Choral Vespers
November 15, 2012
Five-fifteen in the evening

♫ Keeping the heart of the University listening to the heart of God ♫

GATHERING

Organ Prelude
*The Preces/Invitatory
  Gabriel Jackson
  (b. 1962)
  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.
  Cantor: Praise ye the Lord.
  Choir: The Lord’s name be praised.

*Processional Hymn 339
  Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast
  HURSLEY

*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—Joel 2:21-27 (OT page 799 of the pew Bible)
  Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
  People: Thanks be to God.
Anthem
O For a Closer Walk 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 (1772)

New Testament Lesson—James 1:1-12 (NT page 240-41)
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem
O How Amiable Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)
O how amiable are thy dwellings: thou Lord of Hosts! My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord: my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God. Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house, and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; even thy altars, O Lord of Hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they that dwell in thy house: they will be always praising thee. The glorious majesty of the Lord our God be upon us: prosper thou the work of our hands upon us.
—Psalm 84:1-4; 90:17
O God, our help in ages past, our how for years to come, our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.
—Isaac Watts (1719)

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

The Lord's Prayer

Sending Forth

*Recessional Hymn 189
Fairest Lord Jesus
ST. ELIZABETH

*Benediction

*Choral Dismissal
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.