

- Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever, Amen. Peace be to the house of God, and to all who worship with us. Would you like to know about this service (indistinct) Well, whether you would or not, it is what God is doing. Driving through the under thoughts of each chapter that's about two weeks ago. One was greeted by the gracious announcement, Jesus the answer, John 3:16. This then affects your inhibition, has been made. (indistinct) John 3:16. Now if anyone accepts the original version of this cottonpatch bearing reading. My reaction is still the same, the same as it was, when I saw the good news, painted in white on the East Campus Bridge. The Jesus.. or ? the answer, what's the question? Until we know and understand what were asking It is impossible to say with any certainty that this or even that is the answer. Now last Sunday, the Chaplain to the university rightfully and effectively analyze and ascertain the intent and the content of the university services wishes. It is the acknowledgement and reverence of the God, primarily revealed in Jesus Christ and the willing recognition of our voluntary commitment to Him. The service they know, is very complimentary parts ? is the celebration of a God that was best known by the analogy of Father. That is the fact that decides and dominates the import of the service and determines the walk (indistinct). Nevertheless, the servant is the balance place within such a service, that asks oneself again the questions which lie behind the sudden and spoken answers. In order that we may discover if there is even better news about the good news. So let us hear again some of the ancient and recurring questions which the pave to our faith and suffer to our daily living. Since we are dealing with religion the first object of inquiry will be the three letter word, G O D. While that's probably true as some Freshman has told us, that if you stayed with me and if you feed God God divine is God finished. Yet we need some sort of elimination. To tie Him down. And not to lap it up. We keep muttering two recurring questions from the old Testament. Joe all the time knew where I might find it. The second idea is to whom then will he liken God. Now like Joe, some of us angry and impatient about the hiddenness of God. Others others like the unknown clusters of the exile are all propelled by the majesty and the magnificence of the universe and by traces at least of a moral law at work among men and nations. But when we come to make the definition of God, we're stuck. Even Jesus seems to have hesitated when it came to a dictionary explanation. Listen to Him. God is.. yep come on. What is God? God is like a clock. Of course, Jesus was a first century Jew. That means that He resides as practical or picturesque in His teachings, and His references to God are poetical and are logical parabolic. He wouldn't say to them, God is the grounds of being. The Bible does not seem to ask the question many of us or our fellows ask: Is there a God? God is assumed, accepted and to your method, the Bible queries: What's He like? Creator, Judge, Being, Bossman, Father. And we put all our affirmation in Him and in Creed. Rightfully and naturally ask the conjoined questions: Is there a God? And if so, what's He like? And such questions will be rightfully dealt with in Sermons, from this book. Now the first question inevitably leads to a second. What is man? And all kinds of answers are sail our ears. Man is a two legged animal without feathers. Blatant if you said that. Man is a thief with possibility or man is a monkey who has learned to comb his hair or something like that. One sees the influence of Charles Darwin there. Alexander Hope in the 18th century, asserted that man is natures sole piece. My queen cemented that man is the only animal that blushes But religion claims that the question

