



Leander Earl Keck

1928 - 2024

A Service of Remembrance celebrating the faith
he sought to understand clearly and live by steadily.

Marquand Chapel
Yale Divinity School
27 January 2024, 10:30am

Today's service, planned by Lee, accents the hymnic praise of God in response to the witness of Scripture. Lee learned to sing the first hymn, "Holy God, We Praise Your Name, in German as a child in a prairie church. Bunyan's hymn, "He Who Would Valiant Be," was not sung there, but it aptly expresses aspects of the faith nourished there. This service's rhythm of Scripture and hymnody remembers what Lee remembered, that the imagery of the Bible funds theology's thought and energizes the singer's devotion. For Lee, Wesley's "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" was Methodism's creed set to music.

Today's participants touched Lee's life in various ways. His current successor as Dean will welcome the congregation. His and Ann's present pastor will dismiss us with a benediction. The spiritual care coordinator at Whitney Center will offer prayer. The reader of Isaiah 40 is a fellow New Testament scholar and the daughter of a dear friend and long-time colleague. Nieces will read our New Testament passages. The homilist officiated at Ann and Lee's wedding.

Yesterday, Gerald H. Anderson, a friend since 1955 who once brought Lee to the Philippines to teach for a semester, helped lead the memorial gathering at Whitney Center.

In addition to preparing the service in great detail, Lee also prepared these notes on the service.

We are using the Revised Standard Version of the Bible for today's service. When he began as Dean, Leander Keck's office was the RSV room, the room where the translators met.

Order of Service

PRELUDE

Soul, Adorn Thyself with Gladness, BWV 654
Noah Klein
MMA '23

CALL TO WORSHIP

“All People That on Earth Do Dwell”

1. All people that on earth do dwell,
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice
him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell;
come ye before him and rejoice.

WELCOME

Gregory E. Sterling
The Reverend Henry L. Slack Dean

HYMN

“Holy God, We Praise Your Name”
first three verses
(facing page)

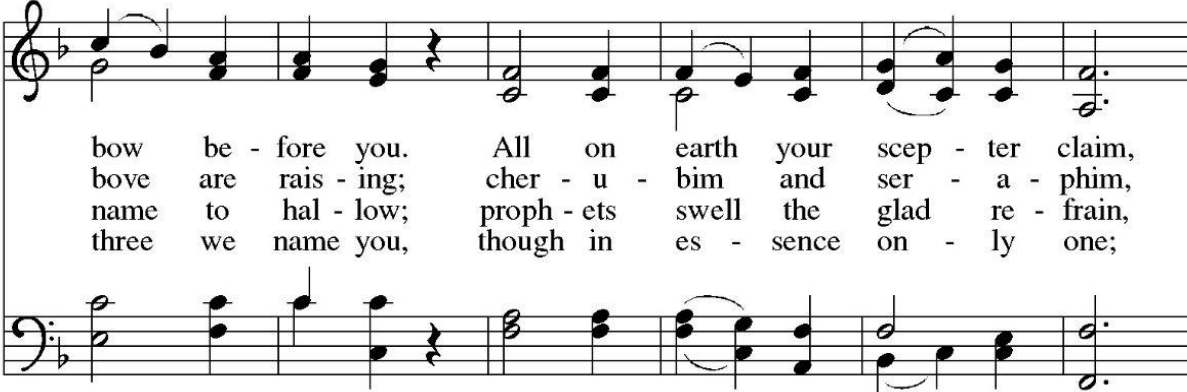
READING

Isaiah 40:6-8, 28-31
Teresa Morgan
*McDonald Agape Professor of New Testament
and Early Christianity at YDS*

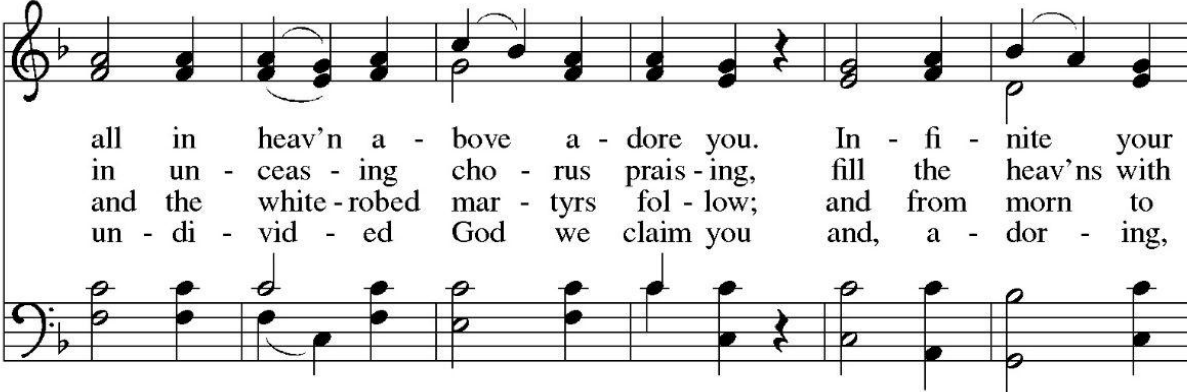
Holy God, We Praise Your Name




1 Ho - ly God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we
2 Hark! The glad ce - les - tial hymn an - gel choirs a -
3 Lo, the ap - os - tol - ic train join your sa - cred
4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it,



