Choral Vespers
February 12, 2015
Five-fifteen in the evening

The Vespers choir sings the service from the center of the chancel stalls. You are welcome to sit in the chancel on either side of the choir in any of the seats not already marked as reserved, or you may stay in the nave.

GATHERING

Organ Prelude

*Choral Introit

Juz se zmiešxa (sung in Polish)
(c. 1533–c. 1568)

Juz sie zmierzcha, nadchodzi noc,
Poprosmy Boga o pomoc,
Aby on naszym strózem był
Od zlych czartów nas obronił
Ktorzy najwiecej w ciemności używają swej chytrości.

Daylight declines, night comes upon us,
Let us pray to God for his protection,
May he be our guardian,
And defend us from the wicked devils
Who are most cunning in the night-time.

*Processional Hymn 532

Jesus, Priceless Treasure

*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 60:1–6 (OT page 649)
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem
Alma redemptoris mater Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina
(c. 1525–1594)

Alma Redemptoris Mater, quæ pervia cæli
Porta manes, et stella maris, succurre cadenti,
Surgere qui curat, populo: tu que genuisti,
Natura mirante, tuum sanctum Genitorem
Virgo prius ac posterius, Gabrielis ab ore
Sumens illud Ave, peccatorum miserere.

Mother of Christ! Hear thou thy people’s cry,
Star of the deep, and portal of the sky!
Mother of Him Who thee from nothing made,
Sinking we strive and call to thee for aid;
Oh, by that joy which Gabriel brought to thee,
Thou Virgin first and last, let us thy mercy see.

New Testament Lesson—2 Timothy 2:14–26 (NT page 200)
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem
Jubilate Deo William Walton

O be joyful in the Lord all ye lands; serve the Lord with
gladness and come before his presence with a song. Be ye
sure that the Lord he is God; it is he that hath made us
and not we ourselves; we are his people and the sheep of
his pasture. O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving
and into his courts with praise; be thankful unto him and
speak good of his Name. For the Lord is gracious; his mercy
is everlasting; and his truth endureth from generation to
generation. 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. —Psalm 100

*Gospel Lesson—Mark 8:27–9:1 (NT page 41)
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Responses (congregation seated) Gabriel Jackson
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 475
Come Down, O Love Divine

*Benediction

*Choral Blessing

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

Postlude

*Please stand as you are able.

CHORAL EVENSONG ON SUNDAY FEBRUARY 15
This Sunday afternoon at 4:00 p.m. the Vespers Ensemble will
lead a traditional service of choral evensong in Duke Chapel.
All are welcome to attend.