

A MEMORIAL

CHARLES EDWARD DIEHL (1875-1964)
President of Southwestern at Memphis, 1917-1949

PRELUDE

INTRODUCTION Dean Jameson M. Jones

HYMN BY THE CHOIR "Most Merciful God"
Words by Charles E. Diehl and music by Vernon Perdue-Davis

COMMEMORATIVE REMARKS President Peyton K. Rhodes

LITANY

O God, our heavenly father, who art from everlasting to everlasting, who calls this vast universe into being and orders all things to thy good purposes, granting to each his appointed labor, and by whose grace we are led; We thank thee for all saints who, in response to thy call, have enobled our common life, enriched our faith and understanding and inspired us to our proper destiny. Especially do we thank thee for the life of thy servant, remembered this day, by whose dedication we are shamed, by whose vision inspired, by whose energy and will we are strengthened to our tasks.

For his insight which made faith credible and relevant,

We praise thee and give thee thanks, O God.

For his courage to face issues squarely, which inspired the weak to be resolute and made firm the strong in their duty,

We praise thee, and give thee thanks, O God.

For the vision which led him to see the good and his firmness of purpose to make it real,

We praise thee, and give thee thanks, O God.

For his steadfastness when burdens were heavy, and patience when perplexity mounted,

We praise thee, and give thee thanks, O God.

For his discontent with paltry values, and his impatience with hypocrisy and sham,

We praise thee, and give thee thanks, O God.

For the vigor of a robust spirit which despised mediocrity and dishonor in personal and community life,

We praise thee, and give thee thanks, O God.

For the stamp of integrity which he placed indelibly upon this college,

We praise thee, and give thee thanks, O God.

Grant, O Lord, that in the spirit of his example we may accept our appointed tasks and do honor to thy name. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hardie Auditorium, March 2, 1964, 10:00 A.M.