



Bach Vespers at Westminster 2009-2011

Paul Stetsenko, organist

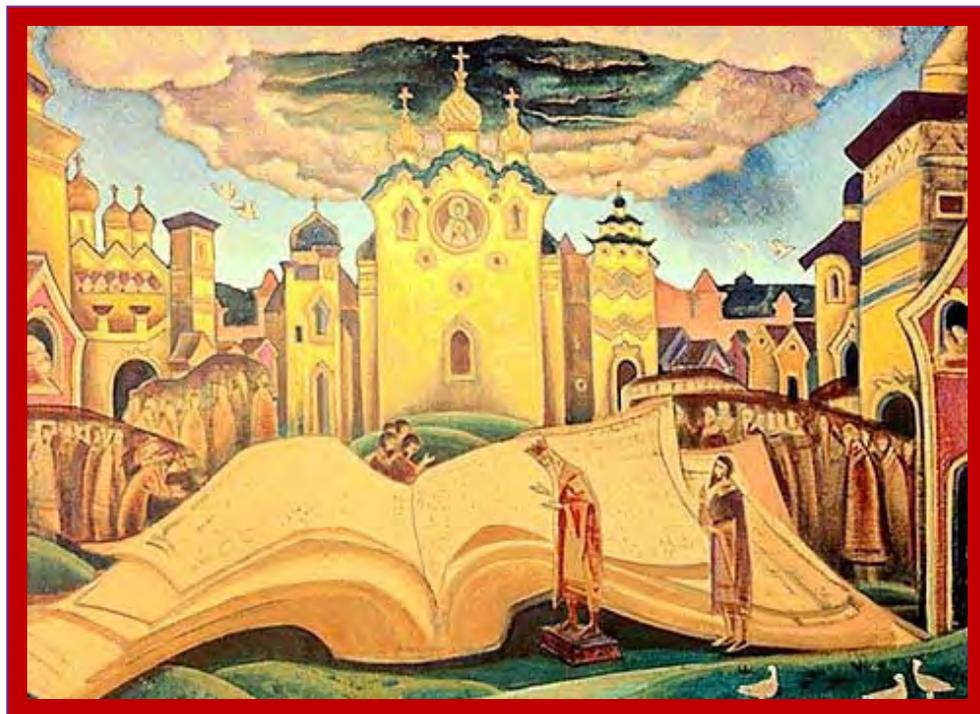
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SIX DAYS OF CREATION



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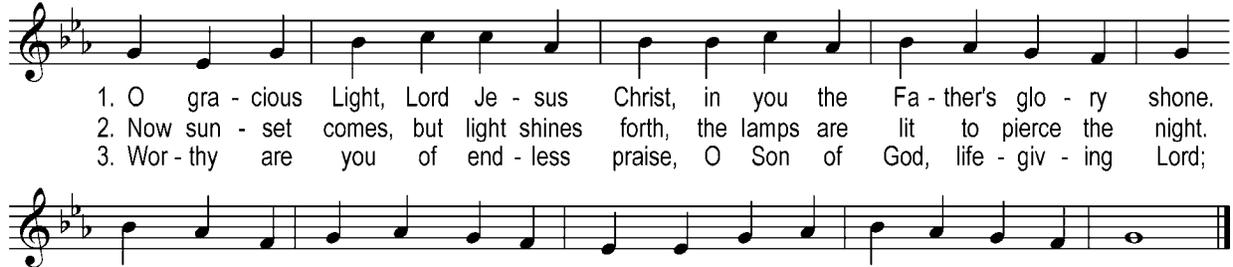
sunday, october 4, 2009, 6:00 pm

the first day of creation – advent of the lord

lighting a candle is a prayer, a sign of god's light among us.

***EVENING HYMN**

PHOS HILARON



1. O gra - cious Light, Lord Je - sus Christ, in you the Fa - ther's glo - ry shone.
2. Now sun - set comes, but light shines forth, the lamps are lit to pierce the night.
3. Wor - thy are you of end - less praise, O Son of God, life - giv - ing Lord;



Im - mor - tal, ho - ly, blest is he, and blest are you, his ho - ly Son.
Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, who dwells in the e - ter - nal light.
where - fore you are through all the earth and in the high - est heav'n a - dored.

Cantor: May the Holy One, the First and the Last, living unto the ages of ages,
grant us a pure heart and pure lips to announce the Word.

People: **Open our ears, O Lord, that we may understand what the Spirit says to the Church.
Amen.**

A STORY OF CREATION

Cantor

TRIO-SONATA NO. 1 IN E-FLAT MAJOR

J. S. Bach

I. Allegro

In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. And the earth was without form and void,
and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

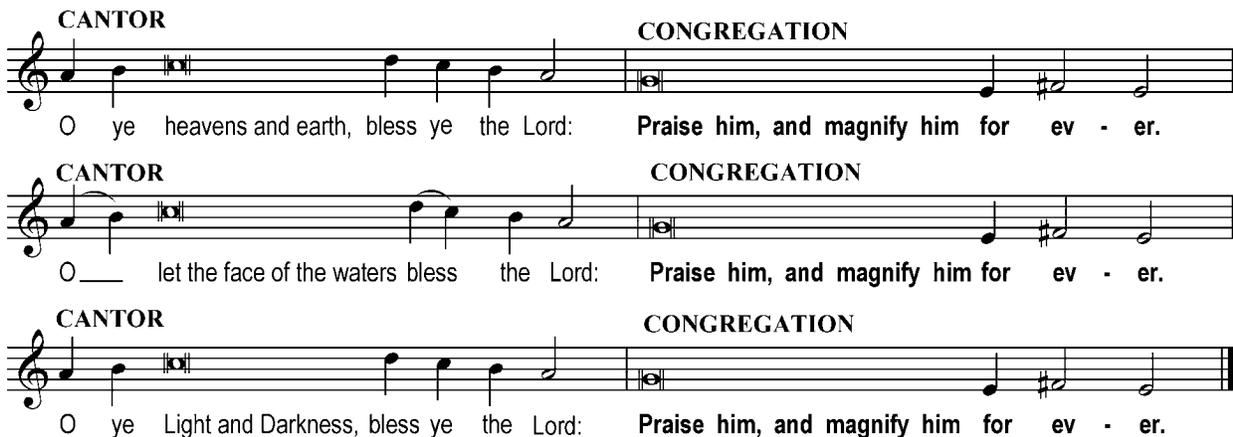
II. Adagio

And God said, "Let there be light!" And there was light.
And God saw the light, that it was good; and God divided the light from the darkness.

III. Allegro

And God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night.
And the evening and the morning were the first day.

A SONG OF CREATION



CANTOR **CONGREGATION**
O ye heavens and earth, bless ye the Lord: **Praise him, and magnify him for ev - er.**

CANTOR **CONGREGATION**
O let the face of the waters bless the Lord: **Praise him, and magnify him for ev - er.**

CANTOR **CONGREGATION**
O ye Light and Darkness, bless ye the Lord: **Praise him, and magnify him for ev - er.**

Cantor: The Scripture of the Creation has been heard,
And the words of the mystery have been declared:

**People: How God created the heaven and the earth
How God said, "Let there be light!" And there was light.
How God divided the light from the darkness.**

Cantor: Therefore, understand this: The mystery of Creation is old and new, corruptible and incorruptible, mortal and immortal, temporal and eternal. It is old as it concerns the Law, but new as it concerns the Gospel; corruptible because of Man, incorruptible because of God; mortal because of Jesus' burial in the earth, immortal because of Christ's resurrection from the dead, temporal as it concerns the world, eternal because of the Holy Spirit that permeates the whole creation.

So it is with eternal things; as it is with things on earth, so it is with the things in heaven. For indeed the Lord's salvation in his truth were prefigured in Creation, and the decrees of the Gospel were proclaimed in advance by the Law. This Creation was like a preliminary sketch, and the Law was the writing of an analogy. The Gospel is the narrative and fulfillment of the Law, and the Church is the repository of this wisdom.

Hear now the confirmation of the mystery:

*THE HOLY GOSPEL



Of that day and hour, knoweth no man, no, not the angels of Heaven, but My Father only. But as the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son of Man be. For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark and knew not until the flood came and took them all away, so shall also the coming of the Son of Man be. Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken and the other left. Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken and the other left. "Watch therefore, for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come. But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched and would not have suffered his house to be broken into. Therefore be ye also ready, for in such an hour as ye think not, the Son of Man cometh.

CHORALE PRELUDE on "Nun komm der Heiden Heiland"

J. S. Bach

HYMN

NUN KOMM DER HEIDEN HEILAND

Savior of the Nations, Come



CHORALE PRELUDE on “Nun komm der Heiden Heiland”

J. S. Bach

LITANY OF THE FAITHFUL

Cantor: The Lord be with you

People: And with your spirit.

Cantor: Lift up with your hearts

People: We have our hearts with the Lord, it is fitting and right.

We render thanks to your, O God, through your beloved child Jesus Christ, whom in the last times you sent to us as Savior and Redeemer and Angel of your will. He is your inseparable Word, through whom you made all things, and in whom you are well pleased.

Cantor: You sent him from heaven into a virgin’s womb. He was made flesh and was manifested as your Son, being born of the Holy Spirit and a woman. Fulfilling your will and gaining for you a holy people, he stretched out his hands when he should suffer, that he might release from suffering those who have believed in you. And when he was betrayed to voluntary suffering that he might destroy death, and break the bonds of the devil, and tread down hell, and shine upon the righteous, and manifest the resurrection.

People: We ask that you sent your Holy Spirit upon the offering of your Church, that, gathering her into one, you would grant to all the fullness of the Spirit for the strengthening of faith in truth, that we may praise and glorify you through your son Jesus Christ, through whom be glory and honor to you, to the Father and the Son, with the Holy Spirit, in your Church, both now and to the ages of ages. Amen.

CHORALE PRELUDE on “Nun komm der Heiden Heiland”

J. S. Bach

EKTENIA

Cantor: Let us depart in peace. Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, bless those who praise you and sanctify those who trust in you.
Save your people and bless your inheritance.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Cantor: Protect the whole body of your Church.

Sanctify those who love the beauty of your house.
Glorify them by your divine power, and do not forsake us who hope in you.

People: Lord, have mercy.

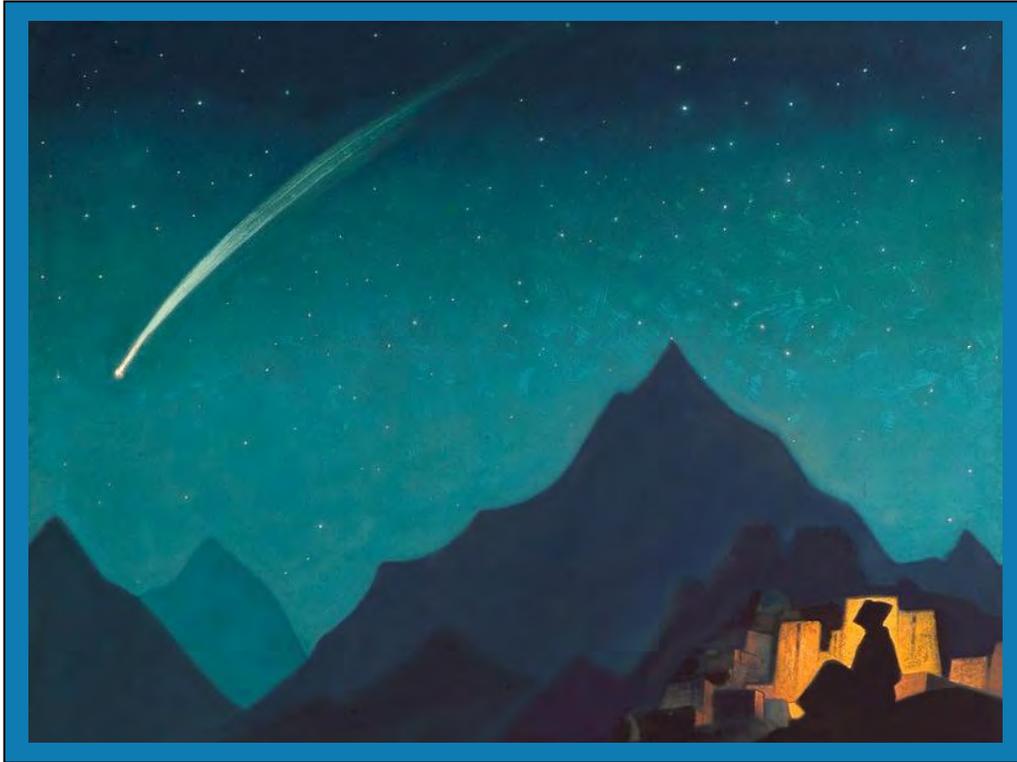
Grant peace to your world, to your churches, to those in public service, to our civil authorities, to the armed forces, and to all your people.

