



Northwestern Lutheran
Seminary Choir.

Vandamus Dominum

PRELUDE: COME, SWEET DEATH *Johann Sebastian Bach*

NOW THE LIGHT HAS GONE AWAY *Processional Hymn*
(*To be sung by the entire congregation—standing*)

Now the light has gone away;
Saviour, listen while I pray,
Asking Thee to watch and keep,
And to send me quiet sleep.

Jesus, Saviour, wash away
All that has been wrong today;
Help me ev'ry day to be
Good and gentle, more like Thee.

Let my near and dear ones be
Always near and dear to Thee;
O bring me and all I love
To Thy happy home above.

Now my evening praise I give;
Thou didst die that I might live:
All my blessings come from Thee;
O how good Thou art to me!

INVOCATION *Donald Himmelman*
(*President of the Choir*)

Part 1

LORD, FOR THY TENDER MERCIES' SAKE *Richard Farrant*

Lord, for Thy tender mercies' sake, lay not our sins to our charge,
But forgive that is past, and give us grace to amend our sinful lives,
To decline from sin and incline to virtue,
That we may walk with a perfect heart before Thee now and evermore.

O HOW SHALL I RECEIVE THEE *Morten J. Luvaas*
(*An Advent Hymn*)

O how shall I receive Thee, how meet Thee on Thy way,
Best hope of ev'ry nation, my soul's delight and stay?
O Jesus, Jesus, give me, by Thine illuming light,
To know whate'er is pleasing and welcome in Thy sight.

Thy Zion palms is strewing with branches fresh and fair,
And ev'ry soul awaking her anthem shall prepare.
Perpetual thanks and praises forth from our hearts shall spring;
And to Thy Name the service of all our powers we bring.

GOD'S SON HAS MADE ME FREE *Edvard Grieg*

(God's Message of Redemption)

God's Son has made me free from Satan's tyranny
From fear of death, and bonds of sin, from all that plagues my soul within.
The holy One divine, became a friend of mine.
From heaven high, from starry sky, He came to give, to die.
O boundless love, He came, He died, He rose the glorified!
He came to give, to die, that I might live with Him eternally.
God Son's has made me free!

HEAR THOU OUR PRAYER, O LORD *Peter D. Tkach*

(A Prayer)

Hear Thou our pray'r, O Lord our God,
Show us Thy mercy and grant us Thy salvation.
We praise Thy holy name forever, and in Thee our hearts shall rejoice
All the days of our life.
Turn Thee again, O Lord, our God, turn and be gracious
Show Thy mercy unto Thy servants.

CHERUBIM SONG (NO. 7) *Bortniansky*

(From the Russian Church)

Hark! what mean those holy voices,
Sweetly sounding through the skies?
Lo! the angelic host rejoices, Alleluias, heavenly alleluias rise.
Listen to the wondrous story, which they chant in hymns of joy.
Glory in the highest, glory! Peace on earth, good will towards men,
Alleluia, Amen.

MEDITATION *Harvey Grace*

Robert Wetzler, Organist

Part 2

O JESUS, GRANT ME HOPE AND COMFORT *Johann Wolfgang Franck*

(This anthem reveals the warm spirit of German worship in the 17th Century)

O Jesus, grant me hope and comfort; O let me ne'er in sorrow pine.
My heart, my soul, yea, all my being, O Jesus trust alone in Thee.
Thou Prince of Peace, Thou Pearl from heaven, True God, true Man,
My Morning Star. O come, Thou precious Sun most radiant,
Thy beams illumine my heart, my soul.

O Jesus, with Thy advent quiet my restless soul and anxious mind.
In true humility I welcome Thee, Jesus Christ, my Joy divine.
My thoughts, desires, and all my longing, I dedicate, O Christ, to Thee.
O come, Thou precious Sun most radiant, Thy beams illumine my heart, my soul.

SHEPHERDS! SHAKE OFF YOUR DROWSY SLEEP *Besancon Carol*

Shepherds, shake off your drowsy sleep, rise and leave your silly sheep;
Angels from heav'n around loud singing, tidings of great joy are bringing.
Shepherds! the chorus come and swell! sing Noël, O sing Noël!

