the Robert E. Webber Institute for Worship Studies



Twenty-First Commencement June 26, 2022

THE ROBERT E. WEBBER INSTITUTE FOR WORSHIP STUDIES

The 3rd Sunday after Pentecost Ordinary Time, Proper 8 Hendricks Avenue Baptist Church Holy Eucharist

For a history of the Institute for Worship Studies and details about the regalia worn by faculty and graduates, refer to the inside back cover.

ABOUT THE IWS COMMENCEMENT SERVICE

The liturgy in use tonight is compiled and adapted from several ancient sources, and conforms to the historic four-fold order: God gathers us for reconciliation, transformation and sustenance, God speaks to us through the Scriptures proclaimed and professed, God invites us to participate in the heavenly banquet of thanksgiving, and God sends us on mission to love the world and declare its true eternal story.

+ Indicates the Congregation is invited to stand.

Parts for the Congregation to speak are printed in bold-faced type.

GATHERING

Prelude Organ and Brass

Introit Sanctus N. L. Norden
IWS Festival Choir

+ Processional Hymn Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!

Words: William Chatterton Dix (stanzas 1-4), Christopher Wordsworth (stanza 5).

Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland Hugh Prichard.

Greeting

Dr. James R. Hart

IWS President

+ Opening Acclamation

Presider In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People Amen.

Presider The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God

and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People And also with you.

+ Confession of Sins

Presider My brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge our sins,

and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

Silence

All Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you

in thought, word, and deed,

by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us;

that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,

to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Presider Lord, have mercy.
People Christ, have mercy.
Presider Christ, have mercy.
Presider Lord, have mercy.
Presider Lord, have mercy.
People Lord, have mercy.

Presider May almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you your sins,

and bring you to eternal life. Amen.

+ Glory in the Highest

Chorus

Verse 2

Verse 3

+ Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider O God, by your Holy Spirit you give to some the word of wisdom, to others the word

of knowledge, and to others the word of faith: We praise your Name for the gifts of grace manifested in your servants graduating today, and we pray that your Church may never be destitute of such gifts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with You and

the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

THE WORD OF THE LORD

First Lesson

Isaiah 6:1-8

Following the Lesson, the Lector says

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm 22

Deus, Deus meus

Antiphon

Cantor

1 My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Why are you so far away when I groan for help?

2 Every day I call to you, my God, but you do not answer.

Every night I lift my voice, but I find no relief.

My life is poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint.

My heart is like wax, melting within me.

15 My strength has dried up like sunbaked clay;

My tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth.

You have laid me in the dust and left me for dead. Antiphon

19 O LORD, do not stay far away!

You are my strength; come quickly to my aid!

20 Save me from the sword;

spare my precious life from these dogs.

21 Snatch me from the lion's jaws

and from the horns of these wild oxen.

22 I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters.

I will praise you among your assembled people. Antiphon

23 Praise the LORD, all you who fear him! Honor him, all you descendants of Jacob! Show him reverence, all you descendants of Israel!

For he has not ignored or belittled the suffering and the needy.

but has listened to their cries for help.

Antiphon

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Second Lesson

2 Corinthians 12:1-10

Following the Lesson, the Lector says

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

+ Gospel Alleluia

Celtic Alleluia

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+ Gospel Lesson

Matthew 25:14-30

Before the presentation of the Gospel, the Lector will say

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Saint Matthew.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Following the Gospel Lesson, the Lector will say

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Introduction of the Preacher

Dr. James R. Hart

Homily

Dr. Darrell A. Harris Dean Emeritus of the Chapel

+ Hymn	Come Holy Ghost, Our Souls Inspire
	Words: Latin, 9 th century; tr. John Cosin; paraphrase of <i>Veni Creator Spiritus</i> Music: <i>Veni Creator Spiritus</i> , plainsong, Mode 8

THE COMMENCEMENT

The Presentation of the Candidates

Dr. Dinelle Frankland

Academic Dean

Dr. Douglas Curry M.W.S. Internship Professor

Dr. Vaughn CroweTipton D.W.S. Thesis Director

The Conferring of Degrees

Dr. James R. Hart *President*

The Hooding

The listing of graduates begins on page 19.

Dr. John Lindsell Chairman of the Board

The Conferring of Posthumous D.W.S.

Emmanuel Saba Bileya

Dr. James R. Hart *President*

The Prayer of Commissioning

Rev. Dr. Nancy Nethercott

Chaplain

+ The Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The People greet one another in the Name of the Lord.

Welcome

Dr. Kent Walters

Director of Alumni Activities

Announcements

THE TABLE OF THE LORD: HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory

The offering will benefit the Scholarship Fund of IWS. You can make a check out to IWS, or donate online by credit card or e-check at www.iws.edu (or using this QR code).



