Gathering

Organ Prelude

*Choral Introit
This Is The Day

Gerre Hancock (1934-2012)

Cantor: This is the day the Lord hath made:
Choir: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.
Cantor: The Lord preserve thy going out and thy coming in:
Choir: From this time forth forever more.
Cantor: Enter our hearts, O King of Glory, by thy Holy Spirit,
Bass: That with angels and archangels and with all thy saints we may praise Thee,
Tenor: our risen and ascended Lord, who livest and reigneth with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Choir: Amen

*Processional Hymn 132
All My Hope Is Firmly Grounded

MICHAEL

*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,
Tenor: as daylight fades, with the brightness of your vespers;
Bass: 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—Exodus 13:3-10

(OT page 57 of the pew Bible)
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.
Anthem
Magnificat  Charles Villiers Stanford  (1852-1924)

My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior. For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden. For, behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. For he that is mighty hath magnified me, and holy is his name. And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations. He hath shown strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their seat and exalted the humble and meek. He hath filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he hath sent empty away. He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel, as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed forever. 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. —Luke 1:46-55 and Gloria Patri

New Testament Lesson—1 Corinthians 15:41-50 (NT page 147)
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem
Nunc dimittis  Stanford

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word. For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people, to be a light to lighten the Gentiles, and to be the glory of thy people Israel. —Luke 2:29-31 and Gloria Patri

*Responses/Suffrages on Hamburg
(The congregation remains standing and sings the responses on the opposite page)

Prayers
(The congregation responds to each petition: “Hear our prayer.”)

The Lord’s Prayer

SENDING FORTH
*Recessional Hymn 534
Be Still, My Soul  FINLANDIA

*Benediction

*Choral Amen  Thomas Weelkes  (1576-1623)

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.

Tonight is the last Vespers service of the spring semester.
The service will return on Thursday, September 4, 2014.

Suffrages on Hamburg
adapted from Lowell Mason (1792-1872)  by David Arcus (2007)

The Lord be with you. And al-so with you. Let us pray: Show us your mer-cy, O
All: Lord; and grant us your sal-va-tion. Clothe your min-is- ters with righte -
ness, let your people sing with joy. Give peace, O Lord, in_
All: all the world; for only in you can we live in safe-ty.
All: Lord, keep this na-tion un-der your care, and guide us in the way of
All: jus-tice and truth. Let your way be known up-on earth; your sav -ing
Choir: health a-mong all na-tions. Let not the need-y, O Lord, be for-
Choir: got-ten, nor the hope of the poor be ta-ken a-way. Cre-ate in
All: us clean hearts, O God; and sus-tain us with your Ho-ly Spir-it.