

# WILFRID LAURIER UNIVERSITY



## BACCALAUREATE SERVICE

Sunday, May 31, 1992

**KEFFER MEMORIAL CHAPEL**

Waterloo, Ontario

10:00 a.m.

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PRELUDE: Magnificat ..... Melchior Schildt

## THE PREPARATION

Pastor: 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

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 blessèd 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 start through life,  
As my comfort in all strife.

P: O Lord, open my lips.

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

All: **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. Alleluia.**

## PSALM #145

I will exalt you, O God my king,  
**and bless your name  
forever and ever.**

Every day will I bless you  
**and praise your name  
forever and ever.**

Great is the Lord  
and greatly to be praised;  
**there is no end to your greatness.**

One generation  
shall praise your works to another  
**and shall declare your power.**

I will ponder the glorious splendor  
of your majesty  
**and all your marvelous works.**

They shall speak of the might  
of your wondrous acts,  
**and I will tell of your greatness.**

They shall publish the remembrance  
of your great goodness;  
**they shall sing  
of your righteous deeds.**

The Lord is gracious  
and full of compassion,  
**slow to anger and of great kindness.**

The Lord is loving to everyone  
**and your compassion  
is over all your works.**

All your works praise you, O Lord,  
**and your faithful servants bless  
you.**

## THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST LESSON: Exodus 3:1-12: I have heard the cry of my people

SOLO: Sing ye a joyful song.....A. Dvorak

SECOND LESSON: Luke 10:17-24: I saw Satan fall like lightning

### THE SERMON

HYMN #320 O God Our Help ..... St. Anne

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| 1. O God, our help in ages past,<br>Our hope for years to come,<br>Our shelter from the stormy blast,<br>And our eternal home:    | 4. A thousand ages in your sight<br>Are like an evening gone,<br>Short as the watch that ends the night<br>Before the rising sun. |
| 2. Under the shadow of your throne<br>Your saints have dwelt secure;<br>Sufficient is your arm alone,<br>And our defense is sure. | 5. Time, like an ever-rolling stream,<br>Soon bears us all away;<br>We fly forgotten, as a dream<br>Dies at the op'ning day.      |
| 3. Before the hills in order stood<br>Or earth received its frame,<br>From everlasting you are God,<br>To endless years the same. | 6. O God, our help in ages past<br>Our hope for years to come,<br>Still be our guard while troubles last<br>And our eternal home! |

### 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.

SOLO: I Know That My Redeemer Liveth ..... G.F. Handel

### THE PRAYERS

P: Show us your mercy, O Lord:  
C: **And grant us your salvation.**

P: Clothe your ministers with righteousness:  
C: **Let your people sing with joy.**

P: Give peace, O God, in all the world:  
C: **For only in you can we live in safety.**

P: Lord, keep this nation under your care:  
C: **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

P: Let your way be known upon earth:  
C: **Your saving health among all nations.**

P: Let not the needy, O God, be forgotten:  
C: **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

P: Create in us clean hearts, O God:  
C: **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**  
P: The Lord be with you.  
C: **And also with you.**  
P: Let us pray.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

THE PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

P: 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.**

P: 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: March on a Theme of Handel..... Alexandre Guilmant

**Participants**

The Rev. Dr. Eduard Riegert, Professor of Homiletics, Waterloo Lutheran Seminary, is the Preacher.  
The Rev. Fr. Thomas Moisan, Roman Catholic Chaplain at Wilfrid Laurier University, is the Worship Leader.  
Ann-Marie MacDairmid, Student, Faculty of Music, is the Organist.  
Penny Taylor, Student, Faculty of Music, is the Soloist.