GATHERING

Organ Prelude

*Choral Introit

Glory be to the Father Vasily Sergeyevich Kalinnikov
(excerpt from “Slava i nîne”) (1866–1901)

Slava Ottsu, i Sînu, i Sviatomu Duhu, i nîne, i prisno, i vo veki vekov Amin.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

*Processional Hymn 189

Fairest Lord Jesus ST. ELIZABETH

*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—Micah 3:9–4:5

(OT page 814 of the pew Bible)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23

C. Hylton Stewart (1884-1932)

The Lord is my shepherd; therefore can I lack nothing.

He shall feed me in a green pasture, and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort. He shall convert my soul,
and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness, for his Name’s sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff comfort me.
Thou shalt prepare a table before me against them that trouble me; thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full. But thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.
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

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

Anthem
O For a Closer Walk
Scottish Psalter, 1635
arr. Charles Villiers Stanford
(1852–1924)

O for a closer walk with God, a calm and heavenly frame;
A light to shine upon the road that leads me to the Lamb!
Return, O holy Dove, return! Sweet messenger of rest;
I hate the sins that made thee mourn, and drove thee from my breast.
So shall my walk be close to God, calm and serene my frame;
So purer light shall mark the road that leads me to the Lamb.
—William Cowper

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

*Responses/Suffrages on SCHMÜCKE DICH
(The congregation remains standing and sings the responses on the insert)

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

The Lord’s Prayer

Sending Forth

*Recessional Hymn 683
The Day Is Past and Over DU FRIEDENFÜRST, HERR JESUS CHRIST

*Benediction

*Choral Blessing
Glory to you, O Lord Alexander Grechaninov (from “Blagoslovii dushe moya, Ghospoda”) (1864–1956)
Slava Ti, Ghospodi, sotvorishemu fsia.
Glory to thee, O Lord, creator of all.

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.

Suffrages on Schmücke Dich

Choir sings:

| Lord, show unto us thy mercy, and grant us thy salvation. |
| Clothe thy ministers with righteousness, and make thy people joyful. |
| Give peace, O Lord, in all the world for only in Thee can we live in safety. |
| Lord, keep the nations under thy care, and hear us when we call upon you. |
| O Lord, save thy people, and bless thine inheritance. |
| Lord, let not the needy be forgotten, nor the hope of the world be taken away, |
| God, make clean our hearts within us and sustain us with your Spirit. |