

# **Choral Vespers**

January 29, 2015
Five-fifteen in the evening

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### GATHERING

## Organ Prelude

\*Choral Introit

God Grant We Grace

Thomas Tallis (1505–1585)

God grant we grace, he us embrace, In gentle part, bless he our heart, With loving face, thine be his place, His mercies all on us to fall; That we thy way may know all day, while we do sail this world so frail. Thy health's reward is nigh declared, As plain as eye, all Gentiles spy.

—from Psalm 67

\*Processional Hymn (please see insert)
Lord, Thee I Love With All My Heart

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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 49:13–23 (OT page 639)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

#### Anthem

Praise to the Lord

Hugo Distler (1908–1942)

Praise to the Lord, the almighty, the king of creation!

O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!

Gather ye round, let us make music resound!

Praise him in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth.

Shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth.

Hast thou not seen how thy hearts wishes have been granted in what he ordaineth?

—Joachim Neander and S. Paul Schilling

New Testament Lesson—Galatians 3:1–14 (NT page 177)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

### Anthem

As Truly as God Is Our Father

William Mathias (1934–1992)

As truly as God is our Father, so just as truly is he our Mother.

In our Father, God Almighty, we have our being;

In our merciful Mother we are remade and restored.

Our fragmented lives are knit together.

And by giving and yielding ourselves, through grace,

To the Holy Spirit we are made whole.

It is I, the strength and goodness of fatherhood.

It is I, the wisdom of motherhood.

It is I, the light and grace of holy love.

It is I, the Trinity.

I am the sovereign goodness in all things.

It is I who teach you to love.

It is I who teach you to desire.

It is I who am the reward of all true desiring.

All shall be well, and all manner of thing shall be well. Amen.

—Julian of Norwich (1342–1416)

\*Gospel Lesson—Mark 6:30-44 (NT page 38-39)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Responses (congregation seated)

Gabriel Jackson (b. 1962)

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. Amen.

### Prayers

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

# The Lord's Prayer

### SENDING FORTH

# \*Recessional Hymn 435

O God of Every Nation

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### \*Benediction

# \*Choral Blessing

Gabriel Jackson

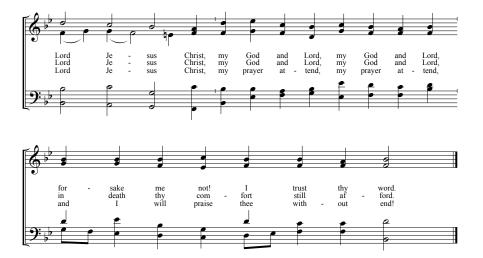
The Lord be with you. And with thy spirit. Let us bless the Lord. Thanks be to God.

### **Postlude**

<sup>\*</sup>Please stand as you are able.

# Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart





Text: Martin Schalling, 1532–1608; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt. Music: B. Schmid, *Orgeltabulaturbuch*, 1577

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