

Concordia Institute for Music Ministry and Liturgy

Seasons of Faith: Singing the Psalms

February 4, 2012 – 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon
(Registration begins at 8:30)

Purpose

The purpose of the event is to *deepen our understanding and experience of psalms in our ritual practice throughout the Church Year, and to explore how Psalms inform and enhance our worship and prayer life.*

Overall Description

The Book of Psalms (often called the Psalter) was the prayerbook or hymnal of Jewish worship, a tradition that continued when early Christians combined the synagogue service of the word with the Lord's Supper. Christian worship has evolved and changed in the years since, but the psalms have remained a significant part of the Church's song. In our liturgy, the Psalm creates a bridge to the Gospel for the day, and the beauty of the psalms is magnified as they are placed in the setting of God's redemptive work in Jesus Christ. Using examples from the Revised Common Lectionary we will look at how the psalms are theologically formative and what this means for those who lead the singing of the psalm. We'll sing a variety of styles and discuss ways to develop a psalm repertoire in our congregations.

Schedule

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| 8:30 a.m. | Coffee and Registration |
| 9:00 a.m. | Morning Prayer |
| 9:30 a.m. | Plenary: <i>Singing the Psalms</i>
Psalms in Worship
Psalms and the Lectionary
Psalms and Spiritual Formation |
| 10:15 a.m. | Break |
| 10:30 a.m. | Choral Reading Session of Psalm Settings
Selecting a Style
Leadership/Strategies for Teaching Psalmody
Seasonal Psalmody
Involving Children/Youth |
| 11:30 a.m. | Question and Answer
Group sharing: Best practices in your congregation |
| 12:00 noon | Closing |

Cost

\$10 per person, including refreshments and resource booklet (the fifth person from a congregation - free!)

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