bow be - fore you. All on earth your scep - ter claim,
bove are rais - ing; cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,
name to hal - low; proph - ets swell the glad re - frain,
three we name you, though in es - sence on - ly one;



all in heav'n a - bove a - dore you. In - fi - nite your
in un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing, fill the heav'ns with
and the white - robed mar - tyrs fol - low; and from morn to
un - di - vid - ed God we claim you and, a - dor - ing,



vast do - main, ev - er - last - ing is your reign.
sweet ac - cord: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!"
set of sun through the church the song goes on.
bend the knee while we own the mys - ter - y.

HYMN

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”



1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain where the heal - ing
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but thou art might - y; hold me with thy
 stream doth flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me all my
 fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, land me safe on



pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
 jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer, strong de - liv - 'rer,
 Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es,



feed me till I want no more, feed me till I want no more.
 be thou still my strength and shield, be thou still my strength and shield.
 I will ev - er give to thee, I will ev - er give to thee.

Text: William Williams, 1717–1791; tr. William Williams and Peter Williams, 1722–1796, alt.
 Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932

REMEMBRANCES

David Keck and Stephen L. Keck

PRAYERS

Maria LaSala

Spiritual Care Coordinator, Whitney Center

READING

John 1:1-5, 14, 16, 18

Cheryl VanHoose

HYMN

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

first, second, and fourth verses

(facing page)

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to
2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - 'ry
3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy
4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion, pure and spot - less

earth come down! Fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us
life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
find thy prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
ly re - stored in thee! Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise!

READING

Matthew 5:3-10; 11: 28-30

Cynthia Nesselrode

HYMN

“He Who Would Valiant Be”

English Traditional

Monks Gate
65.65.66.65

1. He who would valiant be 'gainst all disaster,
Let him in constancy follow the Master.
There's no discouragement shall make him once relent
His first avowed intent to be a pilgrim.
2. Who so beset him round with dismal stories,
Do but themselves confound - his strength the more is.
No foes shall stay his might, though he with giants fight;
He will make good his right to be a pilgrim.
3. Since, Lord, Thou dost defend us with Thy Spirit,
We know we at the end shall life inherit.
Then, fancies, flee away! I'll fear not what men say,
I'll labor night and day to be a pilgrim.

Author: John Bunyan

HYMN

“Thine Is the Glory”



1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring Son; end - less is the
 2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb! Lov - ing - ly he
 3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with-

vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment
 greets thee, scat - ters fear and gloom; let his church with glad - ness
 out thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than con - qu'rors,

rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes
 hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;
 through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan

Refrain

where thy bod - y lay.
 death hath lost its sting! Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring
 to thy home a - bove.

Son; end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!

Text: Edmond Budry, 1854–1932; tr. R. Birch Hoyle, 1875–1939
 Music: JUDAS MACCABAEUS, George Frideric Handel, 1685–1759

HYMN

“How Firm a Foundation”

1. How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,
 2. “Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dis - mayed,
 3. “When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,
 4. “When through fi - ery tri - als thy path - way shall lie,
 5. “The soul that on Je - sus hath leaned for re - pose

is laid for your faith in His ex - cel - lent word!
 for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
 the riv - ers of woe shall not thee o - ver - flow;
 my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;
 I will not, I will not de - sert to his foes;

What more can He say than to you He has said,
 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
 for I will be with thee, thy trou - bles to bless,
 the flame shall not hurt thee, I on - ly de - sign
 that soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,

to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.
 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.
 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake!”

BENEDICTION

Timothy J. Keyl
Pastor, Bethesda Lutheran Church

READING

Revelation 22:1, 3ab

Then he showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb... There shall no more be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it.

RECESSIONAL

“Shall We Gather at the River?”

first, third, and fourth verses

1 Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod,
 2 On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,
 3 Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down;
 4 Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, soon our pil - grim - age will cease;

with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow - ing by the throne of God?
 we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap - py gold - en day.
 grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro - vide a robe and crown.
 soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel - o - dy of peace.

Refrain

Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, the beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;

gath - er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

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