Choral Vespers
November 6, 2014
Five-fifteen in the evening

Gathering
Organ Prelude

*Choral Introit
Glory to Thee
James Whitbourn (b. 1963)
Glory to Thee, O Lord, Glory to Thee.
Heavenly King, Comforter, Spirit of Truth
Who art everywhere present and fillest all things.
Come dwell within us. Cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
And of thy goodness save our souls.
—words from the Orthodox tradition

*Processional Hymn 136
The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want
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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 our Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson—Deuteronomy 6:20–25 (OT page 158)
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 70
Haste thee, O God, to deliver me, make haste to help me, O Lord.
Let them be ashamed and confounded that seek after my soul,
let them be turned backward and put to confusion that wish me evil.
Let them for their reward be soon brought to shame that cry over me, There, there.
But let all those that seek thee be joyful and glad in thee and let all such as delight in thy salvation say alway, The Lord be praised.
As for me, I am poor and in misery haste thee unto me, O God.
Thou art my helper, and my redeemer O Lord, make no long tarrying.

New Testament Lesson—1 John 3:18–24 (NT page 226)
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem
Phos Hilaron (world premiere) David Jernigan
(b. 1984)
O gracious Light,
Pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven,
O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!
Now as we come to the setting of the sun, And our eyes behold the vesper light, We sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices, O Son of God, O Giver of life, And to be glorified through all the worlds.

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

Responses (congregation seated)
Officiant: The Lord be with you.
Choir: And with thy spirit.
Officiant: Let us pray.
Choir: Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Officiant: O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.
Choir: And grant us thy salvation.
Officiant: O Lord, keep the nations under thy care;
Choir: And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Officiant: Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.
Choir: And make thy chosen people joyful.
Officiant: O Lord, save thy people.
Choir: And bless thine inheritance.
Officiant: Give peace in our time, O Lord.
Choir: Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.
Officiant: O God, make clean our hearts within us.
Choir: And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

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

The Lord’s Prayer

Sending Forth

*Recessional Hymn 670
Go Forth for God

*Choral Amen
Thomas Weelkes (1576-1623)

*Please stand as you are able.