People: Lord, have mercy.

For every good and perfect gift is from above, coming from you, the Father of vesper lights. To you we give glory, thanksgiving, and worship, to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Westminster Presbyterian Church

Leading in worship today are David Gunter, cantor, with Paul Stetsenko, organist



Vesper

sunday, october 11, 2009, 6:00 pm

the second day of creation - incarnation of the lord

***EVENING HYMN**

PHOS HILARON



1. O gra - cious Light, Lord Je - sus Christ, in you the Fa - ther's glo - ry shone.
2. Now sun - set comes, but light shines forth, the lamps are lit to pierce the night.
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Cantor: May the Holy One, the First and the Last, living unto the ages of ages, grant us a pure heart and pure lips to announce the Word.

People: **Open our ears, O Lord, that we may understand what the Spirit says to the Church. Amen.**

A STORY OF CREATION

Cantor

TRIO-SONATA NO. 2 IN C-MINOR

J. S. Bach

I. Allegro

And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters."

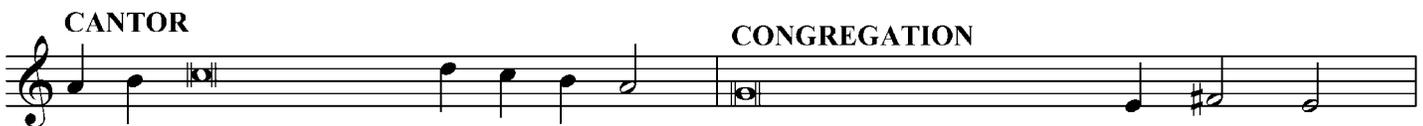
II. Andante

And God made the dome, and divided the waters which were under the dome from the waters which were above the dome; and it was so.

III. Allegro (Fugue)

And God called the dome "Heaven." And the evening and the morning were the second day.

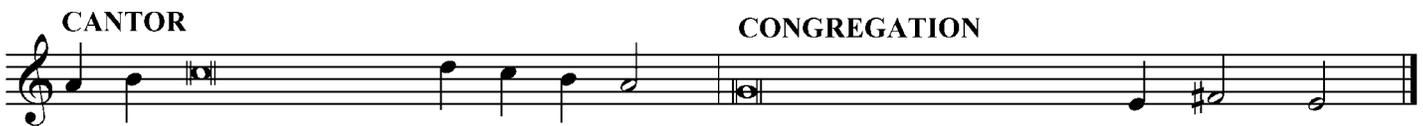
SONG OF CREATION



O ye heavens and earth, bless ye the Lord: Praise him, and magnify him for ev - er.



O let the face of the waters bless the Lord: Praise him, and magnify him for ev - er.



O ye Light and Darkness, bless ye the Lord: Praise him, and magnify him for ev - er.

Cantor: The Scripture of the Creation has been heard,
And the words of the mystery have been declared:

People: **How God created the dome in the midst of waters.**
How God divided waters which were under the dome from the waters above.
How God called the firmament "Heaven".

Therefore, understand this: The mystery of Creation is old and new, corruptible and incorruptible, mortal and immortal, temporal and eternal. It is old as it concerns the Law, but new as it concerns the Gospel; corruptible because of Man, incorruptible because of God; mortal because of Jesus' burial in the earth, immortal because of Christ's resurrection from the dead, temporal as it concerns the world, eternal because of the Holy Spirit that permeates the whole creation.

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Hear now the confirmation of the mystery:

***THE HOLY GOSPEL**

Al - le - lu - i - a, Al - le - lu - i - a, Al-le-lu - i - a.

Joseph also went up from Galilee out of the city of Nazareth into Judea, unto the City of David which is called Bethlehem (because he was of the house and lineage of David) to be taxed with Mary, his espoused wife, who was with child. And so it was that while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling clothes and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them, and they were afraid. And the angel said unto them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the City of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you: Ye shall find the Babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, "All Glory be to God on high, and peace on earth for heaven, and God's good will be given to all people!"

CHORALE PRELUDE on Allein Gott in der Höh'

HYMN

ALLEIN GOTT IN DER HÖH'

All Glory Be to God on High

All glo - ry be to God on high, and peace on earth_ for heav - en,
 O Lamb of God, Lord Je - sus Christ, whom God the Fa - ther gave_ us,
 You on - ly are the Ho - ly One, who came for our_ sal - va - tion,
 and God's good will un - fail - ing - ly be to all peo - ple giv - en.
 who for the world was sac - ri - ficed up - on the cross_ to save_ us;
 and on - ly You are God's true Son, who was be - fore_ cre - a - tion.
 We bless, we wor - ship you, we raise for Your great glo - ry
 and as You sit at God's right hand and we for judg - ment
 You on - ly, Christ, as Lord we own and, with the Spir - it,
 thanks and praise, O God,_ Al - might - y Fa - ther.
 there must stand, have mer - cy, Lord, up - on_ us.
 You a - lone share in_ the Fa - ther's glo - ry.

CHORALE PRELUDE on Allein Gott in der Höh'

LITANY OF THE FAITHFUL

Cantor: The Lord be with you

People: And with your spirit.

Cantor: Lift up with your hearts

People: We have our hearts with the Lord, it is fitting and right.

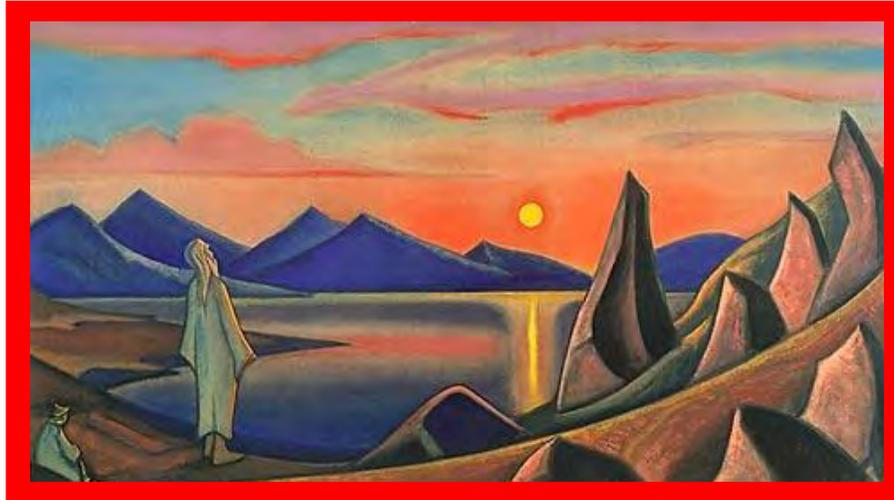
We render thanks to you, O God, through your beloved child Jesus Christ, whom in the last times you sent to us as Savior and Redeemer and Angel of your will. He is your inseparable Word, through whom you made all things, and in whom you are well pleased.

Cantor: You sent him from heaven into a virgin's womb. He was made flesh and was manifested as your Son, being born of the Holy Spirit and a woman. Fulfilling your will and gaining for you a holy people, he stretched out his hands when he should suffer, that he might release from suffering those who have believed in you. And when he was betrayed to voluntary suffering that he might destroy death, and break the bonds of the devil, and tread down hell, and shine upon the righteous, and manifest the resurrection.

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CHORALE PRELUDE on Allein Gott in der Höh'

THE MYSTICAL SUPPER



Vespers

sunday, october 18, 2009, 6:00 pm

the third day of creation - epiphany of the lord

Westminster Presbyterian Church

Leading in worship today are Carolyn Carmack, cantor,
with Paul Stetsenko, organist

***EVENING HYMN**

PHOS HILARON



1. O gra - cious Light, Lord Je - sus Christ, in you the Fa - ther's glo - ry shone.
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People: **Open our ears, O Lord, that we may understand what the Spirit says to the Church.
Amen.**

A STORY OF CREATION

Cantor

TRIO-SONATA NO. 3 IN D-MINOR

J. S. Bach

I. Allegro

And God said, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry land appear: and it was so. And God called the dry land Earth.

II. Andante

And the gathering together of the waters he called Seas: and God saw that it was good.

III. Allegro (Fugue)

And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and it was so. And the earth brought forth grass, and herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed was in itself, after his kind: and God saw that it was good. And the evening and the morning were the third day.

SONG OF CREATION

CANTOR	CONGREGATION
O ye heavens and earth, bless ye the Lord:	Praise him, and magnify him for ev - er.

CANTOR	CONGREGATION
O let the face of the waters bless the Lord:	Praise him, and magnify him for ev - er.

CANTOR	CONGREGATION
O ye Light and Darkness, bless ye the Lord:	Praise him, and magnify him for ev - er.

Cantor: The Scripture of the Creation has been heard,
And the words of the mystery have been declared:

People: **How God created dry land, the continents, and islands;
How God created seas and oceans, lakes and rivers;
How God brought forth plants, grass, seeds, and fruit-bearing trees.**

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***THE HOLY GOSPEL**



On the eighth day, when it was time to circumcise him, he was named Jesus, the name the angel had given him before he had been conceived. When the time of their purification according to the Law of Moses had been completed, Joseph and Mary took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male is to be consecrated to the Lord," and to offer a sacrifice in keeping with what is said in the Law of the Lord: "a pair of doves or two young pigeons." Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Christ. Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying: "Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you now dismiss your servant in peace. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of all people, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel." The child's father and mother marveled at what was said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: "This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too."

HYMN

SCHMÜCKE DICH, O LIEBE SEELE

Soul, adorn yourself with Gladness



CHORALE PRELUDE on Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele

J. S. Bach

LITANY OF THE FAITHFUL

Cantor: The Lord be with you

People: And with your spirit.

Cantor: Lift up with your hearts

People: We have our hearts with the Lord, it is fitting and right.

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HYMN

HERR JESU CHRIST, DICH ZU UNS WEND

Lord Jesus Christ, be present now

Lord Je - sus Christ, be pres - end now; our hearts in true de - vo - tion bow.
Un - seal our lips to sing your praise in end - less hymns through all our days;
You Spir - it send with light di - vine, and let your truth with - in us shine.
in - crease our faith and light our minds; and set us free from doubt that blinds.

CHORALE PRELUDE on Herr Jesu Christ, dich zu uns wend

J. S. Bach

Cantor: Let us depart in peace. Let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, bless those who praise you and sanctify those who trust in you.
Save your people and bless your inheritance.

People: Lord, have mercy.

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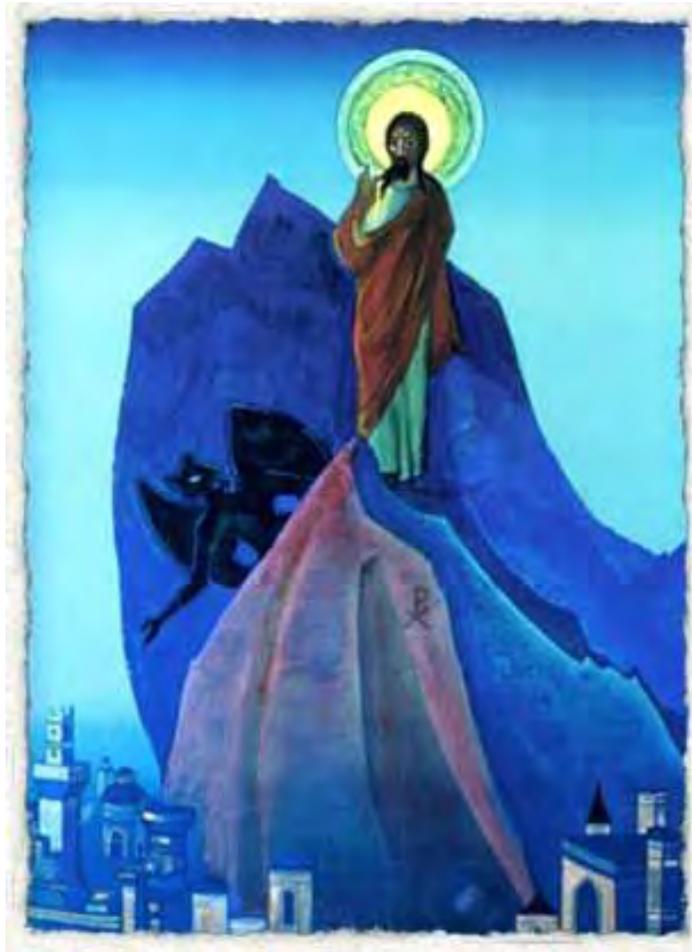
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CHORALE PRELUDE on Before Thy throne I now appear

J. S. Bach



Vespers

sunday, october 25, 2009, 6:00 pm

the fourth day of creation – passion of the lord

*EVENING HYMN

PHOS HILARON



1. O gra - cious Light, Lord Je - sus Christ, in you the Fa - ther's glo - ry shone.
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Cantor: May the Holy One, the First and the Last, living unto the ages of ages,
grant us a pure heart and pure lips to announce the Word.

