

A Service of Thanksgiving for the Life
of
HOWARD V. HONG



Boe Memorial Chapel
St. Olaf College
27 March 2010

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Hearing assistance is available. Please contact an usher for more information.

† indicates the congregation shall stand

GATHERING

PRELUDE MUSIC

†ENTRANCE RITE

At the sound of the bells, please stand and face the processional cross

℣: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the source of all mercy
and the God of all consolation,
who comforts us in all our sorrows
so that we can comfort others in their sorrows
with the consolation we ourselves have received from God.

Let us pray:

Eternal God, maker of heaven and earth,
who formed us from the dust of the earth,
who by your breath gave us life,

☩: We glorify you.

℣: Jesus Christ, the resurrection and the life,
who suffered death for all humanity,
who rose from the grave to open the way to eternal life,

☩: We praise you.

L: Holy Spirit, author and giver of life,
the comforter of all who sorrow,
our sure confidence and everlasting hope,

G: We worship you.

L: To you, O blessed Trinity, be glory and honor, forever and ever.

G: Amen.

†HYMN #425, “Behold the Host Arrayed in White”
stanzas 1 & 2

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†THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

L: When we were baptized in Christ Jesus,
we were baptized into his death.
We were buried therefore with him
by baptism into death,
so that as Christ was raised from the dead
by the glory of the Father,
we too might live a new life.
For if we have been united with him in a death like his,
we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

†PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray.
O God of grace and glory...
... through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

G: Amen.

†HYMN #425, “Behold the Host Arrayed in White”
stanza 3

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GREETINGS AND EULOGY

On Behalf of St. Olaf College - David R. Anderson, President
“From the Interesting to the Simple” - Jamie Lorentzen, Red Wing, MN

WORD

READINGS

Matthew 21:1-9

Philippians 2:5-11

℣: The word of the Lord

☩: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

†HYMN OF THE DAY #630, “In Heaven Above”

I HIMMELEN, I HIMMELEN

†CREED

℣: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

☩: 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,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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.

†PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

L: Let us pray.
Almighty God ...
... God of mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: God of all grace ...
... one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

†THE LORD'S PRAYER

L: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us 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.

BLESSING

†COMMENDATION

ℒ: Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant, Howard:
a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock,
a sinner of your own redeeming.

We are grateful that you receive him into the arms of your mercy,
into the blessed rest of everlasting peace,
and into the glorious company of the saints in light.

☩: Amen.

†BENEDICTION

ℒ: The Lord bless you... and give you peace.

☩: Amen.

ℒ: Let us go forth in peace,

☩: in the name of Christ. Amen.

†HYMN #632, “O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

ST. ANNE

POSTLUDE

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LEADERS IN THE LITURGY: **preacher-** Dr. Todd Nichol, King Olav V Professor of Scandinavian-American Studies, **presiders-** Pastor W. Bruce Benson, St. Olaf College, Pastor John Quam, St. John’s Lutheran Church, Northfield, **crucifer** – Andy Willis, Pastoral Intern, **organist-** John Ferguson, Elliot and Klara Stockdal Johnson Professor of Organ Music, **reader** – Gordon Marino, Kierkegaard Library Curator

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TODAY'S READINGS are those appointed for Palm Sunday in the Lectionary used faithfully by Søren Kierkegaard.

TODAY'S SERVICE, by Howard's request and in the Kierkegaardian tradition, is a simple and brief church service. In addition, a family service will be held Monday in Hovland, MN, where Howard will be buried next to his beloved wife, Edna. Her burial three years ago was also during Holy Week.

HOWARD'S COFFIN is a homemade coffin built by his sons to fulfill a request Howard made of them after reading a novel the night Edna died. In that story a dying father wants "a coffin built by my sons." Howard cut and milled the wood used in his coffin on his land near Hovland, MN. Until his death, he used it as a bookcase.

THE COVER IMAGE is from wood carving by Arnold Flaten, long time St. Olaf colleague and friend of Howard and Edna.

A RECEPTION follows the service. You are invited to Stav Hall on the 3rd floor of Buntrock Commons where you may greet family and friends and enjoy a light lunch.

THE HONG KIERKEGAARD LIBRARY, on the lower level of Rolvaag Memorial Library, will be open to visitors this afternoon from 1-2 p.m.

MEMORIAL GIFTS preferred to the Hong Kierkegaard Library, St. Olaf College.

