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BACCALAUREATE SERVICE

May 25, 1986

SEMINARY CHAPEL

WATERLOO, ONTARIO

10:00 a.m.

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THE PREPARATION

(Please Stand)

GREETING:

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

Congregation: And also with you.

HYMN: #549 Praise My Soul

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| 1. Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
To his feet your tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Evermore his praises sing.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise the everlasting King! | 3. Tenderly he shields and spares us;
Well our feeble frame he knows.
In his hands he gently bears us,
Rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Widely as his mercy flows. |
| 2. Praise him for his grace and favor
To our forebears in distress.
Praise him, still the same forever,
Slow to chide and swift to bless.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Glorious in his faithfulness! | 4. Angels help us to adore him,
Who behold him face to face.
Sun and moon bow down before him;
All who dwell in time and space.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise with us the God of grace. |

L: Lord, open our lips.

C: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

PSALM #46

God is our refuge and strength:
a very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though
the earth be moved:
**and though the mountains be
toppled into the depths of the sea;**

though its waters rage and foam:
**and though the mountains tremble at
its tumult.**

The Lord of hosts is with us:
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

There is a river whose streams make
glad the city of God:
the holy habitation of the Most High.

God is in the midst of her; she shall
not be overthrown:
God shall help her at the break of day.

The nations make much ado, and the
Kingdoms are shaken:
**God has spoken, and the earth shall
melt away.**

The Lord of hosts is with us:
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Come now and look upon the works of the
Lord:
what awesome things he has done on earth.

It is he who makes war to cease in all
the world;
**he breaks the bow, and shatters the
spear, and burns the shields with fire.**

"Be still, then, and know that I am God:
**I will be exalted among the nations;
I will be exalted in the earth."**

The Lord of hosts is with us:
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

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 WORD OF GOD

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 61:1-4; 65:17-25

SECOND LESSON: Jeremiah 37:11-21

THE SERMON: "Good News and Bad News" Dr. Kelly

HYMN #477 St. Peter

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| 1. O God of Jacob, by whose hand
Your people still are fed,
Who through this weary pilgrimage
A wav'ring Israel led: | 3. Through each perplexing path of life
Our wand'ring footsteps guide;
Give us this day our daily bread,
And shelter fit provide. |
| 2. Our vows, our prayers, we now present
Before your throne of grace.
O God of Jacob, be the God
Of their succeeding race. | 4. Oh, grant us your protecting care
Till all our wand'rings cease,
That to those mansions kept for us
We all may come in peace. |

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 into hell.
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

- L: The Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.
L: Let us pray.
- L: Show us your mercy, O Lord:
C: And grant us your salvation.
L: Clothe your ministers with righteousness:
C: Let your people sing with joy.
L: Give peace, O Lord, in all the world:
C: For only in you can we live in safety.
L: Lord, 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 Lord, 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.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

THE PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

L: Let us pray:

C: 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:

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 #534 Nun Danket Alle Gott

1. Now thank we all our God
With hearts and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done,
In whom his world rejoices;
Who, from our mothers' arms,
Has blest us on our way
With countless gifts of love,
And still is ours today.
2. Oh, may this bounteous God
Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts
And blessed peace to cheer us,
And keep us in his grace,
And guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all harm
In this world and the next.
3. All praise and thanks to God
The Father now be given,
The Son, and him who reigns
With them in highest heaven,
The one eternal God,
Whom earth and heav'n adore;
For thus it was, is now,
And shall be evermore.

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