

PROGRAM

PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL

SINGING (*standing*)

Psalm 33: 1,2,3

1. Rejoice before the LORD, you righteous,
and with a new song praise his name.
Praise is most fitting for the upright;
with harp and lyre declare his fame.
For the LORD has spoken
words of truth unbroken;
he is faithful still.
Righteousness he treasures;
earth is with the measures
of his goodness filled.
2. By his command he made the heavens,
their starry host by his decree.
He gathered in his storehouse chambers
the waters of the deepest sea.
Let the earth revere him,
and its people fear him.
God spoke, and 'twas done.
He set all creation
firm on its foundation.
Praise him, everyone!
3. God foils the scheming of the nations;
he frustrates all the peoples' plans.
The LORD is steadfast in his purpose;
for evermore his counsel stands.
Shout with jubilation:

Happy is the nation
where the LORD is God.
Freed from all oppression,
they are his possession.
Spread his praise abroad!

OPENING

Chairman of the Board of Governors,
Rev. John Louwerse

READING: Romans 8: 28–39

²⁸ And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good for those who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹ For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. ³⁰ And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified and those whom he justified he also glorified. ³¹ What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³² He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? ³³ Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. ³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁶ As it is written, "*for your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded like sheep to be slaughtered.*" ³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height

nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. (ESV)

A WORD FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dr. Jason Van Vliet

SINGING (*seated*)

Hymn 35: 1, 2

1. If God is on our side, against us shall be none.
He did not spare his own, his well-beloved Son,
but gave him up for us, that he might save us truly.
Will he with him not give us all things free and fully?
Who then will yet accuse those whom he has elected?
'Tis God who justifies in Christ, the Resurrected.
2. None will condemn us now! Christ Jesus, he who died –
yes, rather, who was raised – sits at his Father's side
and intercedes for us; he will forsake us never.
Who from the love of Christ shall separate us ever?
Shall persecution, shall distress, or tribulation,
or nakedness, or sword, or peril, or starvation?

ADDRESS

Dr. Jason Van Vliet

“Why Lord? When God’s Providence does not seem to make sense.”

SINGING (*standing*)

Hymn 35: 3, 4

3. 'Tis written, "For your sake they kill us all day long; we are considered sheep by haters fierce and strong; we're being put to death and driven to the slaughter." All day we are disgraced, we are poured out like water, but yet in all these things we are more than victorious through him who loved his own, our Saviour great and glorious.

4. I am convinced that neither powers, death, nor life, nor angels, things to come, things present, princes, strife, nor height, nor depth, nor any other thing created will from the love of God now keep us separated – his love in Jesus Christ, the Saviour whom he gave us, that through his precious blood he might redeem and save us.

CONFERRAL OF THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF DIVINITY

Graduates: Tsjibbe deJong Rodney den Boer
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WORD OF THANKS BY GRADUATING STUDENT

SINGING (*standing*)

Psalm 134: 1, 3

1. Come, bless the LORD with one accord,

you faithful servants of the LORD,
who praise him in his house by night
and serve him there with all your might.

- 3 The LORD now bless you from above,
from Zion in his boundless love –
our God who made both earth and sky.
Praise be to him, the LORD Most High.

PRESENTATION BY THE WOMEN'S SAVINGS ACTION

Mrs. J. Van Vliet, Mrs. D. Alkema, and Mrs. K. Schuurman

SINGING PRESENTATION BY SEMINARY STUDENTS during

COLLECTION

The collection will be for the Foreign Student Bursary – a fund that provides the necessary financial assistance to qualified foreign students from developing countries who seek a Reformed theological education. E-transfer can be made to donate@crts.ca or cheques made out to the **Foreign Student Bursary**. E-transfers must have full name and address in the comments section in order to receive a tax receipt.

SINGING (*seated*)

Hymn 65: 1,3,4

1. If you but let the Father guide you,
relying on his faithfulness,
he will be evermore beside you
in all your sorrow and distress.
He who on God Most High depends
builds not his house on shifting sands.

3. Be still! What God in his good pleasure
to you in wisdom may impart
is given you in perfect measure;
thus be content within your heart.
To him who chose us for his own
our needs and wants are surely known.

4. With song and prayer, in faith progressing,
in all you do God's will obey.
Expect from him alone your blessing:
he will renew it every day,
for God will never those disown
who put their trust in him alone.

CLOSING PRAYER

Rev. J. Poppe

SINGING *(standing)*

O Canada (1 & 4)

O Canada! Our home and native land!
True patriot love in all of us command.
With glowing hearts we see thee rise,
the true north, strong and free!
From far and wide, O Canada,
we stand on guard for thee.
God keep our land glorious and free.
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

Ruler Supreme, who hearest humble prayer.
Hold our Dominion in Thy loving care.
Help us to find, O God, in Thee
a lasting, rich reward.
As waiting for the better day,
we ever stand on guard.
God keep our land glorious and free.
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

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