People: **Open our ears, O Lord, that we may understand what the Spirit says to the Church.
Amen.**

A STORY OF CREATION

Cantor

TRIO-SONATA NO. 4 IN E-MINOR

J. S. Bach

I. Largo - Allegro

And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years: And let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth: and it was so.

II. Andante

And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: he made the stars also.

III. Allegro

And God set them in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth, and to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness: and God saw that it was good. And the evening and the morning were the fourth day.

SONG OF CREATION



O ye lights in the firmament, bless ye the Lord: **Praise him, and magnify him for ev - er.**



O ye seasons, days, and years, bless ye the Lord: **Praise him, and magnify him for ev - er.**



O ye Light that shines upon the earth, bless ye the Lord: **Praise him, and magnify him for ev - er.**

Cantor: The Scripture of the Creation has been heard,
And the words of the mystery have been declared:

People: **How God divided day and night and let them be seasons, days, and years;
How God created two lights, one to rule the day, and the other to rule the night;
How God created lights in the sky to shine upon earth.**

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Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the desert, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread." Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man does not live on bread alone. The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And he said to him, "I will give you all their authority and splendor, for it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. So if you worship me, it will all be yours.'" Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Worship the Lord your God and serve him only'". The devil led him to Jerusalem and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down from here. For it is written: 'He will command his angels concerning you to guard you carefully; they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'" Jesus answered, "It says: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time.

HYMN 82

O LAMM GOTTES, UNSCHULDIG

O Lamb of God, most holy

CHORALE PRELUDE on O Lamm Gottes, unschuldig

J. S. Bach

LITANY OF THE FAITHFUL

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CHORALE PRELUDE on An Wasserflüssen Babylon

J. S. Bach

*Beside the streams of Babylon our weary vigil keeping
When we remember Zion yon, we never cease from weeping.
We hang our harps, in our despair, upon the weeping willows there
And mourn our degradation. All we hold dear our foes defame
And we must suffer slur and shame in daily tribulation.*

Cantor: Let us depart in peace. Let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, bless those who praise you and sanctify those who trust in you.
Save your people and bless your inheritance.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Cantor: Protect the whole body of your Church.
Sanctify those who love the beauty of your house.
Glorify them by your divine power, and do not forsake us who hope in you.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Grant peace to your world, to your churches, to those in public service, to our civil authorities, to the armed forces, and to all your people.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

**For every good and perfect gift is from above, coming from you, the Father of vesper lights. To you we give glory, thanksgiving, and worship, to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages.
Amen.**

CHORALE PRELUDE on Von Gott will ich nicht lassen

J. S. Bach

*From God shall naught divide me, for he is true for aye,
And on my path will guide me, who else should often stray,
His ever bounteous hand by night and day is heedful,
And gives me what is needful, where'er I go or stand.*

THE MYSTICAL SUPPER

Westminster Presbyterian Church
Leading in worship today are Karen Olson, cantor,
with Paul Stetsenko, organist



Vesper

sunday, november 1, 2009, 6:00 pm

the fifth day of creation – resurrection of the lord

1. O gra - cious Light, Lord Je - sus Christ, in you the Fa - ther's glo - ry shone.
 2. Now sun - set comes, but light shines forth, the lamps are lit to pierce the night.
 3. Wor - thy are you of end - less praise, O Son of God, life - giv - ing Lord;

Im - mor - tal, ho - ly, blest is he, and blest are you, his ho - ly Son.
 Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, who dwells in the e - ter - nal light.
 where - fore you are through all the earth and in the high - est heav'n a - dored.

Cantor: May the Holy One, the First and the Last, living unto the ages of ages, grant us a pure heart and pure lips to announce the Word.

People: **Open our ears, O Lord, that we may understand what the Spirit says to the Church. Amen.**

A STORY OF CREATION

Cantor

TRIO-SONATA NO. 5 IN C-MAJOR

J. S. Bach

I. Allegro

And God said, "Let the water teem with living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the sky."

II. Andante

So God created the great creatures of the sea and every living and moving thing with which the water teems, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

III. Allegro

God blessed them and said, "Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the water in the seas, and let the birds increase on the earth." And there was evening, and there was morning—the fifth day.

SONG OF CREATION

<p>CANTOR</p>	<p>CONGREGATION</p>
<p>O ye creatures of the seas, bless ye the Lord: Praise him, and magnify him for ev - er.</p>	
<p>CANTOR</p>	<p>CONGREGATION</p>
<p>O ye birds of the sky bless the Lord: Praise him, and magnify him for ev - er.</p>	
<p>CANTOR</p>	<p>CONGREGATION</p>
<p>O ye living creatures, bless ye the Lord: Praise him, and magnify him for ev - er.</p>	

Cantor: The Scripture of the Creation has been heard,
 And the words of the mystery have been declared:

People: **How God created creatures of the seas;
 How God created birds to fly across the expanse of the sky;
 How God commanded them to be fruitful and increase in number.**

Cantor:

Therefore, understand this: The mystery of Creation is old and new, corruptible and incorruptible, mortal and immortal, temporal and eternal. It is old as it concerns the Law, but new as it concerns the Gospel; corruptible because of Man, incorruptible because of God; mortal because of Jesus' burial in the earth, immortal because of Christ's resurrection from the dead, temporal as it concerns the world, eternal because of the Holy Spirit that permeates the whole creation.

So it is with eternal things; as it is with things on earth, so it is with the things in heaven. For indeed the Lord's salvation and his truth were prefigured in Creation, and the decrees of the Gospel were proclaimed in advance by the Law. This Creation was like a preliminary sketch, and the Law was the writing of an analogy. The Gospel is the narrative and fulfillment of the Law, and the Church is the repository of this wisdom.

Hear now the confirmation of the mystery:

*THE HOLY GOSPEL



After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb. There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men. The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples: 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.' Now I have told you." So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them, "Greetings," he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

HYMN 555

NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

Now thank we all our God

CHORALE PRELUDE on Nun danket alle Gott

J. S. Bach

LITANY OF THE FAITHFUL

Cantor: The Lord be with you,

People: **And with your spirit.**

Cantor: Lift up with your hearts.

People: **We have our hearts with the Lord, it is fitting and right.**

We render thanks to you, O God, through your beloved child Jesus Christ, whom in the last times you sent to us as Savior and Redeemer and Angel of your will. He is your inseparable Word, through whom you made all things, and in whom you are well pleased.

Cantor: You sent him from heaven into a virgin's womb. He was made flesh and was manifested as your Son, being born of the Holy Spirit and a woman. Fulfilling your will and gaining for you a holy people, he stretched out his hands when he should suffer, that he might release from suffering those who have believed in you. And when he was betrayed to voluntary suffering that he might destroy death, and break the bonds of the devil, and tread down hell, and shine upon the righteous, and manifest the resurrection.

People: **We ask that you send your Holy Spirit upon the offering of your Church, that, gathering her into one, you would grant to all the fullness of the Spirit for the strengthening of faith in truth, that we may praise and glorify you through your son Jesus Christ, through whom be glory and honor to you, to the Father and the Son, with the Holy Spirit, in your Church, both now and to the ages of ages. Amen.**

*Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior
Who freed us from the wrath of God;
By His bitter grief and death
Saved us from the pains of Hell.*

EKTENIA

Cantor: Let us depart in peace. Let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, bless those who praise you and sanctify those who trust in you.
Save your people and bless your inheritance.

People: Lord, have mercy.

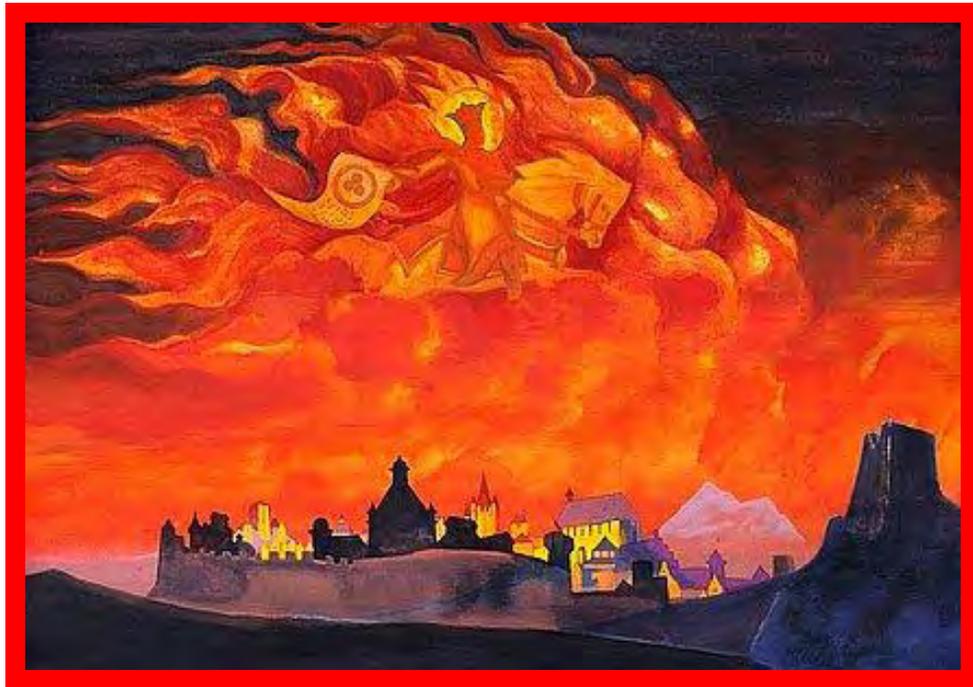
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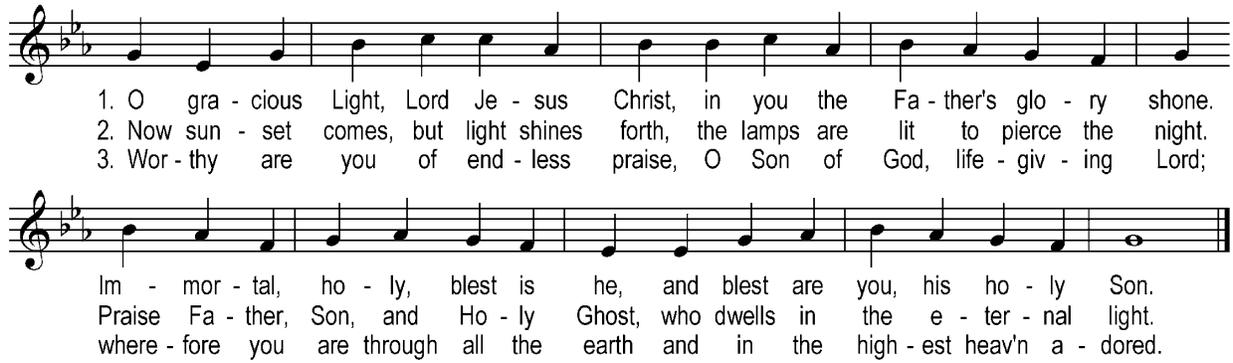
Vesper

sunday, november 8, 2009, 6:00 pm

the sixth day of creation – pentecost

*EVENING HYMN

PHOS HILARON



1. O gra - cious Light, Lord Je - sus Christ, in you the Fa - ther's glo - ry shone.
2. Now sun - set comes, but light shines forth, the lamps are lit to pierce the night.
3. Wor - thy are you of end - less praise, O Son of God, life - giv - ing Lord;
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Cantor: May the Holy One, the First and the Last, living unto the ages of ages,
grant us a pure heart and pure lips to announce the Word.

