my comfort in all strife. |

L: O Lord, open my lips.

C: **And my mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

PSALM #139

Lord, you have searched me out
and known me;

**you know my sitting down
and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.**

You trace my journeys
and my resting-places
and are acquainted with all my ways.

Indeed there is not a word on my lips,
but you, O Lord, know it altogether.

You press upon me behind and before
and lay your hand upon me.

Such knowledge is
too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

Where can I go then from your Spirit?
Where can I flee from your presence?

If I climb up to heaven, you are there;
**if I make the grave my bed,
you are there also.**

If I take the wings of the morning
**and dwell
in the uttermost parts of the sea,**

even there your hand will lead me
and your right hand hold me fast.

If I say,
"Surely the darkness will cover me,
**and the light around me
turn to night,"**

darkness is not dark to you;
the night is as bright as the day;
**darkness and light
to you are both alike.**

For you yourself
created my inmost parts;
**you knit me together
in my mother's womb.**

I will thank you
because I am marvelously made;
**your works are wonderful,
and I know it well.**

THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST LESSON: Mark 3:31-35: Whoever does the will of God
is my brother and sister and mother

ANTHEM: Let Thy Merciful Ears, O Lord..... Thomas Weelkes

SECOND LESSON: Esther 4:10-17: Who knows whether you have not come to this place for such a time as this?

THE SERMON

HYMN #418: Judge Eternal, Throned In Splendor Rhuddian

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| 1. Judge eternal, throned in splendor,
Sovereign of all earthly kings,
With your living fire of judgment
Purge this land of bitter things;
Solace all its wide dominion
With the healing of your wings. | 2. Still the weary folk are pining
For the hour that brings release;
And the city's crowded clangor
Cries aloud for sin to cease;
And the homesteads and the woodlands
Plead in silence for their peace. |
| 3. Crown, O God, your own endeavor;
Cleave our darkness with your sword;
Feed the faint and hungry peoples
With the richness of your Word;
Cleanse the body of this nation
Through the glory of the Lord. | |

THE APOSTLES' CREED

All:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
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. Amen.**

Anthem: Vox Ultima Crucis William M. Harris

THE PRAYERS

- L: Show us your mercy, O God:
C: **And grant us your salvation.**
- L: Clothe your ministers with righteousness:
C: **Let your people sing with joy.**
- L: Give peace, O God, in all the world:
C: **For only in you can we live in safety.**
- L: Keep this nation under your care:
C: **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**
- L: Let your way be known upon Earth:
C: **Your saving health among all nations.**
- L: Let not the needy, O God, be forgotten:
C: **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**
- L: Create in us clean hearts, O God:
C: **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**
- L: The Lord be with you.
C: **And also with you.**

L: Let us pray.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

THE PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

L: 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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: Our Father in heaven,
hallowed 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.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

L: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

RECESSIONAL HYMN #551 Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee..... Hymn To Joy

1. Joyful, joyful we adore thee,
God of glory, God of love!
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee,
Praising thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
Drive the gloom of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day.
2. All thy works with joy surround thee,
Earth and heav'n reflect thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around thee,
Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird, and flowing fountain
Call us to rejoice in thee.
3. Thou art giving and forgiving,
Ever blessing, ever blest,
Well-spring of the joy of living,
Ocean-depth of happy rest!
Thou our rock of sweet redemption,
All who live in love are thine;
Teach us how to love each other,
Lift us to the joy divine!

POSTLUDE: Organ Concerto, Opus 7, No. 4, Fourth Movement - Allegro G.F. Handel

Participants

Prof. Carol Schlueter, Waterloo Lutheran Seminary, is the Speaker.
Dr. Oscar Cole Arnal, Waterloo Lutheran Seminary, is the Worship Leader.
Ann-Marie MacDairmid, Student, Faculty of Music, is the Organist.
Members of the WLU Chapel Choir.