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The Chapel of St. Timothy and St. Titus
Concordia Seminary, St. Louis

About the Cover Art

The cover art is by local artist April Parviz, media and communications director for the Intersect Arts Center, a creative community dedicated to equipping artists, engaging youth and enriching the community. Learn more about Inersect Arts Center at intersectstl.org. Parviz uses her art practice to meditate regularly on what the Bible says about staying awake. You can read more about her “Sleepers ’Wake” series at aprilparviz.art/sleepersawake. Some of her art will be on display in the chapel narthex and Koburg Hall following the service, where you also can meet the artist.

EVENING PRAYER

Iesu, iuva.

Choral Prelude

Keep Your Lamps

Traditional Spiritual
Arranged by André Thomas

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, the time is drawing nigh.
Children, don't get weary, 'til your work is done.
Christian journey soon be over, the time is drawing nigh.
Keep your lamps trimmed and burning; the time is drawing nigh.

SERVICE OF LIGHT

Stand



L Jesus Christ is the Light of the world,



C the light no darkness can o - ver - come.



L Stay with us, Lord, for it is eve - ning,



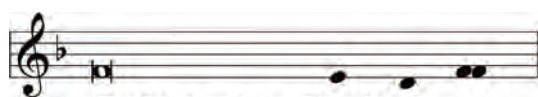
C and the day is almost o - ver.



L Let Your light scatter the dark - ness



C and il - lu - mine Your Church.



L The Spirit and the Church cry out:



C Come, Lord Je - sus.



L All those who await His ap - pear - ance pray:



C Come, Lord Je - sus.



L The whole cre - a - tion pleads:



C Come, Lord Je - sus.

Phos Hilaron - *Hymn of Light*



L Joy - ous light of glo - ry:



C of the im - mor - tal Fa - ther; heav - en - ly, ho - ly,



bles - ed Je - sus Christ. We have come to the



set - ting of the sun, and we look to the eve - ning light.



We sing to God, the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it:

You are wor - thy of be - ing praised with pure voic - es for -
 ev - er. O Son of God, O Giv - er of life:
 the u - ni - verse pro - claims Your glo - ry.

Thanksgiving for Light

☐ Blessèd are You, O Lord our God, king of the u - ni - verse,
 who led Your people Israel by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of
 fire by night. Enlighten our darkness by the light of Your Christ;
 may His Word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path;
 for You are mer - ci - ful, and You love Your whole cre - a - tion
 and we, Your creatures, glo - ri - fy You, Father, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it.
 ☐ A - men.

Sit

PSALMODY

Psalm 141

The congregation sings the parts marked **C**; the choirs sing the parts marked **I** and **II**.

C Let my prayer rise be - fore You as in - cense,
the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

I O Lord, I call to You; come to me quick - ly; hear my voice
when I cry to You. **C** Let my prayer rise be - fore You as in - cense,
the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

II Set a watch be - fore my mouth, O Lord, and guard the door of my lips.

I Let not my heart in - cline to an - y e - vil thing;
let me not be oc - cu - pied in wick - ed - ness with e - vil - do - ers.

II But my eyes are turned to You, O God; in You I take ref - uge.
Strip me not of my life. **C** Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and
to the Son and to the Ho - ly Spir - it; as it was in

the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

Let my prayer rise be - fore You as in - cense,

the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

L Let us pray.

Silence for individual prayer.

Let the incense of our repentant prayer ascend before You, O Lord, and let Your loving-kindness descend on us that, with purified minds, we may sing Your praises with the Church on earth and the whole heavenly host and may glorify You forever.

C Amen.

Psalm 90

Text by Isaac Watts (1674–1748)
 Music from *The Missouri Harmony* (1820)
 Arranged by Luther Noss

Through ev'ry age, eternal God,
 Thou art our rest, our safe abode;
 High was Thy throne ere heav'n was made,
 Or earth, Thy humble footstool, laid.

Long hast Thou reigned ere time began,
 Or dust was fashioned into man;
 And long Thy kingdom shall endure,
 When earth and time shall be no more.

Teach us, O Lord, how frail is man,
 And kindly lengthen out his span,
 Till a wise career of piety
 Fit us to die and dwell with Thee.

Through ev'ry age, eternal God,
 Thou art our rest, our safe abode;
 High was Thy throne ere heav'n was made,
 Or earth, Thy humble footstool, laid.