People: **Open our ears, O Lord, that we may understand what the Spirit says to the Church.
Amen.**

A STORY OF CREATION

Cantor

TRIO-SONATA NO. 6 IN G-MAJOR

I. Largo - Allegro

Then God said, "Let the earth bring forth the living creature according to its kind: cattle and creeping thing and beast of the earth, each according to its kind"; and it was so. And God made the beast of the earth according to its kind, cattle according to its kind, and everything that creeps on the earth according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

II. Andante

Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

III. Allegro

And God said, "See, I have given you every herb that yields seed which is on the face of all the earth, and every tree whose fruit yields seed; to you it shall be for food. Also, to every beast of the earth, to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, in which there is life, I have given every green herb for food"; and it was so. Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good. So the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

SONG OF CREATION



CANTOR **CONGREGATION**
O ye creatures of the earth, bless ye the Lord: Praise him, and magnify him for ev - er.

CANTOR **CONGREGATION**
O ye people of the world, Bless ye the Lord: Praise him, and magnify him for ev - er.

CANTOR **CONGREGATION**
O ye days of creation, bless ye the Lord: Praise him, and magnify him for ev - er.

Cantor: The Scripture of the Creation has been heard,
And the words of the mystery have been declared:

**People: How God divided day and night and let them be seasons, days, and years;
How God created two lights, one to rule the day, and the other to rule the night;
How God created lights in the sky to shine upon earth.**

Cantor: Therefore, understand this: The mystery of Creation is old and new, corruptible and incorruptible, mortal and immortal, temporal and eternal. It is old as it concerns the Law, but new as it concerns the Gospel; corruptible because of Man, incorruptible because of God; mortal because of Jesus' burial in the earth, immortal because of Christ's resurrection from the dead, temporal as it concerns the world, eternal because of the Holy Spirit that permeates the whole creation.

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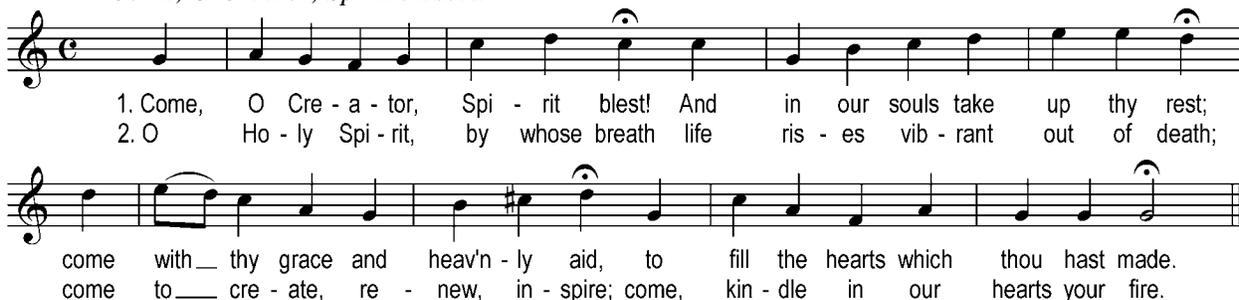


When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and filled the entire house where they were sitting. And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in their language. And they were amazed and astonished, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians, and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, Cretans, and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God."

HYMN

KOMM, HEILIGER GEIST, HERRE GOTT

Come, O Creator, Spirit blessed



CHORALE PRELUDE on Komm, heiliger Geist, Herre Gott

LITANY OF THE FAITHFUL

Cantor: The Lord be with you,

People: And with your spirit.

Cantor: Lift up with your hearts.

People: We have our hearts with the Lord, it is fitting and right.

People: We render thanks to you, O God, through your beloved child Jesus Christ, whom in the last times you sent to us as Savior and Redeemer and Angel of your will. He is your inseparable Word, through whom you made all things, and in whom you are well pleased.

Cantor: You sent him from heaven into a virgin's womb. He was made flesh and was manifested as your Son, being born of the Holy Spirit and a woman. Fulfilling your will and gaining for you a holy people, he stretched out his hands when he should suffer, that he might release from suffering those who have believed in you. And then he was betrayed to voluntary suffering that he might destroy death, and break the bonds of the devil, and tread down hell, and shine upon the righteous, and manifest the resurrection.

People: We ask that you send your Holy Spirit upon the offering of your Church, that, gathering her into one, you would grant to all the fullness of the Spirit for the strengthening of faith in truth, that we may praise and glorify you through your son Jesus Christ, through whom be glory and honor to you, to the Father and the Son, with the Holy Spirit, in your Church, both now and to the ages of ages. Amen.

CHORALE PRELUDE on Komm, heiliger Geist, Herre Gott

*Come, Holy Ghost, Lord God,
And shed thy heavenly gifts abroad
On us, and unto every heart
True faith and fiery love impart.*

EKTENIA

Cantor: Let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, bless those who praise you and sanctify those who trust in you.
Save your people and bless your inheritance.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Cantor: Protect the whole body of your Church.
Sanctify those who love the beauty of your house.
Glorify them by your divine power, and do not forsake us who hope in you.

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CHORALE PRELUDE on Komm, Gott, Schöpfer, heiliger Geist

J. S. Bach

*Come, God Creator, Holy Ghost,
And visit Thou the souls of men;
Fill them with graces, as Thou dost,
Thy creatures make pure again.*

THE MYSTICAL SUPPER

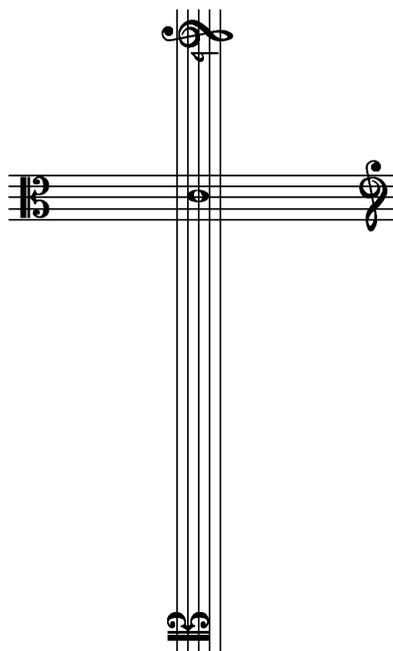
Westminster Presbyterian Church
Leading in worship today are Molly Roden, cantor, with Paul
Stetsenko, organist, and Larry Hayward, Pastor

**November 2009 -
June 2010**

Bach Vespers at Westminster
LITURGICAL YEAR - I



**Westminster Presbyterian Church
Alexandria, VA**



Bach

Vespers

sunday, november 29, 2009, 6:00 pm

first sunday in advent

PRELUDE IN C-MAJOR ("FANFARE")

CALL TO WORSHIP

CANTOR & CHURCH

CANTOR:
In the evening, Jesus came and stood among the disciples and said to them: "Peace be with you!"

CHURCH:
The light and peace of Christ be with you all! And al - so with you!

CANTOR:
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

CHURCH:
It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Cantor: Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if any one hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to them and eat with them, and they with me.

Church: **Alleluia! Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his Bride has made herself ready. Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.**

VESPER ANTIPHON

CANTOR & CHURCH

CANTOR: Jesus Christ is the light of the world,

CHURCH: The Light no darkness can o - ver - come.

CANTOR: Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening,

CHURCH: And the day is al - most over.

CANTOR: Let your light scat - ter the darkness,

CHURCH: And illu - mine your Church.

Cantor: Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him. Amen.

Church: **He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Come, Lord Jesus.**

*PHOS HILARON

LOB SEI DEM ALLMÄCHTIGEN GOTT

1. O gra - cious Light, Lord Je - sus Christ, in you the Fa - ther's glo - ry shone.
2. Now sun - set comes, but light shines forth, the lamps are lit to pierce the night.
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Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, who dwells in the e - ter - nal light.
where - fore you are through all the earth and in the high - est heaven a - dored.

CHORALE PRELUDE on Lob sei dem allmächtigen Gott

Cantor: The Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, a young woman shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

Church: Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.

***CHORALE**

NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND

Sa - vior of the na - tions, come! Vir - gin's Son, make here your home.
Come, O Fa - ther's sav - ing Son, who o'er sin the vic - tory won.
Mar - vel now, both heaven and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.
Bound - less shall your king - dom be; grant that we its glo - ries see.

CHORALE PRELUDE on Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland

THE WORD

***THE HOLY GOSPEL**

Al - le - lu - i - a, Al - le - lu - i - a, Al - le - lu - i - a.

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." (Luke 21:25-31)

CHORALE PRELUDE on Herr Christ, der ein'ge Gottes-Sohn

*O Thou, of God the Father,
The true Eternal Son,
Of whom 'tis surely written,
That Thou with Him art one,
Thou art the bright and morning star,
Beyond all other radiance
Thy glory streams afar.*

A PRAYER OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

CANTOR

***CHORALE**

GOTTES SOHN IST KOMMEN

Once he came in bless - ing, all our ills re - dress - ing;
Still he comes with - in us, still his voice would win us
came in like - ness low - ly, Son of God most ho - ly;
from the sins that hurt us, would to Truth con - vert us:
bore the cross to save us, hope and free - dom gave us.
not in torment hold us, but in love en - fold us.

CHORALE PRELUDE on Gottes Sohn ist kommen

EKTENIA

Cantor: Let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, bless those who praise you and sanctify those who trust in you.
Save your people and bless your inheritance.

Church: Lord, have mercy.

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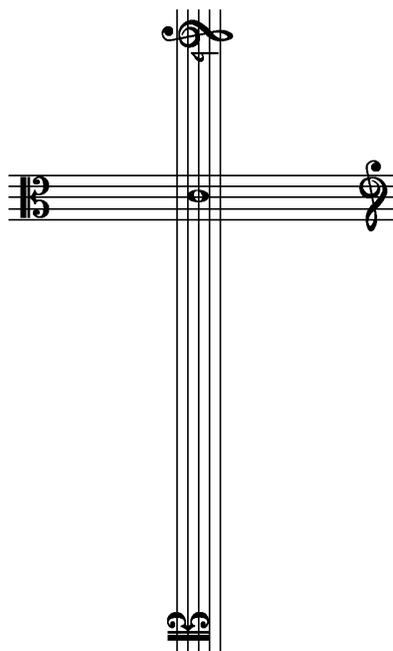
CANTOR

FUGUE IN C-MAJOR



Lighting a candle is a prayer, a sign of God's light among us.

Westminster Presbyterian Church
Leading in worship today are Carolyn Carmack, cantor
Paul Stetsenko, organist



Bach

Vespers

sunday, january 3, 2010, 6:00 pm

festival of new year

PRELUDE IN C-MINOR

VESPER ANTIPHON

CANTOR: Jesus Christ is the light of the world,
CHURCH: The Light no darkness can o - ver - come.

CANTOR: Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening,
CHURCH: And the day is al - most over.

CANTOR: Let your light scat - ter the darkness,
CHURCH: And illu - mine your Church.

Cantor: Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people whom he has chosen as his heritage. [Ps. 33:12]

**Church: Let us praise God's name for his kindness at the beginning of this New Year;
We have witnessed the joyful new age, full of grace and peace.**

Cantor: The old year has passed away, gone is sadness.

**Church: Happy are people to whom such blessings fall!
Happy the people whose God is the Lord. [Ps. 144:15]**

*PHOS HILARON

LOB SEI DEM ALLMÄCHTIGEN GOTT

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where - fore you are through all the earth and in the high - est heaven a - dored.

Cantor: Blessed shall you be in the city, and blessed shall you be in the field. [Deut. 28:3]

Church: O Lord, you crown the year with you bounty. [Ps. 65:11]

May our sons in their youth be like plants full grown, and our daughters like corner pillars cut for the structure of a palace; may our garners be full, providing all manner of store.

May there be no cry of distress in our streets! [Ps. 144:12-13]

CHORALE

DAS ALTE JAHR VERGANGEN IST

The old year now hath passed a - way, the old year now hath passed a - way,
We thank Thee, O our God to - day that Thou hast kept us through the year,
When dan - ger and di - stress were near, when dan - ger and di - stress were near.

CHORALE PRELUDE on Das alte Jahr vergangen ist

Cantor: Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain.

Church: Unless the Lord watches over the city, the watchman stays awake in vain. [Ps. 127:1]

Cantor: But we trust in you, O Lord; we say, "You are our God." Our times are in your hand. [Ps.31:14]

Church: You give to all people life and breath and everything. [Acts 17:25]

CHORALE

HELFT MIR GOTTES GÜTE PREISEN

Come, let us all with fer - vor, on_ whom heaven's mer - cies shine, to our su-preme Pre -
serv - er in_ tune - ful prais - es join. an - oth - er year is gone, of which the ten - der
mer - cies each pi - ous heart re - hears - es de - mand a grate - ful song.

