Choral Vespers
September 18, 2014
Five-fifteen in the evening

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.
Praise ye the Lord. The Lord’s name be praised.

*Processional Hymn 686

O Gladsome Light

[LE CANTIQUE DE SIMÉÓN]

*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—Job 28:12–28

(OT pages 449–50 of the pew Bible)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.
Anthem
Remember not, Lord, our offenses  Henry Purcell
(1659–1695)

Remember not, Lord, our offenses,
nor the offenses of our forefathers;
neither take thou vengeance of our sins:
spare us, good Lord, spare thy people,
whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood,
and be not angry with us for ever.
Spare us, good Lord.

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

Anthem
Angelis suis   Josef Rheinberger
(1839–1901)

Angelis suis Deus mandavit de te: ut custodiant te in omnibus viis
tuais. In manibus portabunt te, ne forte unquam affendus ad lapidem
pedem tuum.

God shall give his angels charge over you, to keep you in all
your ways. On their hands they will bear you up, so you will
not dash your foot against a stone.

*Gospel Lesson—John 12:27–36a (NT page 100-1)
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

*Responses/Suffrages
(choir alone, congregation seated)
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 680
Father, We Praise Thee  CHRISTE SANTORUM

*Benediction

*Choral Blessing
Christe qui lux es et dies  Robert White
(1538–1574)

Christe qui lux es et dies,
Noctis tenebras detegis,
Lucisque lumen crederis,
Lumen beatum praedicans.

Precamur Sancte Domine,
Defende nos in hac nocte,
Sit nobis in te requies,
Quietam noctem tribue.

*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.