The choir sings stanza 3.



 1 Re - joi - ce, re - joi - ce, be - liev - ers, And let your lights ap - pear;
 2 The watch - ers on the moun - tain Pro - claim the Bride - groom near;
 3 The saints, who here in pa - ti - ence Their cross and suf - f' - rings bore,
 4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



 The eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, And dark - er night is near.
 Go forth as He ap - proach - es With al - le - lu - ias clear.
 Shall live and reign for - ev - er When sor - row is no more.
 A - rise, O Sun so longed for, O'er this be - night - ed sphere.



 The Bride - groom is a - ris - ing And soon is draw - ing nigh.
 The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; The gates wide o - pen stand,
 A - round the throne of glo - ry The Lamb they shall be - hold;
 With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, We plead, O Lord, to see



 Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; At mid - night comes the cry.
 A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; The Bride - groom is at hand.
 In tri - umph cast be - fore Him Their di - a - dems of gold.
 The day of earth's re - demp - tion That sets Your peo - ple free!

Text: Laurentius Laurenti, 1660–1722; tr. Sarah B. Findlater, 1823–1907, alt.
Tune: Swedish.



READINGS

Reading

1 Thessalonians 5:1–11

L A reading from 1 Thessalonians, the fifth chapter.

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. While people are saying, “There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Choral Response

Look, How Quickly Falls the Evening

Text by Dean Nadasdy
Music by Mark Shepperd

Look, how quickly falls the evening,
So the ending of our days.
Soon, too soon, we turn to slumber,
And the life within us fades.

Now at twilight round us teeming
Come the pow'rs of darkest night,
Portent of our own death's whisper
Sign of this life's passing light.

Just as once You came among us,
Taking on our human form,
Living, loving, giving, caring,
So now make Your presence known.

Shine on all who walk in darkness,
Slow to hear and weak in sight.
Quickly come, Lord! Maranatha!
Speak Your Word, and bring Your light.

Come, Lord Jesus, guide us waking;
Guard us sleeping, safe in Thee,
That awake we may be watchful
And asleep may resting be.

Reading

Matthew 25:1–13

L A reading from the Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 25th chapter.

“Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a cry, ‘Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ But the wise answered, saying, ‘Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.’ And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ But he answered, ‘Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.’ Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Silence for reflection on God’s Word.

L In many and various ways, God spoke to His people of old by the prophets.

C But now in these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son.



Hymn

Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying

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The choir sings stanza 2.



1 "Wake, a - wake, for night is fly - ing," The watch-men on the heights are cry - ing; "A - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, a - rise!"
 2 Zi - on hears the watch-men sing - ing. And all her heart with joy is spring - ing; She wakes, she ris - es from her gloom.
 3 Now let all the heav'ns a - dore Thee, Let saints and an - gels sing be - fore Thee With harp and cym-bals' clear - est tone.

Mid - night hears the wel - come voic - es And at the thrill - ing
 For her Lord comes down all - glo - rious, The strong in grace, in
 Of one pearl each shin - ing por - tal, Where, join - ing with the
 cry re - joic - es: "Oh, where are ye, ye vir - gins wise?
 truth vic - to - rious; Her star is ris'n, her light is come.
 choir im - mor - tal, We gath - er round Thy ra - diant throne.

The Bride - groom comes, a - wake! Your lamps with glad - ness take!
 Now come, Thou Bless - ed One, Lord Je - sus, God's own Son,
 No eye has seen the light, No ear has heard the might

Al - le - lu - ia! With brid - al care Your - selves pre - pare
 Hail! Ho - san - na! We en - ter all The wed - ding hall
 Of Thy glo - ry; There - fore will we E - ter - nal - ly

To meet the Bride - groom, who is near."
 To eat the Sup - per at Thy call.
 Sing hymns of praise and joy to Thee!

Text and tune: Philipp Nicolai, 1556–1608; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.

Sermon

Choral Response

Come, O Blessed of My Father

Matthew 25:34

Music by Melchior Franck (1573–1639)

Come O blessed of my Father,
inherit the kingdom prepared for you
from the foundation of the world.

CANTICLE

Stand

Magnificat

Refrain

My soul mag-ni-fies the Lord, and my spir - it re -
 joic - es in God, my Sav - ior. My soul mag-ni-fies the
 Lord, and my spir - it re - joic - es in God, my Sav - ior.

