

Choral Vespers

November 21, 2013 Five-fifteen in the evening

≈ Keeping the heart of the University listening to the heart of God «

GATHERING

Organ Prelude

*The Preces/Invitatory

William Smith (1603-1645)

Cantor: O Lord, open thou our lips

Choir: And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Cantor: O God, make speed to save us. Choir: O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end, Amen.

Praise ye the Lord.

*Processional Hymn 435

O God of Every Nation

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*Opening Sentence

Leader: Light and peace in Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

*Collect for Light

Almighty God, we give you thanks for surrounding us, as daylight fades, with the brightness of your vesper light; and we implore you of your great mercy, that as you enfold us with the radiance of this light, so you would shine into our hearts the brightness of your Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson—Isaiah 41:17-20

(OT page 629-30 of the pew Bible) Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

O salutaris hostia

Thomas Tallis (c. 1505-1585)

O salutaris hostia quae caeli pandis ostium, bella premunt hostilia; da robur, fer auxilium Uni trinoque Domino, sit sempiterna gloria, qui vitam sine termino nobis donet in patria.

O saving victim who opens the gate of heaven, Hostile wars press on us; give strength, bring aid. To the Lord, three in one, be everlasting glory, For life without end he gives us in his Kingdom

—Thomas Aquinas.

New Testament Lesson—Revelation 21:22-22:5 (NT page 245)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem (please see insert for text)

Funeral Ikos John Tavener (1944-2013)

*Gospel Lesson—Matthew 18:1-9 (NT pages 18-19)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Responses/Suffrages

William Smith

(choir alone, congregation seated)

Cantor: The Lord be with you. Choir: And with thy spirit.

Cantor: Let us pray.

Choir: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Cantor: O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

Choir: And grant us thy salvation.

Cantor: Keep the nations under thy care;

Choir: And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Cantor: Endue thy ministers with righteousness; Choir: And make thy chosen people joyful.

Cantor: O Lord, save thy people; Choir: And bless thine inheritance. Cantor: Give peace in our time, O Lord;

Choir: Because there is none other that fighteth for us,

but only thou, O God.

Cantor: O God, make clean our hearts within us; Choir: And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

Prayers

(The congregation responds to each petition: "Hear our prayer.")

The Lord's Prayer

*Recessional Hymn 188

Christ Is the World's Light

CHRISTE SANCTORUM

*Benediction

*Choral Dismissal

Te lucis ante terminum

Tallis

Te lucis ante terminum, rerum Creator, poscimus, ut solita clementia, sis praesul ad custodiam.

Procul recedant somnia, et noctium phantasmata: hostemque nostrum comprime, ne polluantur corpora.

Praesta, Pater omnipotens, per Jesum Christum Dominum, qui tecum in perpetuum regnat cum Sancto Spiritu. Amen.

To thee before the close of day, Creator of the world, we pray that, with thy wonted favour, thou wouldst be our guard and keeper now.

From all ill dreams defend our sight, from fears and terrors of the night; withhold from us our ghostly foe, that spot of sin we may not know.

O Father, that we ask be done, through Jesus Christ, thine only Son, who, with the Holy Ghost and thee, doth live and reign eternally. Amen.

Postlude

*Please stand as you are able.

You are welcome to stay for the organ postlude. Should you need to leave, please do so quietly and respectfully.

The Vespers service will not take place next Thursday due to the Thanksgiving holiday. The final service of the semester will be an Advent Service of Lessons and Carols on December 5 at 5:30 p.m. Dr. David Arcus will be playing a prelude of seasonal music beginning at 5:15 p.m. This will be Dr. Arcus's final service playing for the Vespers ensemble, as his tenure as Chapel Organist ends on Christmas Eve.

Why these bitter words of the dying, O brethren, which they utter as they go hence? I am parted from my brethren. All my friends do I abandon and go hence. But whither I go, that understand I not, neither what shall become of me yonder; only God who hath summoned me knoweth. But make commemoration of me with the song: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

But whither now go the souls? How dwell they now together there? This mystery have I desired to learn; but none can impart aright. Do they call to mind their own people, as we do them? Or have they forgotten all those who mourn them and make the song: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

We go forth on the path eternal, and as condemned, with downcast faces, present ourselves before the only God eternal. Where then is comeliness? Where then is wealth? Where then is the glory of this world? There shall none of these things aid us, but only to say oft the psalm: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

If thou hast shown mercy unto man, O man, that same mercy shall be shown thee there; and if on an orphan thou hast shown compassion, the same shall there deliver thee from want. If in this life the naked thou hast clothed, the same shall give thee shelter there, and sing the psalm: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Youth and the beauty of the body fade at the hour of death, and the tongue then burneth fiercely, and the parched throat is inflamed. The beauty of the eyes is quenched then, the comeliness of the face all altered, the shapeliness of the neck destroyed; and the other parts have become numb, nor often say: Alleluia! Alleluia!

With ecstasy are we inflamed if we but hear that there is light eternal yonder; that there is Paradise, wherein every soul of Righteous Ones rejoiceth. Let us all, also, enter into Christ, that we may cry aloud thus unto God: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

^{*}Today is the day in which the church recognizes Thomas Tallis in the calendar of Saints. We celebrate his contributions to sacred music which have enriched the life of the church. The Vespers Ensemble offers "Funeral Ikos" in memory of Sir John Tavener, a British composer who died on November 12, 2013. Sir Tavener was one of the most well-known and popular composers of his generation.

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