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CONFERENCE ON
WORSHIP, THEOLOGY, AND THE ARTS

SCATTER *the*
IMAGINATION
of our **HEARTS**

LUKE 1:51

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

ADVENT 4+ JULY 28, 2022 + 1:30 PM + BOE MEMORIAL CHAPEL + ST. OLAF COLLEGE

Welcome to the St. Olaf Conference on Worship, Theology, and the Arts

The theme, "Scatter the Imagination of our Hearts" will inform all that we do together. In our worship and in our plenary sessions, in our rehearsals and in our small group gatherings; we will consider the many ways that we are being scattered. Scattering can be a breaking apart; a breaking apart of our prejudice, bias, limited viewpoints and imaginations, but also a breaking apart of our patterns (helpful or not) that are ripe for challenge. Scattering is also necessary in planting, like seeds that are scattered, the imagination of our hearts are scattered to plant and sow God's good work in the world. There is an element of prophetic challenge and good news in the act of scattering. We will ask, "What patterns need to be broken and scattered and what needs to be scattered and shared?"

We will experience a scattering as we gather to worship. While our worship services will move through the season of Advent, the familiarity of the Revised Common Lectionary will be scattered. Throughout the week, we will follow Wilda C. Gafney's "A Women's Lectionary for the Whole Church: Year W." The Magnificat will be woven into each service and the Advent season will offer a unifying theme of the "annunciations" of God's action. It includes in the annunciations to Hagar, Sarah and Abraham, the mother of Samson, Hannah, as well as Mary and Joseph. Gafney explains that, "Annunciations communicate an understanding of God involved in history and deeply involved in the lineage - ancestral and descendant - of God's people." Related to our theme, "Scatter the Imagination of the Hearts," annunciations scatter what we have imagined for our lives and for how the world could be, and reorient us around God's vision and action in our lives and in our world. We will find that Mary's Magnificat does not only name the scattering, but shows us a way to respond!

Throughout the week, worship, theology and art will come together to proclaim the prophetic challenge and good news of the scattering of the imagination of our hearts. Through word and sacrament, sung and heard, we will proclaim together our faith - a faith transformed and scattered!

Advent 4 Scripture Readings

1 Samuel 1:19-28

Hannah prayed and she said, "My heart exults in the HOLY ONE OF OLD; my horn is lifted up in my God. My mouth (opens) wide against my enemies, for I will rejoice in my victory. There is none holy like the MOST HIGH, none besides you; there is no rock like our God."

Matthew 1:18-25

Now this is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah happened: When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to have a child in her womb from the Holy Spirit. Joseph her husband was a just man and unwilling to shame her, he wanted to divorce her secretly. But when he deliberated this, suddenly an angel of the Most High God appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for in her is conceived a child from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this happened to fulfill what had been spoken by the Most High God through the prophet: "Look now! The virgin shall conceive a child in her womb and give birth to a son, and they shall call him Emmanuel," which translated means, "God is with us." When Joseph got up from sleep, he did as the angel of the Most High God commanded him. He took her as his wife, yet did not know her sexually until her birthing of a son and named him Jesus.

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GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

arr. Alan Lohr

❖ OPENING DIALOGUE (1 Samuel 2:2-3, 6-7)

- 📖 There is none holy like the MOST HIGH, none besides you;
- 🗣️ **There is no rock like our God.**
- 📖 Speak proudly no more, multiplying pride, nor let arrogance come from your mouth;
- 🗣️ **for the AGELESS GOD is a God of knowledge, and by God deeds are accounted.**
- 📖 The CREATOR OF ALL kills and gives life; brings down to Sheol and raises up.
- 🗣️ **The GRACIOUS ONE makes poor and makes rich; brings low, and also lifts up.**

❖ LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE



1. A sta - ble lamp is light - ed whose glow shall wake the
2. (This) child through Da - vid's ci - ty shall ride in tri - umph
3. (Yet) he shall be for - sak - en, and yeild - ed up to
4. (But) now as at the end - ing, the low is lift - ed



sky; the stars shall bend their voic - es, and
 by; the palm shall strew its branch - es, and
 die; the sky shall groan and dark - en, and
 high; the stars shall bend their voic - es, and



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cry, and straw like gold shall shine; a
 cry, though heav - y, dull, and dumb, and
 cry, for hearts made hard by sin: God's
 cry, in prais - es of the child by



barn shall har - bor heav - en, a stall be - come a
 lie with - in the road - way to pave his king - dom
 blood up - on the spear - head, God's love re - fused a -
 whose de - scent a - mong us the worlds are rec - on -



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This
 Yet
 But

❖ GREETING

℣ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

☩ **And also with you.**

❖ PRAYER OF THE DAY

℣ Stir up your power, Jesus Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us
from the sin that would obstruct your mercy, that willingly we may bear your redeeming
love to all the world, for you live and reign with the Ageless One, maker of heaven and
earth, and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever.