CHORALE PRELUDE on Helft mir Gottes Güte preisen

THE WORD

* GALATIANS 3:23-29

Al - le - lu - i - a, Al - le - lu - i - a, Al - le - lu - i - a.

Before this faith came, we were held prisoners by the law, locked up until faith should be revealed. So the law was put in charge to lead us to Christ that we might be justified by faith. Now that faith has come, we are no longer under the supervision of the law. You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

*CHORALE

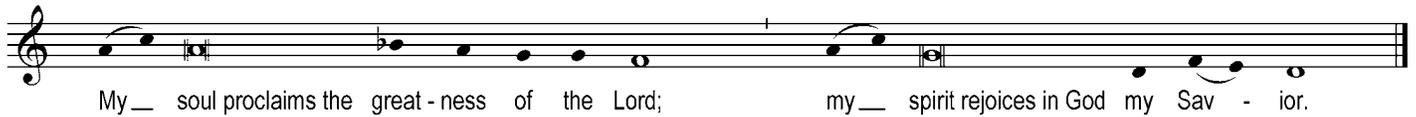
IN DIR IST FREUDE

In Thee is glad - ness, a - mid all sad - ness, Je - sus, sun - shine of my heart.
By Thee are giv - en the gifts of Heav - en, Thou the true Re - deem - er art.
Our souls Thou mak - est, our bonds Thou break - est; Who trusts Thee sure - ly
hath built se - cure - ly, And stands for - ev - er. Al - le - lu - ia!

CHORALE PRELUDE on In dir ist Freude

MAGNIFICAT

TONUS PEREGRINUS



My__ soul proclaims the great - ness of the Lord; my__ spirit rejoices in God my Sav - ior.

FUGUE on Magnificat

EKTENIA

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Church: Lord, have mercy.

Cantor: "I am God, declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times things not yet done," says the Lord. [Is. 46:9-10]

Church: Let us, O God most high, enter this year so that the end like a beginning.

May your hand be with us, that in the future, at the year's close, we may give you glory, thanksgiving, and worship, to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, forever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

NUNC DIMITTIS

CANTOR

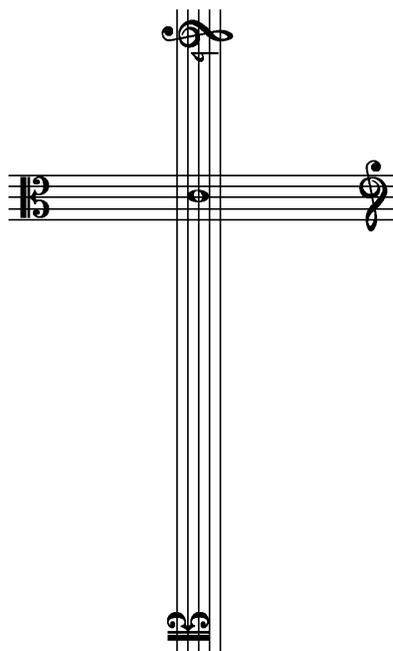
FUGUE IN C-MINOR



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Bach vespers at Westminster 2010

sunday, January 10 – christmastide I
sunday, January 17 – christmastide II
sunday, January 24 – presentation of christ in the temple
sunday, February 21 – passiontide I
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Bach
Vespers

sunday, january 10, 2010, 6:00 pm

christmastide I

PRELUDE IN C-MAJOR

CALL TO WORSHIP

CANTOR:
In the evening, Jesus came and stood among the disciples and said to them: "Peace be with you!"

CHURCH:
The light and peace of Christ be with you all! And al - so with you!

CANTOR:
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

CHURCH:
It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Cantor: O Bethlehem Ephrata, who is little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth the One who is to be Ruler of Israel and whose origin is from of old, from ancient days.

Church: **And he shall feed his flock through the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the Lord. And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth.** [Mic. 5:2, 4]

CHORALE PRELUDE on Puer natus in Bethlehem

A Child is born in Bethlehem; Exult for joy, Jerusalem! Alleluia.

Lo, He who reigns in high heaven, Lies now in a lowly manger. Alleluia.

VESPER ANTIPHON

CANTOR: Jesus Christ is the light of the world,

CHURCH: The Light no darkness can o - ver - come.

CANTOR: Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening,

CHURCH: And the day is al - most over.

CANTOR: Let your light scat - ter the darkness,

CHURCH: And illu - mine your Church.

Cantor: Since the children share in flesh and blood, Christ himself partook of the same nature, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, and deliver all those who were in bondage. [Heb. 2:14-15]

Church: **Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has visited and redeemed his people.** [Lk. 1:68]

PHOS HILARON

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Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, who dwells in the e - ter - nal light.
where - fore you are through all the earth and in the high - est heaven a - dored.

CHORALE PRELUDE on Gelobet seist du, Jesu Christ

Be Thou praise, Jesus Christ,

Who of virgin pure became

True man for us! The angels sing

As the glad news to earth they bring, "Hallelujah!"

Cantor: The Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, a young woman shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. [Isaiah 7:14]

Church: **Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.**

[Philippians 2:5-7]

CHORALE

VOM HIMMEL HOCH DA KOMM ICH HER

From heaven a - bove to earth I come to bring good news to ev - ery home.
Glad tid - ings of great joy I bring, Where - of I now will glad - ly sing.

CHORALE PRELUDE on Vom Himmel hoch da komm ich her

THE HOLY GOSPEL

(please stand)

Al - le - lu - i - a, Al - le - lu - i - a, Al - le - lu - i - a.

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed. And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem - because he was of the house and lineage of David - To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn. [Lk. 2:1-7]

CHORALE PRELUDE on Der Tag, der ist so freudenreich

*O day, you are so full of joy
For all Christian people!
Of maiden pure He is the Son;
Forever shall Thy praise be sung,
Christ's fair Mother Mary!
Ever was there news so great?
God's own Son from heaven's high state
Is born the Son of Mary!*

A PRAYER OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

CANTOR

CHORALE

IN DULCI JUBILO

In dul-ci ju - bi - lo, Let us our hom - age show! Our heart's joy re -
clin - eth In prae - se - pi - o; Like a bright star shin - eth Mat -
ris in gre - mi - o. Al - pha es et O! Al - pha es et O!

CHORALE PRELUDE on In dulci júbilo

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Sanctify those who love the beauty of your house.

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Cantor: For every good and perfect gift is from above, coming from you, the Father of vesper lights.

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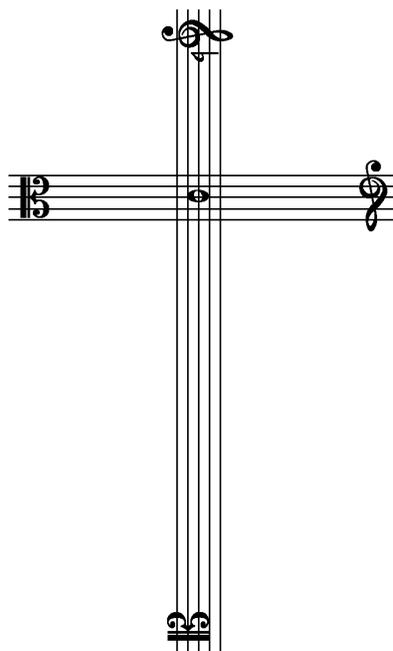


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Bach vespers at westminster 2010

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Bach
Vespers

sunday, january 17, 2010, 6:00 pm

christmas II

PRELUDE IN D-MINOR

PHOS HILARON

LOB SEI DEM ALLMÄCHTIGEN GOTT

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where - fore you are through all the earth and in the high - est heaven a - dored.

Cantor: And I will give you shepherds according to my heart, who will feed you with knowledge and understanding. [Jeremiah 3:15]

Church: **"I will set shepherds over them who will care for them, and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall any be missing," declares the Lord.** [Jeremiah 23:4]

CHORALE PRELUDE on Christum wir sollen loben schon

*We should now praise Christ,
Son of the chaste virgin Mary,
As far as the dear sun gives light
And reaches to the end of all the world.*

VESPER ANTIPHON

CANTOR:	CHURCH:
Jesus Christ is the light of the world,	The Light no darkness can o - ver - come.
CANTOR:	CHURCH:
Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening,	And the day is al - most over.
CANTOR:	CHURCH:
Let your light scat - ter the darkness,	And illu - mine your Church.

Cantor: Stand at the gate of the Lord's house and there proclaim this message, "Hear the word of the Lord, all you people of Judah who come through these gates to worship the Lord. [Jeremiah 7:2]

Church: **And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there.** [Rev. 21:25]
Blessed are they that do His commandments, that they may have right to the Tree of Life, and may enter in through the gates into the city. [Rev. 22:14]

CHORALE

LOBT GOTT, IHR CHRISTEN, ALLZUGLEICH

1. Praise God, ye Chris-tians, one and all, on his re-splen-did throne; this is the Sav - ior
2. He o - pens us a - gain the door Of Par - a - dise to - day; The an - gel guards the
of the world, the Gen - tiles' prom - ised light to all, this child so long for - told.
gate no more, To God our thanks we pay al - way, to God our thanks we pay.

CHORALE PRELUDE on Lobt Gott, ihr Christen, allzugleich

THE HOLY GOSPEL

(please stand)



And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you. Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

[Luke 2:8-14]

CHORALE

VOM HIMMEL KAM DER ENGEL SCHAAR

1. To shep - herds as they watched by night ap - peared a host of an - gels bright;
2. "At Beth - le - hem, in Da - vid's town, as Mi - cah did of old make known;
"Be - hold the ten - der Babe," they said, "In yon - der low - ly man - ger laid."
'Tis Je - sus Christ, your Lord and King, Who doth to all sal - va - tion bring."

CHORALE PRELUDE on Vom Himmel kam der Engel Schaar

Cantor: Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood. [Acts 20:28]

Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, serving as overseers—not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not greedy for money, but eager to serve. [1 Peter 5:2]

Church: **When my heart was embittered, and I was pierced within, then I was senseless and ignorant. I was like a beast before You. Nevertheless I am continually with You.**

You have taken hold of my right hand.

With Your counsel, You will guide me and receive me to glory.

Whom have I in heaven but You? Besides You, I desire nothing on earth. [Ps. 73: 21-25]

CHORALE

JESU MEINE FREUDE

Je - sus, price - less Trea - sure, Fount of pur - est plea - sure, Tru - est Friend to me.
Flee, dark clouds that low - er, for my joy - be - stow - er, Je - sus, en - ters in!
Ah, how long in an - guish Shall my spir - it lan - guish, Yearn - ing, Lord, for Thee?
Joy from tri - bu - la - tion, hope from de - sol - a - tion, they who love God win.
Thou art mine, O Child div - ine! I will suf - fer naught to hide Thee, Naught I ask be - side Thee.
Be it blame or scorn or shame, thou art with me in earth's sad - ness, Je - sus, all my glad - ness.

A PRAYER OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

CANTOR

CHORALE

WIR CHRISTENLEUT HABN JETZUND FREUD



1. We Christ-ians may re - joice to - day when Christ was born to com-fort and to save us.
2. Oh, won-drous joy that God most high should take our flesh and thus our race should hon - or!
3. Yea, let us praise our God and raise loud al - le - lu - ias to the skies a - bove__ us.

Who thus be - lies no long - er grieves, For none are lost who grasp the hope He gave us.
A vir - gin mild has borne this Child; Such grace and glo - ry God has put up - on her.
The bliss be-stowed to - day by God to cease-less thank - ful - ness and joy should move us.

CHORALE PRELUDE on Wir Christenleut habn jetzund Freud

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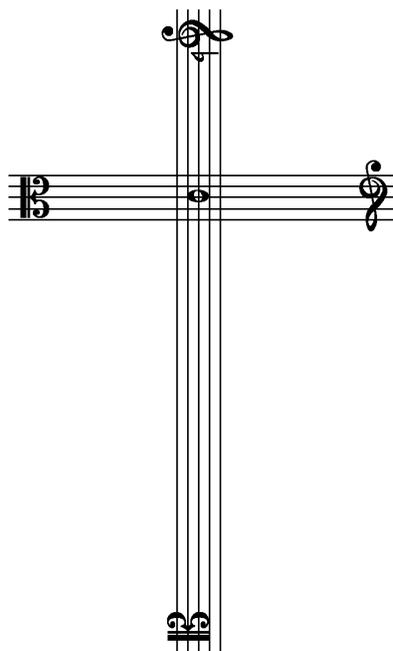
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Bach

Vespers

sunday, january 24, 2010, 6:00 pm

presentation of christ in the temple

PRELUDE IN E-MINOR

CALL TO WORSHIP

CANTOR: In the evening, Jesus came and stood among the disciples and said to them: "Peace be with you!"