Hark! even now the bells ring round, listen to their merry sound;
Hark! how the birds new songs are making, as if winter's chains were breaking. CHORUS

Cometh at length the age of peace, strife and sorrow now shall cease;
Prophets foretold the wondrous story of this Heav'n-born Prince of Glory. CHORUS

Shepherds! then up and quick away seek the Babe ere break of day;
He is the hope of ev'ry nation, all in Him shall find salvation. CHORUS

WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS *Isaac Watts*

(A well-known Lenten hymn that originated from a Gregorian chant)

When I survey the wondrous Cross on which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.
Forbid it Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ my God;
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood.
See from His head, His hands, His feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down;
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?
Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small,
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

GO TO DARK GETHSEMANE *T. Tertius Noble*

(Noble expresses in stirring music the road Christ travelled from in the Garden of Gethsemane, His ascent up Calvary and His sufferings and death on the cross)

Go to dark Gethsemane, Ye that feel the tempter's pow'r;
Your Redeemer's conflict see, watch with Him one bitter hour,
Turn not from His griefs away, learn of Jesus Christ to pray.
Follow to the judgment hall; view the Lord of life arraigned;
Oh the worm-wood and the gall! Oh the pangs His soul sustained!
Shun not suffering, shame, or loss, learn of Him to bear the Cross.
Calvary's mournful mountain climb; there adoring at His feet,
Mark the miracle of time, God's own sacrifice complete,
"It is finished!" hear Him cry;
Learn of Jesus Christ to die. Amen.

GUIDE ME, OH THOU GREAT JEHOVAH

(A hymn that should become well-known in the Lutheran Church)

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah, Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but Thou art mighty; Hold me with Thy powerful hand;
Bread of heaven, Feed me till I want no more.
Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through;
Strong Deliverer, be Thou still my Strength and Shield.
When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side;
Songs of praises, I will ever give to Thee.

GREETINGS *The Rev. Clarence B. Lund*

OFFERING *(Education and Youth Secretary, Synod of the Northwest)*

ELEVATIONS *Dom Paul Benoit*

DOXOLOGY (Congregation) *(Robert Wetzler, Organist)*

Part 3

ALMIGHTY GOD OF OUR FATHERS *Will James*

(Contains the most perfect of all prayers—The Lord's Prayer)

Almighty God, God of our fathers immortal,
Holy holy, Lord God of Israel. Blessed art Thou, the God of our fathers.
Unto Thy throne do we lift up our songs,
Lord, our creator, great is Thy name, the King of Kings.
Our pray'rs ascend to Thee. Hear our pray'r, our pray'r unto Thee:
"Our Father who art in Heav'n, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heav'n; Give us our daily bread,
And deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, the pow'r and the glory, for ever,
Amen."
Almighty God, God of our fathers immortal, mighty art Thou, the Lord of Lords!

SOON AH WILL BE DONE *William L. Dawson*

(Negro Spiritual)

Soon ah will be don' a-wid de troubles ob de worl', No more weep-in' an' a wail-in', I'm goin' t' live wid God.
Goin' home t' live wid God. Soon ah will be don' a-wid de troubles ob de worl',
I wan' t' meet my mother, I'm goin' t' live wid God. Goin' home t' live wid God.
Soon ah will be don' a-wid de troubles ob de worl', I wan' t' meet my Jesus, I'm goin' t' live wid,
Goin' home t' live wid God. In de morn-in, Lord! I'm goin' t' live wid God.

GO NOT FAR FROM ME, O LORD *Haydn Morgan*

(Words are taken from the Thirty-eighth Psalm)

In Thee, O Lord, do I put my trust; go not far from me, O Lord.
Make haste unto me, O Lord, and stay, Lord, O stay Thou with me.
And I will praise Thy name forever more.
Go not far from me, O Lord; O, go not far from me.

TO THEE WE TURN *Johann Sebastian Bach*

(An Evening Prayer)

To Thee we turn at evening, the author of all meaning,
To Thee we kneel in pray'r. The ebbing day reminds us
Of duties now behind us and future tasks through Thee to dare.
Dear God, may our endeavor be loving kindness ever,
We ask in Jesus' name, Whose life was all compassion,
For men of ev'ry fashion, O God that we could be the same.

BENEDICTION *Pastor*

(Congregation standing)

SAVIOUR, BREATHE AN EVENING BLESSING *Recessional Hymn*

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| <p>1. Saviour, breathe an evening blessing,
Ere repose our spirits seal;
Sin and want we come confessing;
Thou canst save and Thou canst heal.</p> <p>2. Though destruction walk around us,
Though the arrow past us fly,
Angel-guards from Thee surround us;
We are safe if Thou art nigh.</p> | <p>3. Though the night be dark and dreary,
Darkness cannot hide from Thee;
Thou art He, Who, never weary,
Watchest where Thy people be.</p> <p>4. Be Thou nigh should death o'ertake us;
Jesus, then our Refuge be;
And in Paradise awake us,
There to rest in peace with Thee.</p> |
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POSTLUDE: NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD *S. Karg-Elert*

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