☩ **Amen.**

HEARING GOD'S WORD

HANDBELLS "On This Day, Earth Shall Ring"

arr. Jason Krug

READING 1 Samuel 1:19-20

℣ The Word of the Lord.

☩ **Thanks be to God!**



schola 1a Hannah prayed and she said,
 "My heart exults in the HOLY ONE OF OLD
 my horn is lifted / up in my God.

schola 1b My mouth [opens] wide against my enemies,
 for I will rejoice / in my victory.

***all* 2 There is none holy like the MOST HIGH,
 none besides you;
 there is no / rock like our God.**

schola 3 Speak proudly no more, multiplying pride,
 nor let arrogance come from your mouth;
 for the AGELESS GOD is a God of knowledge,
 and by God deeds / are accounted.

***all* 4 The bows of the mighty are broken,
 yet the feeble / gird on warrior-strength .**

schola 5 Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread,
 yet those who were hungry are fat;
 She who was barren has birthed seven children,
 yet she who has many / children languishes.

***all* 6 The CREATOR OF ALL kills and gives life;
 brings down to She- / ol and raises up.**

schola 7 The GRACIOUS ONE makes poor and makes rich;
 brings low and / also lifts up.

**all 8a God raises the poor from the dust,
and lifts up the needy from heaps of human waste,
to seat them with nobles and inherit a / seat of honor.**

**schola 8b For to the CREATOR belong the pillars of the earth,
and on them / God has sēt the world.**

**all 9 God will guard the feet of the faithful who belong to God,
while the wicked perish in shadow;
for it is not by / might that one prevails.**

**schola 10a The HOLY ONE OF SINAI!
Those who strive against God shall be shattered;
God thunders against / them from heaven.**

**all 10b The FOUNT OF JUSTICE will judge the ends of the earth;
God will give strength to God's ruler,
and exalt the power of the a- / nointed of God."**

MAGNIFICAT - Joe Davis

❖ HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 1:18-25

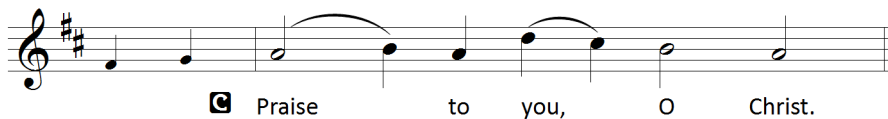
The Gospel is announced

📖 The Holy Gospel according to...



After the reading of the Gospel

📖 The Gospel of the Lord.



SERMON

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

CHORALE PRELUDE

All stand as the Chorale Prelude concludes.

❖ HYMN OF THE DAY "Father Eternal, Ruler of Creation LBW #413

LANGHAM



1. Fa - ther e - ter - nal, rul - er of cre - a - tion,
2. Rac - es and peo - ples, lo, we stand di - vid - ed,
3. En - vious of heart, blind - eyed, with tongues con - found - ed,
4. Lust of pos - ses - sion ends in des - o - la - tions;
5. How shall we love you, ho - ly hid - den Be - ing,



Spir - it of life, which moved ere form was made:
And, shar - ing not our griefs, no joy can share;
Na - tion by na - tion still goes un - for - giv'n;
There is no meek - ness in the sons of earth;
If we love not the world which you have made?



Through the thick dark - ness cov - 'ring ev - 'ry na - tion,
By wars and tu - mults love is mocked, de - rid - ed;
In wrath and fear, by jeal - ou - sies sur - round - ed,
Led by no star, the rul - ers of the na - tions
Oh, give us deep - er love for bet - ter see - ing



Light for our blind - ness, oh, be now our aid:
His con - qu'ring cross no na - tion wills to bear.
Build - ing proud tow'rs which shall not reach to heav'n.
Still fail to bring us to the bliss - ful birth.
Your Word made flesh and in a man - ger laid?