CHURCH: The light and peace of Christ be with you all! And al - so with you!

CANTOR: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

CHURCH: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Cantor: Creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of him who subjected it in hope; because the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the glorious liberty of the children of God.

Church: **We know that the whole creation has been groaning in travail together until now; and not only the creation but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved.** [Rom. 8:19-24]

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CHURCH: And the day is al - most over.

CANTOR: Let your light scat - ter the darkness,

CHURCH: And illu - mine your Church.

Cantor: My hope that Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. If it is to be life in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. [Phil. 1:20-23]

Church: **So we are always of good courage; we know the while we are at home in the body, we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith and not by sight. We are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord.** [Cor. 5:6-8]

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where - fore you are through all the earth and in the high - est heaven a - dored.

Cantor: Do not love the world of the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not for him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the pride of life, is not of the Father but of is this world.

Church: **And the world passes away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.** [1 John 2:15-17]

***CHORALE**

MIT FRIED UND FREUD ICH FAHR DAHIN

I leave, as you have prom - ised, Lord, in peace and glad - ness. My eyes have seen their great re - ward;
Gone is sad - ness. Fa - vored Is - ra-el's glo - ry bright Shall be the world's sal - va - tion.

CHORALE PRELUDE on Mit Fried und Freud ich fahr dahin

THE HOLY GOSPEL

(please stand)

*** LUKE 2:21-35**

Al - le - lu - i - a, Al - le - lu - i - a, Al - le - lu - i - a.

And when eight days were accomplished for the circumcising of the child, his name was called Jesus, which was so named of the angel before he was conceived in the womb. And when the days of her purification according to the law of Moses were accomplished, they brought him to Jerusalem, to present him to the Lord; (As it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every male that openeth the womb shall be called holy to the Lord." And to offer a sacrifice according to that which is said in the law of the Lord, "A pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons." And, behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon; and the same man was just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel: and the Holy Ghost was upon him. And it was revealed unto him by the Holy Ghost, that he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord's Christ. And he came by the Spirit into the temple: and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him after the custom of the law. Then took he him up in his arms, and blessed God, and said, "I leave, as you have promised, Lord, in peace and gladness. My eyes have seen their great reward; Gone is sadness. Favored Israel's glory bright shall be the world's salvation." And Joseph and his mother marveled at those things which were spoken of him. And Simeon blessed them, and said unto Mary his mother, Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising again of many in Israel; and for a sign which shall be spoken against; Yea, a sword shall pierce through thy own soul also, that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.

CHORALE

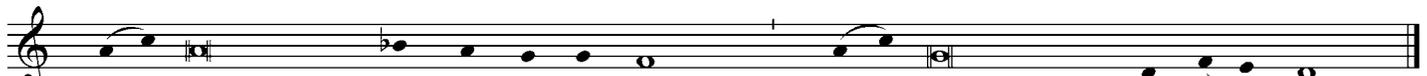
HERR GOTT, NUN SCHLEUSS DEN HIMMEL AUF

Lord God, now o - pen wide thy heaven, my part - ing hour is com - ing near;
my course is run, e - nough I've striven, e - nough my soul has suff - ered here.
Wear - y and tired, my soul is glad that she may lay her down to rest.
Now all on earth I can re - sign, but on - ly let thy heaven be mine.

CHORALE PRELUDE on Herr Gott, nun schleuss den Himmel auf

MAGNIFICAT

CANTOR AND CHURCH



My__ soul proclaims the great - ness of the Lord; my__ spirit rejoices in God my Sav - ior.

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*CHORALE

ERBARM DICH MEIN, O HERRE GOTT



Have mer - cy, Lord, my sin for - give; For Thy long - suf - fer - ing is great!
O cleanse and make me fit to live, My sore of - fence do thou a - bate;
With shame do I my fault con - fess, 'Gainst Thee a - lone, Lord, have I sinned.
Thou art the source of right - eous - ness, And I, the__ sin - ner, just__ con - demned.

CHORALE PRELUDE on Erbarm dich mein, o Herre Gott

Cantor: Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

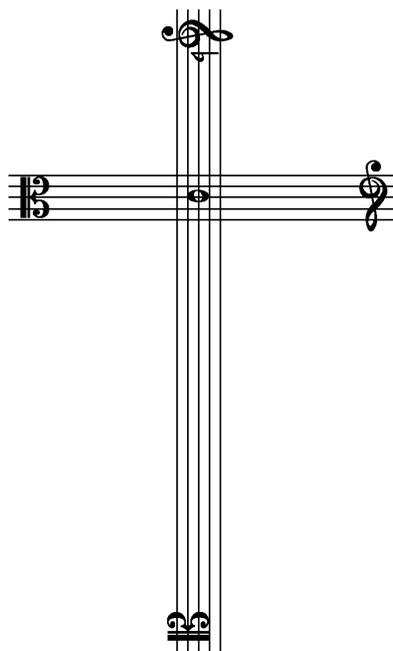
Church: And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. [Rev. 21:3]

FUGUE IN E-MINOR

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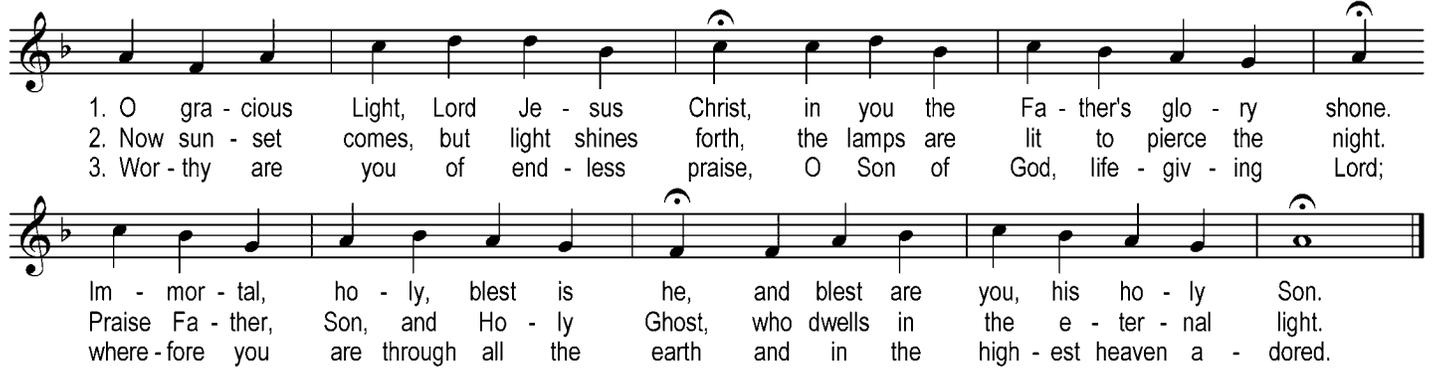
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passiontide I

PRELUDE IN F-MINOR

*PHOS HILARON

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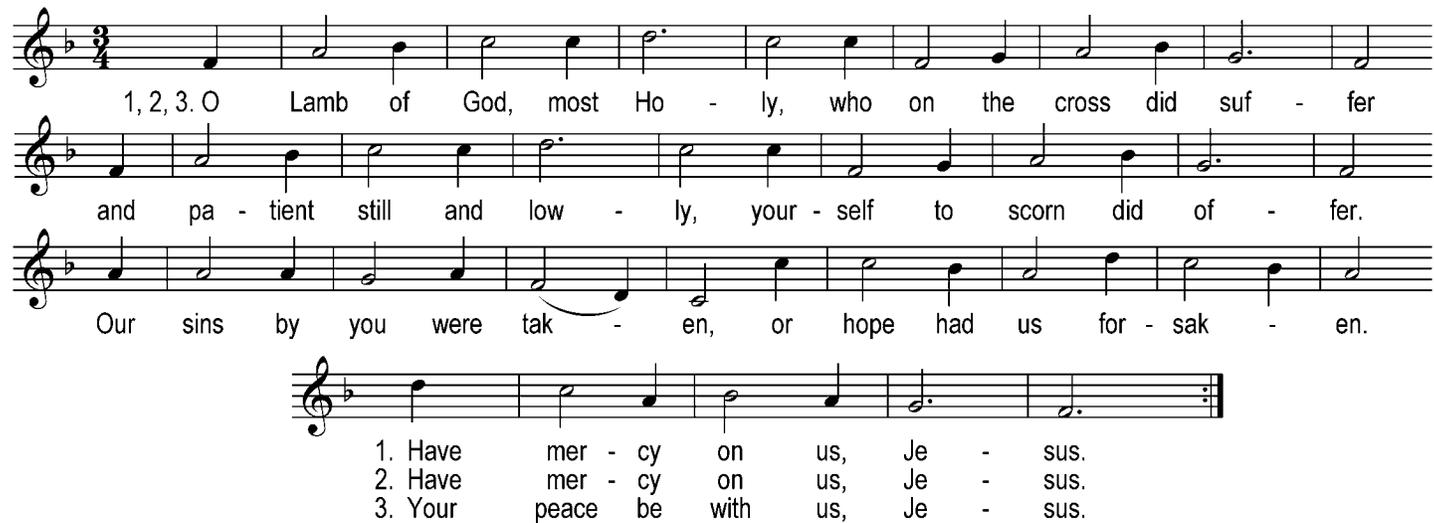
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where - fore you are through all the earth and in the high - est heaven a - dored.

- ☐ The Lord said to Moses, "From the day after the Sabbath, the day you brought the sheaf of the wave offering, count off seven full weeks. Count off fifty days up to the day after the seventh Sabbath, and then present an offering of new grain to the Lord. From wherever you live, bring two loaves made of fine flour, baked with yeast, as an offering of first fruits to the Lord. Present with this bread seven male lambs, each a year old and without blemish, one young bull and two rams. They will be a burnt offering to the Lord, together with their grain offerings and drink offerings—an offering made by fire, an aroma pleasing to the Lord. Then sacrifice one male goat for a sin offering and two lambs, each a year old, for a fellowship offering. On that same day you are to proclaim a sacred assembly and do no regular work. This is to be a lasting ordinance for the generations to come, wherever you live. [LEVITICUS 23]

*CHORALE

O LAMM GOTTES, UNSCHULDIG



1, 2, 3. O Lamb of God, most Ho - ly, who on the cross did suf - fer
and pa - tient still and low - ly, your - self to scorn did of - fer.
Our sins by you were tak - en, or hope had us for - sak - en.

1. Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus.
2. Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus.
3. Your peace be with us, Je - sus.

- ☐ Hear the word of the Lord, you rulers of Sodom; listen to the law of our God, you people of Gomorrah! "The multitude of your sacrifices—what are they to me?" says the Lord. "I have more than enough of burnt offerings, of rams and the fat of fattened animals; I have no pleasure in the blood of bulls and lambs and goats. When you come to appear before me, who has asked this of you, this trampling of my courts?" [ISAIAH 1]

CHORALE PRELUDE on O Lamm Gottes, unschuldig

- Ⓛ He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering. Like one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.
- Ⓒ **Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, Yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted.**
- Ⓛ But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; The punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed.
- Ⓒ **We all, like sheep, have gone astray; each of us has turned to his own way; And the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.**
- Ⓛ He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; He was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth.
- Ⓒ **By oppression and judgment he was taken away. And who can speak of his descendants? For he was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgression of my people he was stricken.**
- Ⓛ He was assigned a grave with the wicked and with the rich in his death, Though he had done no violence, nor was any deceit in his mouth.
- Ⓒ **Yet it was the Lord's will to crush him and cause him to suffer, and though the Lord makes his life a guilt offering, he will see his offspring and prolong his days, and the will of the Lord will prosper in his hand.**

[ISAIAH 53]

***CHORALE**

CHRISTUS, DER UNS SELIG MACHT

Christ, who knew no sin, no wrong, like a thief was ta - ken,
 Help, O Christ, thou son of God, help me through thine an - guish,
 led be - fore a god - less throng, by his friends for - sa - ken.
 through the bit - ter path_ thou trod, e - vil ways to van - quish,
 He, who our sal - va - tion won, false - ly was con - vict - ed,
 on thy death and why thou died we must pon - der tru - ly,
 scoffed at, scorned and spat_ up - on, as the Word pre - dict - ed.
 we, though weak, have right - ly tried, Lord, to thank thee du - ly.

