

Order of Service for the Assignment of Candidates



MAY 20, 2021 — 10:00 AM

Hymn

Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest

Christian Worship, 1993: 177

Setting by Carl F. Schalk

“Veni, Creator Spiritus” has been sung at the ordaining and commissioning of pastors for over 800 years.

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| 1 Come, Holy Ghost, Creator blest,
And make our hearts your place of rest;
Come with your grace and heav'nly aid,
And fill the hearts which you have made. | 4 Drive far away our wily foe,
And your abiding peace bestow;
If you are our protecting guide,
No evil can with us abide. |
| 2 To you, the Counselor, we cry,
To you, the gift of God most high;
The fount of life, the fire of love,
The soul's anointing from above. | 5 Teach us to know the Father, Son,
And you, from both, as Three in One
That we your name may ever bless
And in our lives the truth confess. |
| 3 Your light to ev'ry thought impart,
And shed your love in ev'ry heart;
The weakness of our mortal state
With deathless might invigorate. | 6 To you, with graces seven-fold,
We God's almighty hand behold;
While you with tongues of fire proclaim
To all the world his holy name. |

Stand for the final stanza

- 7 Praise we the Father and the Son
And Holy Spirit, with them One,
And may the Son on us bestow
The gifts that from the Spirit flow!

Dialogue

Praise the Lord, all you servants of the Lord, who minister in the house of the Lord.
Lift up your hands in the sanctuary and praise the Lord.

**Praise the Lord, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name.
Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.**

Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done.
Sing to him, sing praise to him, tell of all his wonderful acts.

**I will sing of the love of the Lord forever; with my mouth I will make your faithfulness
known through all generations. I will declare that your love stands firm forever, that you
established your faithfulness in heaven itself.**

May the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth, bless us.

God will bless us, and all the ends of the earth will fear him.

Prayer

O Lord God, source of all abiding knowledge, through Word and Sacrament you both enlighten the minds and sanctify the lives of those you draw to your service. Therefore, look with favor on our seminary, blessing those who teach and those who learn, that they may apply themselves with eager diligence to your will and faithfully fulfill their service according to your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

Reading

2 Timothy 2:1-13

Paul encourages Timothy to be faithful.

Hymn

Lord Jesus Christ, Our Savior King

Christian Worship, 2021: 899

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| 1 Lord Jesus Christ, our Savior King,
To you our highest praise we sing
For blessings to the Church, your bride,
With whom you evermore abide. | 4 With simple food of bread and wine
You feed us with a feast divine.
Your blood and body we partake—
Our sins forgiven for your sake. |
| 2 Your Scriptures lead us to rejoice,
For there we hear our Father's voice.
His gracious promises proclaim
Forgiveness in your holy name. | 5 As stewards of these means of grace
You send out preachers in your place
Your wondrous mercy to proclaim
And glorify your saving name. |
| 3 Your Spirit's call to faith we heard
In water's washing with the Word.
Lord, keep us in baptismal grace
And make our hearts your dwelling place. | 6 Lord, give us ministers who live
According to the grace you give.
To Scripture may they faithful be,
And so preserve this ministry. |
- 7 And then, at last, Lord, hear our prayer:
Gather your blood-bought children there
Where saints and angels sing your praise,
And we with them, through endless days!

Sermon

Start from the Finish

2 Timothy 4:1-8

Following the sermon, stand and sing:

Hymn

Dear Lord, to Your True Servants Give

Christian Worship, 1993: 542 (1,3)

- 1 Dear Lord, to your true servants give
The grace to you alone to live.
Set free from sin to serve you, Lord,
They go to share your living Word,
The gospel message to proclaim
That all may know your saving name.
- 3 When all their labor seems in vain,
Revive their sinking hopes again;
And when success crowns what they do,
O keep them humble, Lord, and true
Until before your judgment seat
They lay their trophies at your feet.

Be seated

Assignments to Ministry

Prof. Earle D. Treptow

President of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary

Pastor Mark G. Schroeder

President of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

Following the reading of the assignments, stand and sing:

We Praise You, O God

Te Deum Laudamus

We praise you, O God, we acclaim / you as Lord;
All creation worships you, / Father everlasting.
To you all angels, all the / pow'rs of heaven,
Cherubim and seraphim, / sing in endless praise:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of / heav'nly hosts,
Heaven and earth are / full of your glory.
The glorious company of apostles / praise you.
The noble fellowship of prophets / praise you.

The white-robed army of martyrs / praise you.
Throughout the world the / holy Church acclaim you:
Father of majesty unbounded, your glorious, true, and / only Son,
And the Holy Spirit, / advocate and guide.

You, Christ, are the King of / glory,
The eternal Son / of the Father.

When you became man to / set us free,
You humbled yourself to be born / of a virgin.
You overcame the / sting of death
And opened the kingdom of heaven to / all believers.

You sit at the right / hand of God
In the glory / of the Father.
We believe that / you will come
To / be our judge.

Come then, Lord, and help your / people,
Bought with / the price of your own blood,
And bring us / with your saints
To glory / everlasting.

Prayer

Almighty God, look with favor on those whom you have called to serve your people. Fill them with faithfulness to your doctrine and clothe them with holiness of life that they may joyfully serve to the glory of your name and for the benefit of your Church; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.

♪ **Amen, amen, amen.**

Remain standing for the hymn

Hymn

God's Word Is Our Great Heritage

Christian Worship, 1993: 293

Setting by Robert C. Potratz

God's Word is our great heritage
And shall be ours forever;
To spread its light from age to age
Shall be our chief endeavor.
Through life it guides our way;
In death it is our stay.
Lord, grant, while worlds endure,
We keep its teachings pure
Throughout all generations.

Be seated

Assignees will meet with their respective district presidents immediately following the service.

Copies of the list of the assignments are available from the ushers at the back of the auditorium.

Bottles of water are available following this service on the west side of the auditorium.

Please do not congregate around the doors.

The presiding minister and preacher is Professor Stephen Geiger. Serving at the organ is Professor Aaron Christie. Instrumentalists are Joshua Koelpin, Christian Willick, Justin Steinke, Jacob Ungemach, and Jeremiah Wallander.

The Seminary Chorus will present its Graduation Concert this evening at 7:00 pm.