Your king - dom come, O Lord, your will be done.

❖ PRAYERS

After each petition of the prayers:

- 📖 Lord in your mercy,
- 🗣️ **hear our prayer.**

The prayers conclude:

- 📖 ... through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
- 🗣️ **Amen.**

❖ PEACE

- 📖 The peace of Christ be with you always.
- 🗣️ **And also with you.**

OFFERING “City Called Heaven”

arr. Josephine Poelitz

Soloist: Audrey Lane-Getaz '22

I am a pilgrim, a pilgrim of sorrow
I'm left in this wide world, this wide world alone
Ain't got no hope, got no hope for tomorrow
Trying to make it, make heaven my home
I am a pilgrim, a pilgrim of sorrow
I'm left in this wide world, this wide world alone
Ain't got no hope, got no hope for tomorrow
Trying to make it, make heaven my home
Sometimes I'm tossed and I'm driven, Lord
Heard of a city, a city called heaven
Trying to make it, make heaven my home.

❖ OFFERTORY PRAYER

- 📖 Let us pray...
- 🗣️ **Amen.**

SHARING THE LORD'S SUPPER

❖ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



L It is indeed right ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

❖ SANCTUS

San-to, san - to, san - to Dios de glo - ria y po - der,
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly God of pow - er and might,

cie - los y tie - rra pro - cla - man tu glo - ria. Ho -
 heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na en los cie - los. Ho -
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est. Ho -

san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na en los cie - los.
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - nas-na in the high - est.

Ben - di - to a - quel que vie - ne en el nom - bre de Dios, Ho -
 Bless-ed is the one who comes in the name of our God. Ho -

san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na en los cie - los. Ho -
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est. Ho -

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❖ WORDS OF INSTITUTION

❖ THE LORD'S PRAYER *(unison)*

**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.**

❖ AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on

us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have

mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the

sin of the world; grant us peace; grant us peace.

❖ INVITATION TO THE TABLE

All are welcome to share in the Lord's Supper. Please use the center aisle to come forward and be served at one of the stations on either side of the altar area. When you have been served use the side aisles to return to your place, leaving your used cup in one of the wooden racks at each side aisle. If medical/health concerns give you reason to avoid the wine or bread, please remember the teaching of the Christian Church that Christ is fully present in either element alone, bread or wine. *Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are available.*

CHOIR "Christus natus Est"

Rosephanye Powell

In Bethlehem
On Christmas morn,
The lowly gem
Of love was born.
Hosanna! *Christus natus est.*

Who lies in ditch?
Who begs his bread?
Who has no stitch
For back or head?
Hosanna! *Christus natus est.*

While beasts in stall,
On bended knee,
Did carol all
Most joyously:
Hosanna! *Christus natus est.*

The manger still
Outshines the throne,
Christ must and will
Come to his own.
Hosanna! *Christus natus est.*

He was not born
For bird and beast,
But suffered scorn
To save the least.
Hosanna! *Christus natus est.*

The text is drawn from a poem by the American author Countee Cullen (1903–1946), a significant figure in the Harlem Renaissance. The poem was written in 1943 during World War II, and it proclaims a Christmas message in the midst of the world's ongoing tragedies. The last stanza's statement that "The manger still / Outshines the throne" asserting a triumph over earthly tumult.

HYMN ELW #283 “O Come, All Ye Faithful”
All stand at stanza 4.

ADESTE FIDELIS

❖POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

℣ The body and blood ... in God’s grace.

☩ **Amen.**

❖POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

℣ Let us pray ... through Jesus Christ our Lord.

☩ **Amen.**

DEPARTING TO SERVE GOD’S WORLD

❖BENEDICTION

℣ The Lord bless you ... and give you peace.

☩ **Amen.**

❖RECESSIONAL POSTLUDE Symphony II: Final

Charles-Marie Widor

All sit after the cross has passed.

DISMISSAL

℣ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

☩ **Thanks be to God!**

LEADERS IN THE LITURGY

preachers – Katherine Fick, Matthew Marohl

organ – James Bobb, Catherine Rodland ’87

Schola - Logan Combs ’22, Kyle Dacon ’22, Austin Meyer ’22, Oliver Steissberg ’23

percussion - Danny Barry ’22, Austin Meyer ’22

sacristan - Logan Combs ’22

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