Offertory Hymn

Find us Faithful

Steve Green IWS Festival Choir

+Doxology

The Congregation stands and sings

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise him all creatures here below; Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise him above ye heav'nly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:

O praise him, O praise him, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!

Words: Thomas Ken. Music: Lasst uns erfreuen in D.

+ The Great Thanksgiving

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Presider continues

It is truly right to give you thanks, truly just to give you glory, Father most holy, for you are the one God living and true, existing before all ages and abiding for all eternity, dwelling in unapproachable light; yet you, who alone are good, the source of life, have made all that is, so that you might fill your creatures with blessings and bring joy to many of them by the glory of your light.

And so, in your presence are countless hosts of Angels, who serve you day and night and, gazing upon the glory of your face, glorify you without ceasing. With them we, too, confess your name in exultation, giving voice to every creature under heaven, as we acclaim:

+ Sanctus

+ Eucharistic Prayer

Presider

You are indeed Holy, O Lord, the fount of all holiness. Sanctify, therefore, your people here gathered; and make holy these gifts, we pray, by sending down your Spirit upon them like the dewfall, so that they may be for us the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is your inseparable Word, through whom you made all things, and in whom you are well pleased. You sent him from heaven into the Virgin's womb; and conceived in the womb, he was made flesh and was manifested as your son being born of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin. Fulfilling your will and gaining for you a holy people, he stretched out his hands when he should suffer, that he might release from suffering those who believed in you.

And when he was betrayed to voluntary suffering that he might destroy death, and break the bonds of the devil, and tread down hell, and shine upon the righteous, and fix the limit, and manifest the resurrection, he took bread and, giving thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying,

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF IT, FOR THIS IS MY BODY, WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.

In a similar way, when supper was ended, he took the chalice and, once more giving thanks, he gave it to his disciples, saying,

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT, FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD, THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL COVENANT, WHICH WILL BE POURED OUT FOR YOU AND FOR MANY FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS. DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.

+ Memorial Acclamation

Presider Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

The Presider and Congregation sing

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Presider

Therefore, as we celebrate the memorial of his Death and Resurrection, we offer you, Lord, the Bread of life and the Chalice of salvation, giving thanks that you have held us worthy to be in your presence and minister to you. Humbly we pray that, partaking of the Body and Blood of Christ, we may be gathered into one by the Holy Spirit. Remember, Lord, your Church, spread throughout the world, and bring her to the fullness of charity.

Remember also our brothers and sisters who have fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection, and all who have died in your mercy: welcome them into the light of your face. Have mercy on us all, we pray, that with the blessed Apostles, and all the Saints who have pleased you throughout the ages, we may be found coheirs to eternal life, and may praise and glorify you through your Son, Jesus Christ.

Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, for ever and ever.

+ The Great Amen
The Presider and Congregation sing
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The Land's Drayer
+ The Lord's Prayer
Presider At the Savior's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say

+ The Breaking of the Bread

The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. Then the Presider and People sing

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Presider Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world.

Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

People Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof,

but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died

for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

Presider For those attending with us online, let us pray together this prayer for spiritual

communion:

Those who are unable to attend in person join the Presider in praying

Grant, Lord Jesus Christ, that as the hem of your garment, touched in faith,

healed the woman who could not touch your Body, so may our souls be fed and healed by like faith in you,

whom we cannot now sacramentally receive.

We ask this through your tender mercy and love. Amen.

The Communion

The ministers receive the Sacrament, and then immediately deliver it to the People.

All baptized Christians are welcome at the Lord's Table. There will be a Communion station on either side of the main aisle. The Congregation will come forward to receive Communion row by row, as directed by the Ushers. First you will receive the consecrated bread, then the wine (the chalice furthest from the bread on each side will serve alcohol-free wine). Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

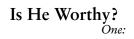
Children whose parents do not want them to receive Communion, and others who for any reason do not wish to do so, are encouraged to come forward, cross their arms across their chests, and receive a prayer of blessing.

Eat This Bread

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+ Postcommunion Prayer

Presider Let us pray.

All Almighty and ever living God,

we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food

of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;

and for assuring us in these holy mysteries

that we are living members of the Body of your Son,

and heirs of your eternal kingdom.

And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do,

to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,

be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

SENDING

+ Benediction

The Presider blesses the People.

+ Retiring Processional

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

Words: Isaac Watts, alt. Music: St. Anne, melody att. William Croft, alt., harmony by William Henry Monk, setting by John Rutter.