CHORALE PRELUDE on Christus, der uns selig macht

☩ **THE HOLY GOSPEL** ☩

*** John 1:28-38**

CHRISTE DU LAMM GOTTES

Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, Who our sins dost take a-way, have your mer-cy on us.

This all happened at Bethany on the other side of the Jordan, where John was baptizing. The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! This is the one I meant when I said, 'A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him, but the reason I came baptizing with water was that he might be revealed to Israel." Then John gave this testimony: "I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him. I would not have known him, except that the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is he who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.' I have seen and I testify that this is the Son of God." The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, "Look, the Lamb of God!" When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus.

CHORALE PRELUDE on Christe du Lamm Gottes

- Ⓐ Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing in the center of the throne, encircled by the four living creatures and the elders. I did not see a temple in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp.
- Ⓑ **The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their splendor into it. On no day will its gates ever be shut, for there will be no night there. The glory and honor of the nations will be brought into it.** [REV. 5:6; 21:22-26]

PSALM 141



EKTENIA

- Ⓐ Let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, bless those who praise you and sanctify those who trust in you.
Save your people and bless your inheritance.
- Ⓑ **Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.**
- Ⓐ Protect the whole body of your Church.
Sanctify those who love the beauty of your house.
Glorify them by your divine power, and do not forsake us who hope in you.
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- Ⓐ Grant peace to your world, to your churches, to those in public service, to our civil authorities, to the armed forces, and to all your people.
- Ⓑ **Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant us peace.**
- Ⓐ For every good and perfect gift is from above, coming from you, the Father of vesper lights.
- Ⓑ **To you we give glory, thanksgiving, and worship, to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages. Amen.**

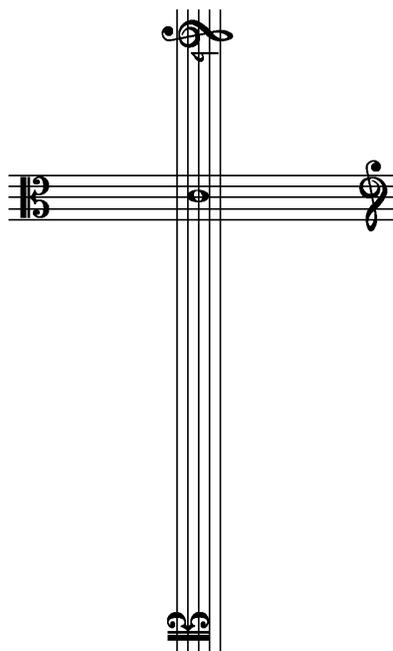
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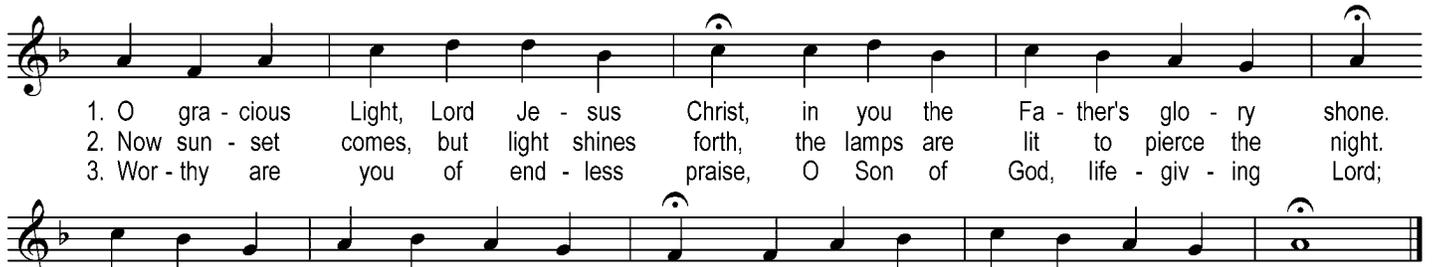
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passiontide II

RELUDE IN A-MINOR

*EVENING HYMN (*PHOS HILARON*)

LOB SEI DEM ALLMÄCHTIGEN GOTT



1. O gra - cious Light, Lord Je - sus Christ, in you the Fa - ther's glo - ry shone.
 2. Now sun - set comes, but light shines forth, the lamps are lit to pierce the night.
 3. Wor - thy are you of end - less praise, O Son of God, life - giv - ing Lord;

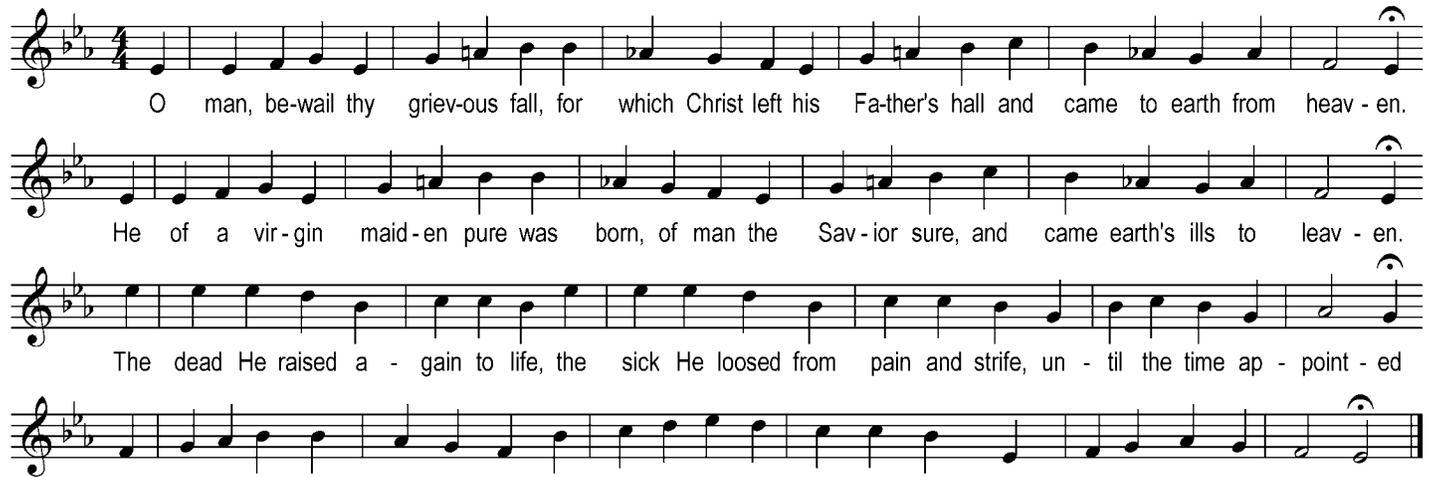
Im - mor - tal, ho - ly, blest is he, and blest are you, his ho - ly Son.
 Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, who dwells in the e - ter - nal light.
 where - fore you are through all the earth and in the high - est heaven a - dored.

L And the Lord God said, "The man has now become like one of us, knowing good and evil. He must not be allowed to reach out his hand and take also from the Tree of Life and eat, and live forever." So the Lord God banished him from the Garden of Eden to work the ground from which he had been taken. After he drove the man out, he placed on the east side of the Garden of Eden cherubim with a flaming sword flashing back and forth to guard the way to the Tree of Life. [GENESIS 3:21-24]

C **How you have fallen from heaven, O morning star, child of the dawn! You have been cast down to the earth; you, who once was the glory of the nations!** [ISAIAH 14:12]

*CHORALE

O MENSCH, BEWEIN' DEIN' SÜNDE GROSS



O man, be-wail thy grievous fall, for which Christ left his Fa-ther's hall and came to earth from heav - en.
 He of a vir-gin maid-en pure was born, of man the Sav-ior sure, and came earth's ills to leav - en.
 The dead He raised a - gain to life, the sick He loosed from pain and strife, un - til the time ap - point - ed
 that He for us should shed His blood and take on Him our sins' dark load, stretched on the Cross ac - curs - ed.

CHORALE PRELUDE on "O Mensch, bewein' dein' Sünde gross"

L When you were dead because of your sins and because your sinful nature was not yet cut away, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, having canceled the written code, with its regulations, that was against us and that stood opposed to us; he took it away, nailing it to the cross. And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross. [COLOSSIANS 2:13-15]

C **Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.** [HEBREWS 12:2]

***CHORALE**

DA JESUS AN DEM KREUZE STUND

When on the cross the Sav - ior hung, and that sore load that on Him weigh'd with bit - ter pangs His
na - ture wrung, a - mid His pain, last words He said; Oh let them well to heart be laid!

CHORALE PRELUDE on "Da Jesus an dem Kreuze stund"

(please stand for the Gospel)

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 23:27-33

Al - le - lu - i - a, Al - le - lu - i - a, Al - le - lu - i - a.

A large number of people followed him, including women who mourned and wailed for him. Jesus turned and said to them, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me; weep for yourselves and for your children. For the time will come when you will say, 'Blessed are the barren women, the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!' Then they will say to the mountains, "Fall on us!" and to the hills, "Cover us!" For if men do these things when the tree is green, what will happen when it is dry?" Two other men, both criminals, were also led out with him to be executed. When they came to the place called the Skull, there they crucified him, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left.

***CHORALE**

WIR DANKEN DIR, HERR JESU CHRIST

1. We thank you, dear Lord Je - sus Christ, that for us, sin - ners, you have died,
2. For - bid it, Lord, that we should boast, save in the death of Christ our God;
3. Then grant that we, like Christ, be true, con - sumed in fast and prayer with You;
and by the ran - som of your blood, sal - va - tion brought us be - fore God.
the vain things that oft charm us most, we sac - ri - fice them to Your blood.
our spir - its strength - en with Your grace, and give us joy to see Your face.

CHORALE PRELUDE on "Wir danken dir, Herr Jesu Christ"

- L** I always thank God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. For in Him you have been enriched in every way—in all your speaking and in all your knowledge— because our testimony about Christ was confirmed in you. Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed.
- C** **He will keep us strong to the end, so that we will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God, who has called us into fellowship with his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, is faithful.** [1 CORINTHIANS 1:4-9]

*CHORALE

HILF, GOTT, DAß MIR'S GELINGE



1. O help me, Lord, to praise thee, Great Shep-herd of thy sheep, _____
2. To thee be-fore thy Pas-sion we sing our hymn of praise; _____
In grate-ful phras-es worth-y of thee who watch dost keep! _____
to thee, now high ex-alt-ed, our mel-o-dy we raise. _____
Help me in song my voice up-raise for thy blest Word so the
The an-cient song we glad-ly sing, "Ho-san-na in the
ho-ly, And guide my fee-ble praise! _____
high-est, our God, our Lord, our King." _____

CHORALE PRELUDE on "Hilf, Gott, daß mir's gelinge"