"What is man?" is more than a 3 word query. It must be lit and in love with the questions about God it was a Psalmist who asks the giant question, what is man, if thou are mindful of him? And the son of man, that thou visited Him. The answer to the second question is infinitely tied to our first question. The answer about man depends on the answer about God. The basic answer may turn on the supposition that God needed man. God's nature is love, according to the new Testament and lots of the old. And love demands an object which can respond. James Melvin Johnson the need for quiet has spited up something like this and his need for sermon as you all know the creation, and God stepped out into space and He looked around and said "I'm lonely". I'll make me a world. And so He did. And when He had finished, sun, moon, stars, earth, sea, fishes, beasts and birds looking at it all Gods preclusion was, "I'm lonely still". Then God sat down. On the side of a hill where He could think. By a deep wide river He sat down, with His head in His hands, God thought... And thought... and He thought "I'll make me a man". A man for companionship. A human being that loves me. And so we come to a third question stemming from the second, what attitude should govern a man in his dealings with God? What kinds of thinking and behavior would lead to good relations between God and man. And it was an 8th century Prophet by the name of Micah who put into words one of the best answers ever given to God/man relations. He'd been struggling with the question of how a man should come before God. Animal sacrifice had normally been apart of worship. But Micah wasn't excited about those offerings. What about 10,000 rivers of oil? Now that would be some libation. A torrential outpour. Why not go back to human sacrifice? Shall I give my first born, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? Micah wasn't enthusiastic about any of the old answers. Then came the great word, the first box of our morning regimen. He had shown the old man what is good. What does the Lord require of me? Is it to do justly? And to love mercy and to walk humbly with thy God. To walk humbly with God that's the divine reference and the consequence should be the such a man would be a just person, more than that, he'd be a kind person. I have a hunch that it was this verse from Micah that inspired the attitude and controls the behavior of many, not all, but many of our students, throughout the vigil, during the last academic year on this campus. What is man, man, male or female made He what He is because of this new God. There's a divine component in mans new service. Alright God, man. God and man. Can you see what the next question is? What about a mans relationship to other people? Question was once put in words that have never been forgotten by the ecclesiastical lawyer: Jesus, who is my neighbor? These words were read in the second part of the vessel. Now Jesus did not suggest a group discussion or a bull session on this interesting topic. He transformed the question into a modern dilemma, by telling this Jew a parable in which the villains turned out to be two members of the Jewish clergy and the good guy was a disguise. May I use the word lousy. Who is my neighbor? The person who needs a neighbor. The lostness and downness and outness. That is the person that must be loved as much as practically and as down to earth as I love my self. Now such an unusual standard governs the conduct of some folk, even some you know. But its hardly the ethic of John. Who is my neighbor is still a question tantalizing unpresent soul searching, which refuses to stay in the background. Jesus suggests that maybe the best way to kill an enemy is to make a friend out of them. The third part of our scripture lesson finds Jesus asking His disciples very pertinent and comfortably for Him a very timely question: who do men say that I am? They gave Him good answers. A second John The Baptist. Elijah came back to life, a prophet. And the new Testament offers utter responses when I left the Rabbi, not your teacher, but my teacher. Rabbi. Messiah. The anointed of God. The only question is to be thankful for mans search for meaning. (indistinct) In the beginning was the Lord God, in the beginning was the meaning. And the Lord God the meaning was with God and the meaning was God and the meaning became the mysterious

glory of Jesus. A son of God, the son of God, then we creep down in the long history of the church. Try their skill in answering Lord, even Lord of Lords The only begotten son of God. Very God to very God, the second person of the Blessed Trinity. Does one have to believe all this to be a Christian? I'm not sure one can. But what I am sure, is that whatever one thinks about the darkness of Jesus we ought to have a great reverence for the problems behind them. And the question that caused such answers because these assertions about Jesus have all to do without wonder of God and man, and God's relationship with man and our relationship with other men. And the impact that Jesus made on this contemporary. And on the centuries that followed it. Jesus may be disputed, He may even be reputed but He shouldn't be ignored. When one is asking serious questions, be serious and patient and in good faith. There is only time to mention the 6th and last question and it must be asked at least. It's Joe's question of mans perineurial question. If a man dies, shall he live again? The old testament book almost unanimously answers no. But between the testament of 165 BC until the ministry of Jesus, a tentative and then more certain yes was given. At Easter, the hop of the Christian faith (indistinct). We out of church centered on the resurrection. As the answer to Joes puzzle closes. And the answer of man, our head and our heart. What came together in conjunction for it to understand? It shouldn't surprise me that sermons in this university chapel will raise such questions, while the liturgy affirms such answers the job of education is to ask questions. You can say "alright sir and the job of religion is to give the answer to questions" Yes the job of religion is also to understand the question. So that the answers may be tested. So we shall ask questions here about God and man and God and man and our neighbor, Jesus and life after death. Do you remember, especially those of you who are freshman one line that the faithful wrote in mans search for meaning. Life ultimately means taking the responsibility to find the right answer to its problem. And to fulfill the costs, which is constantly set for each individual. Questions, problems, answers, responsibility and applying the answers to the tasks that life sends. It's a good question. We shall be right here to help you in it. Almighty and eternal God who has given hearts to love thee, wills to serve thee and minds to know thee. Encourage us to use our minds on the great question. For the end that we may serve thee with our minds as well as with our hearts and wills. For thy greater glory. Amen. (organ plays) (choir sings)