+ Dismissal

Presider Alleluia, alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Postlude Organ and Brass

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF WORSHIP STUDIES

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ACADEMIC REGALIA

Patterned from medieval university customs, today's academic regalia reflect the status, scholastic achievement, and study discipline of the wearer. Colors are associated with different disciplines as seen in the trimmings of doctoral gowns and the edging of their hoods.

The array of colors evident at IWS is traditional, including white for the arts and humanities, brown for the fine arts, light blue for education, red for theology and pink for music. Masters gowns have long chiseled sleeves with a slit near the upper part of the arm. Doctoral gowns have three velvet stripes on the upper sleeves and velvet on the front panel.

Hoods are worn by those earning or holding graduate degrees. The doctoral hood is longer than the masters hood. The colors on the back inside of the hood are always the official colors of the school. In IWS's case, the colors are crimson and gold. The velvet edging on the hood is red, the color of the discipline of theology. Faculty members holding degrees from other institutions of higher education will wear regalia with colors of their alma maters and their academic disciplines.

HISTORY OF THE ROBERT E. WEBBER INSTITUTE FOR WORSHIP STUDIES

The Institute for Worship Studies was conceived in the early 1990s by Robert Webber. The goal from the beginning was to offer academic courses to train pastors, music ministers, worship leaders, theologians, church leaders and lay people to understand and practice worship renewal.

In the mid-nineties, two programs were begun in conjunction with established seminaries. A program of studies leading toward the Doctor of Ministry (D.Min.) was begun in connection with Northern Baptist Seminary in Lombard, Illinois. At the same time a Master of Theological Studies (M.T.S.) in worship studies was established at Tyndale Seminary in Toronto, Canada.

Numerous applications were made to Northern by music ministers and worship leaders who had completed their master's degrees in music, but wanted doctorates in worship studies. Because a Master of Divinity was required for entrance into the D.Min. program, these students were rejected for graduate study.

It was Robert Webber's conviction that there should be a doctoral program of worship study with wider admission standards. This degree should teach worship from a biblical, historical, theological and cultural perspective without requiring a theological master's degree or its equivalent. James Hart, then Minister of Music at Grace Episcopal Church, Orange Park, Florida, in 1999 committed the use of their church campus for the school. Hart made the appropriate connections in the state of Florida, and the Institute for Worship Studies was established as an authorized non-profit school in the state of Florida with assistance through membership in the Florida Council of Private Colleges, a state-approved educational association.

The Institute for Worship Studies opened with its first class of twenty doctoral students in June of 1999. The Master of Worship Studies program began in 2002. Robert Webber died April 27, 2007, after an eight-month illness. In January 2007, the Board of Trustees unanimously voted to change the name of IWS to the Robert E. Webber Institute for Worship Studies in honor of the vision, accomplishments, and contributions of Robert Webber.

Since its founding, IWS has grown steadily and matriculates an average of fifty-seven new students a year. As a result of this growth, IWS moved to the campus of Hendricks Avenue Baptist Church in October of 2015. The Institute embraces and serves the whole church in its many expressions and variations of the Christian faith. Students have come from nearly every state in the US and more than thirty other countries.

The Robert E. Webber Institute for Worship Studies holds accredited status with the Commission on Accreditation of the Association for Biblical Higher Education; accredited status was granted in 2010 and reaffirmed in 2015. Additionally, the Institute has been accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of The Association of Theological Schools since 2021.

WE EXTEND OUR SINCEREST THANKS ...

to Hendricks Avenue Baptist Church, and their Senior Pastor, Rev. Dr. B.J. Hutto, for graciously hosting the Institute for Worship Studies;

to all of our host families, for welcoming our students into their homes during this week;

to IWS Chaplain the Rev'd Dr. Nancy Nethercott, Presider, MWS Professor the Rev'd Dr. Greg Wilde, Deacon, and Rev'd Luke Memminger, Crucifer;

to DWS Professor Jeff Barker, for directing the presentation of the Scriptures, and DWS Professor Dr. Kent L. Walters, Convocational Services Coordinator;

to DWS Alumna Dr. Jessica Coleman, Music Director,
DWS Candidate Mr. Bob Johnson, Organist,
Brass musicians Charlie Propper, Patrick Forgione, Brian Urso, and Will Winter, and
all of the volunteers offering their musical gifts;

and to Dr. Samuel J. Horowitz, Director of Technical Services, StageCulture and Mr. Shawn "Buzz" New, A/V Production, and Dr. Ken Rushing and Dr. Jun Harada, AV Assistants, for their technical support of tonight's worship:

Your hospitality and service bless us immeasurably!

The Robert E. Webber Institute for Worship Studies forms servant leaders in Christian worship renewal and education through graduate academic praxis, grounded in biblical, historical, theological, cultural and missiological reflection in community.

For more information, visit www.iws.edu.