Choral Vespers
April 4, 2013
Five-fifteen in the evening

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

GATHERING
Organ Prelude

*The Preces/Invitatory

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.

Cantor: Praise ye the Lord.
Choir: The Lord’s name be praised.

*Processional Hymn 298
When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

*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—Ezekiel 37:1-14

(OT page 759 of the pew Bible)
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.
Anthem

Gib dich zufrieden und sei stille, BWV 315  J. S. Bach  (1685-1750)

Gib dich zufrieden und sei stille
In dem Gotte deines Lebens;
In ihm ruht aller Freuden Fülle,
Ohn’ ihn mühst du dich vergebens.
Er ist dein Quell und deine Sonne,
Scheint täglich hell zu deiner Wonne.
Gib dich zufrieden.

Be content and be silent
In the God of thy life;
In it rests fullness of joys,
Sans him you must you vain.
He is your source and your sun
Every day seems bright to your delight.
Be content.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Verleih uns Frieden  Felix Mendelssohn  (1809-1847)

Verleih uns Frieden gnädiglich,
Herr Gott, zu unsern Zeiten.
Es ist doch ja kein ander nicht,
der für uns könnte streiten,
denn du, unser Gott, alleine.

Mercifully grant us peace,
Lord God, during our time on earth.
There is indeed no other
Who could fight for us
than you, our God, alone.
—Martin Luther’s translation (published in 1528)

7th century prayer for peace, Da pacem Domine

Responses/Suffrages

(choir alone, congregation seated)  Thomas Morley  (c. 1557-c. 1602)

Cantor: The Lord be with you.
Choir: And with thy spirit.
Cantor: Let us pray.
Choir: Lord, have mercy upon us.
Choir: Christ, have mercy upon us.
Cantor: 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: 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 561  Jesus, United by Thy Grace  ST. ANGES

*Benediction

*Choral Dismissal

Gospodi Isuse Khriste  Alfred Schnittke  (1934-1998)

Gospodi Isuse Khriste, Syn’e Bozhij, pomiluij m’a gr’eshnogo.
Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me a sinner.

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.