Choral Vespers
September 6, 2012
Five-fifteen in the evening
Keeping the heart of the University listening to the heart of God

GATHERING
Organ Prelude
*The Preces/Invitatory
William Byrd (1543-1623)

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. The Lord’s name be praised.

*Processional Hymn 127
Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

*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.

PROCLAMATION
Old Testament Lesson—Job 16:16-22, 17:1, 13-16
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.
Psalm
Oculi omnium Heinrich Schütz
(1585-1672)

Oculi omnium in te spirant, Domine, et tu das escam illorum
in tempore impportuno. Aperis tu manum tuam et imples omne
animal benedictione.

The eyes of all wait upon thee, Lord, and you givest them
their meat in due season. Thou openest thine hand, and fill
every living thing with your blessing. —Psalm 145:15-16

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

Anthem
Lord, for Thy Tender Mercies’ Sake Richard Farrant
(c. 1530-1580)

Lord, for thy tender mercies’ sake, lay not our sins to our
charge, but forgive that is past, and give us grace to amend
our sinful lives, to decline from sin and incline to virtue,
that we may walk with a perfect heart before thee now and
evermore. Amen.

*Gospel Lesson—John 9:1-17 (congregation stands)
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSE
*Responses/Suffrages (choir alone) Byrd

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.

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

The Lord’s Prayer

SENDING FORTH

*Recessional Hymn 479 Jesus, Lover of My Soul Aberystwyth

*Benediction

*Choral Dismissal Amen Orlando Gibbons
(1583-1625)

Postlude

Special Note re: the Vespers services on September 13 and 20
On September 10, the Chapel’s upstairs will be closing for nine to
eleven days so its ceiling can undergo inspection and maintenance.
The Vespers services scheduled for September 13 and 20 will take
place in Goodson Chapel in the Divinity School. Although the
Chapel is not scheduled to open until September 21, if the Chapel
reopens earlier than the 21st, the Vespers service on September 20
will take place in the Chapel’s Chancel, as usual. The Chapel’s
website will have the most up-to-date information re: location.
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