1 For He has re - garded
 2 For the Mighty One has done great things to me,
 3 He has shown strength with His arm;
 4 He has filled the hungry with good things,
 5 Glo - ry be to the Father and to the Son

1 the lowliness of His hand-maiden.
 2 and holy is His name;
 3 He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
 4 and the rich He has sent empty away.
 5 and to the Ho - ly Spirit;

1 For be - hold, from this day
 2 and His mercy is on those who fear Him
 3 He has cast down the mighty from their thrones
 4 He has helped His servant Israel in remembrance of His mercy
 5 as it was in the be - ginning,

1 all generations will call me blessed.
 2 from generation to gen - er - ation. *Refrain*
 3 and has exalt - - - - - ed the lowly.
 4 as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed for - ever.
 5 is now, and will be forever. A - men. *Refrain*

Kneel

PRAYER

Litany

The congregation's response begins just as the leader's petition ends so that the word "Lord" is sung simultaneously by both leader and congregation. The last note of the response is hummed by all as each prayer bid is sung.

L In peace let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mer - cy.

- L** For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For Matthew, our Synod president, for Lee, our district president, for all pastors in Christ, for all servants of the Church, and for all the people, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For Joseph, our president, for all public servants, for the government and those who protect us, that they may be upheld and strengthened in every good deed, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**

L For those who work to bring peace, justice, health, and protection in this and every place, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L For those who bring offerings, those who do good works in this place, those who toil, those who sing, and all the people here present who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L For favorable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**


L For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L For . . . [*additional bids for prayer may be inserted here*] . . . let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**


The prayers then continue:



L For the faithful who have gone before us and are with Christ, let us give thanks to the Lord:




C Al - le - lu - ia.

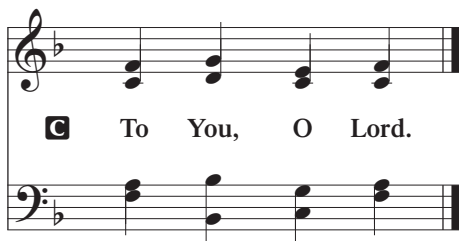


L Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.

Silence for individual prayer may follow.



L Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ, our Lord:



C To You, O Lord.

Collect for the the Last Sunday of the Church Year

L Lord God, heavenly Father, send forth Your Son, we pray, to lead home His bride, the Church, that with all the company of the redeemed we may finally enter into His eternal wedding feast; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Choral Collect

Watch Thou, Dear Lord

Music by Carl Schalk (1929–2021)

Watch thou, dear Lord,
with those who wake, or watch, or weep tonight,
and give thine angels charge over those who sleep.
Tend thy sick ones, Lord Christ.
Rest thy weary ones.
Bless thy dying ones.
Soothe thy suffering ones.
Pity thine afflicted ones.
Shield thy joyous ones.
And all, for thy love's sake.
Amen.

Collect for Peace

L O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.


Lord's Prayer

L Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:


C **Our Father who art in heaven,**
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Stand


Benedicamus and Benediction




L Let us bless the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.



P The almighty and merciful Lord,
the Father, the † Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and pre - serve you.




C A - men.

Hymn

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light


LSB 411




1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
2 I want to see the bright-ness of God.
3 I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ.



I want to fol - low Je - sus.
I want to look at Je - sus.
I want to be with Je - sus.




God set the stars to give light to the world.
Clear Sun of Righ - teous - ness, shine on my path,
When we have run with pa - tience the race,



The star of my life is Je - sus.
And show me the way to the Fa - ther.
We shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain



In Him there is no dark - ness at all.



The night and the day are both a - like.



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Postlude

Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying

By Paul Manz (1919–2009)

Soli Deo Gloria

You are cordially invited to join the musicians for cider, hot chocolate and refreshments in Koburg Hall immediately following the service.

Additional art from the “Sleepers “Wake” series by April Parviz will be on display in Koburg Hall this evening.

IN THE LORD'S SERVICE

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THE ST. LOUIS LUTHERAN CHORALE

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Village Lutheran Church, Ladue, Mo.

Instrumentalists

Hannah Flo and Rachel Gerhardt, violin

Greg Gastler, viola

Samuel Hart, cello

Aaron Reynolds and Joshua Marlatt, trumpet

Owen Duncan and John Miller, trombone

Piano

Cheryl Magness

Conductor

Cantor Phillip Magness

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