EKTEKTA

- L** Let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, bless those who praise you and sanctify those who trust in you.
Save your people and bless your inheritance.
- C** **O Creator of the Universe and all life in it, abide with us.**
- L** Protect the whole body of your Church.
Sanctify those who love the beauty of your house.
Glorify them by your divine power, and do not forsake us who hope in you.
- C** **O Morning Star, Child of the dawn, abide with us.**
- L** Grant peace to your world, to your churches, to those in public service, to our civil authorities, to the armed forces, and to all your people.
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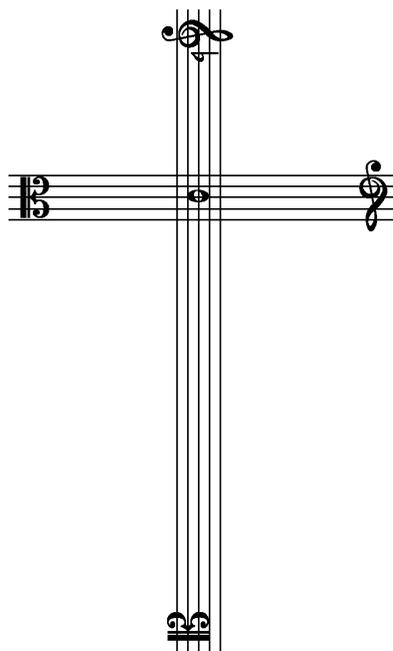
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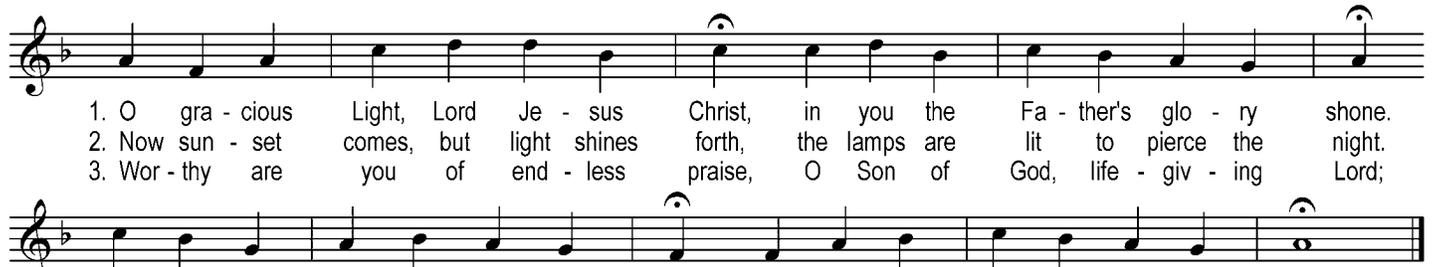
sunday, april 11, 2010, 6:00 pm

eastertide I

 **RELUDE IN G-MINOR**

***EVENING HYMN (PHOS HILARON)**

LOB SEI DEM ALLMÄCHTIGEN GOTT



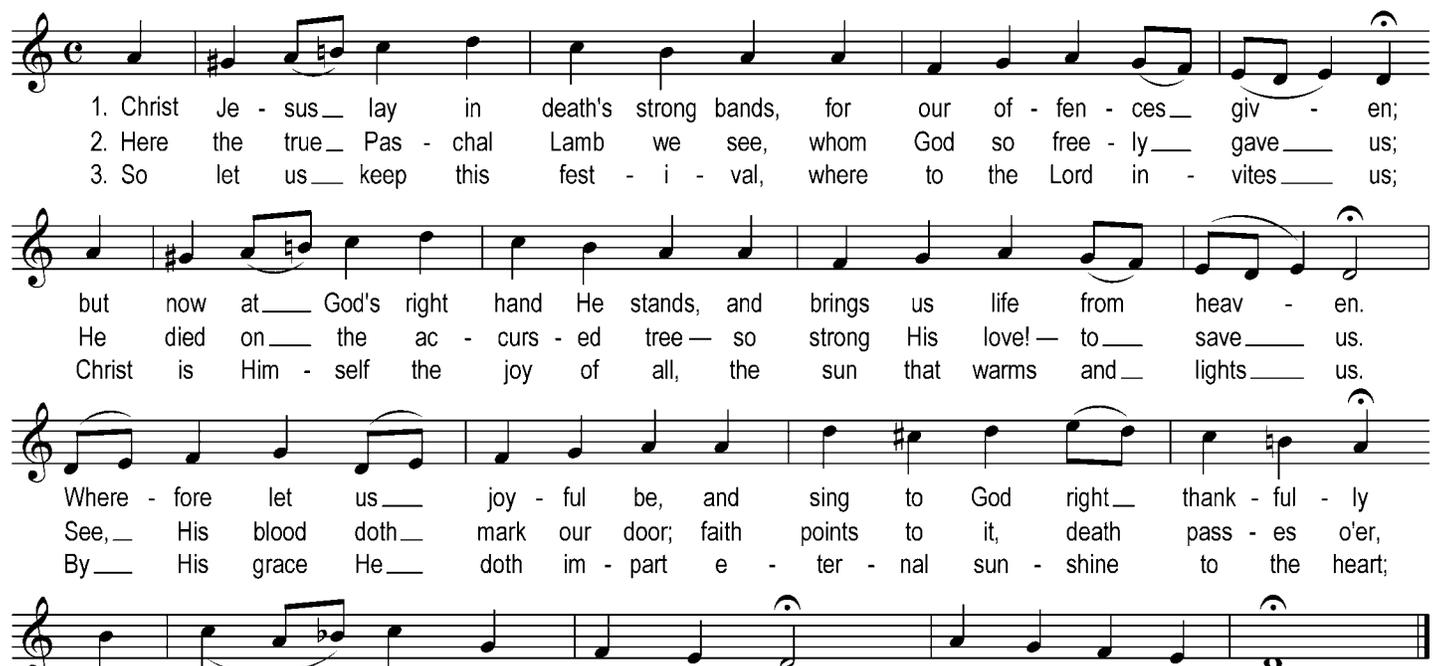
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 2. Now sun - set comes, but light shines forth, the lamps are lit to pierce the night.
 3. Wor - thy are you of end - less praise, O Son of God, life - giv - ing Lord;

Im - mor - tal, ho - ly, blest is he, and blest are you, his ho - ly Son.
 Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, who dwells in the e - ter - nal light.
 where - fore you are through all the earth and in the high - est heaven a - dored.

- ☐ He was assigned a grave with the wicked, though He had done no violence, nor was any deceit in His mouth. Yet it was the Lord's will to crush Him and cause Him to suffer, and though the Lord makes His life a guilt offering, He will see His offspring and prolong His days, and the will of the Lord will prosper in His hand. After the suffering of His soul, He will see the light of life and be satisfied. By His knowledge the Righteous Servant will justify many, and He will bear their iniquities.
- ☑ **Therefore I will give Him a portion among the great, and He will divide the spoils with the strong, For He poured out His life unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors. He bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.** [ISAIAH 53:9-12]

***CHORALE**

CHRIST LAG IN TODESBANDEN



1. Christ Je - sus__ lay in death's strong bands, for our of - fen - ces__ giv - en;
 2. Here the true__ Pas - chal Lamb we see, whom God so free - ly__ gave__ us;
 3. So let us__ keep this fest - i - val, where to the Lord in - vites__ us;

but now at__ God's right hand He stands, and brings us life from heav - en.
 He died on__ the ac - curs - ed tree__ so strong His love!__ to__ save__ us.
 Christ is Him - self the joy of all, the sun that warms and__ lights__ us.

Where - fore let us__ joy - ful be, and sing to God right__ thank - ful - ly
 See,__ His blood doth__ mark our door; faith points to it, death pass - es o'er,
 By__ His grace He__ doth im - part e - ter - nal sun - shine to the heart;

loud songs__ of Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - i - a!
 thus Sa - - - tan can - not harm us. Al - le - lu - i - a!
 Cre - a - - - tion with us is saved! Al - le - lu - i - a!

 **CHORALE PRELUDE on "Christ lag in Todesbanden"**

- Ⓛ At least there is hope for a tree: if it is cut down, it will sprout again, and its new shoots will not fail. Its roots may grow old in the ground and its stump die in the soil, yet at the scent of water it will bud and put forth shoots like a plant. But man dies and is laid low; he breathes his last and is no more. As water disappears from the sea or a riverbed becomes parched and dry, so man lies down and does not rise; till the heavens are no more, men will not awake or be roused from their sleep. [JOB 14:7-12]
- Ⓢ **I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand upon the earth. And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God. I myself will see him with my own eyes—I, and not another. How my heart yearns within me!** [JOB 19:25-27]

***CHORALE**

JESUS CHRISTUS, UNSER HEILAND

Je - sus Christ our great Re - deem - er, who hath sub - dued death,
 Life and death and sin and mer - cy are all in God's hands;
 from death a - wak - eth: the power of sin he break - eth. Have mer - cy on us!
 through Christ a - ris - en our sin is bound in pris - on. Have mer - cy on us!

CHORALE PRELUDE on "Jesus Christus, unser Heiland"

(please stand for the Gospel)

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 16:1-8

Al - le - lu - i - a, Al - le - lu - i - a, Al - le - lu - i - a.

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body. Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb and they asked each other, "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?" But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. "Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.' Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.

- Ⓛ I have set the Lord always before me because He is at my right hand I shall not be moved. My heart is glad, and my glory rejoices; my flesh also will rest in hope. For He will not leave my soul in oblivion nor will He allow His Holy One to see corruption. He will show me the path of life; in His presence is fullness of joy. At His right hand are pleasures forevermore. [PSALM 16:8-11]
- Ⓢ **Come, and let us return to the Lord; for He has torn, but He will heal us. He has stricken, but He will bind us up. After two days He will revive us; on the third day He will raise us up, that we may live in His sight.** [HOSEA 6:1-2]

*CHORALE

CHRIST IST ERSTANDEN



1. Christ the Lord is risen a - gain; Christ has bro - ken ev - ery chain.
 2. He who slum - bered in the grave is ex - alt - ed now to save;
 3. He who bore all pain and loss, com - fort - less up - on the cross,
 Hark! the an - gels shout for joy, sing - ing ev - er - more on high:
 Now through Chris - ten - dom it rings that the Lamb is King of kings:
 Lives in glo - ry now on high, pleads for us and hears our cry:
 Al - le - lu - ia!
 Hark! the an - gels shout for joy, sing - ing ev - er more on high: Al - le - lu - ia!
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SCHORALE PRELUDE on “Christ ist erstanden”

EKTENIA

- L** Let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, save your people, open the doors of paradise to us, and bless your inheritance.
- C** **O Creator of the Universe and all life in it, save us.**
- L** Grant peace to your world, to your churches, to those in public service, to our civil authorities, to the armed forces, and to all your people.
- C** **O Risen Star, Child of the dawn, open the doors of paradise to us.**
- L** Through You, O Christ, we, the choir of Saints, have found the well-spring of life and door of paradise. Let us enter and enjoy rewards and crowns You have prepared for us!
- C** **O Spirit-God, Re-Creator of the world, Restorer of your people, bless your inheritance.**
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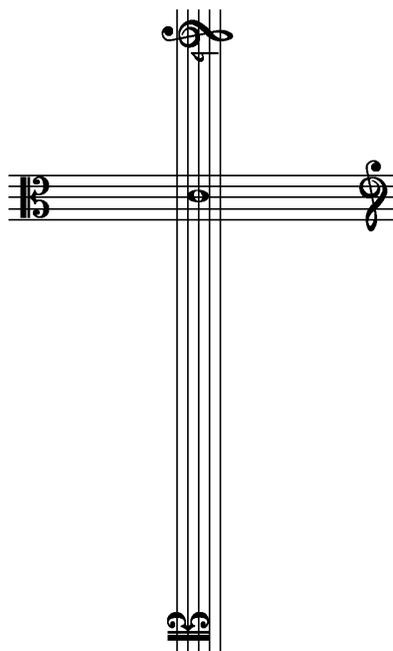
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Bach

Vespers

sunday, april 18, 2010, 6:00 pm

eastertide II

RELUDE IN C-MAJOR

*VESPER CALL

CANTOR:
In the evening, Jesus came and stood among the disciples and said to them: "Peace be with you!"

CHURCH:
The light and peace of Christ be with you all! And al - so with you!

CANTOR:
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

CHURCH:
It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

- L** On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day,
- C** **Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.** [ISAIAH 25: 6-9]

*CHORALE

ERSCHIENEN IST DER HERRLICHE TAG

1. The day hath dawned, the day ___ of days, trans-cend - ing all our joy and praise:
 2. That Eas - ter day with joy ___ was bright, the sun shone out with fair - er light,
 3. From ev - ery weap - on death ___ can wield, your own re - deemed for - ev - er shield;

For Christ is ris - en from the tomb and on his Foe de - clared just doom. Al - le - lu - ia!
 when, to ___ their long - ing eyes re - stored, A - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord. Al - le - lu - ia!
 O Lord ___ of all, ___ with us a - bide in this our joy - ful Eas - ter - tide. Al - le - lu - ia!

CHORALE PRELUDE on "Erschienen ist der herrliche Tag"

- L** As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying,
- C** **"Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over."**
- L** So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. They said to each other,
- C** **"Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?"** [LUKE 24:28-31]

CANTOR:	CHURCH:
Jesus Christ is the light of the world,	The Light no darkness can o - ver - come.
CANTOR:	CHURCH:
Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening,	And the day is al - most over.
CANTOR:	CHURCH:
Let your light scat - ter the darkness,	And illu - mine your Church.

☐ While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. [LUKE 24:36-43]

***CHORALE**

ERSTANDEN IST DER HEILIGE CHRIST

1. The Ho - ly Christ is risen to - day! Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2. A - mong us came our Lord most dear, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3. Thy name we bless, O ris - en Lord, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

Of all man - kind to be the stay! Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!
 And said, "My peace be with you here." Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!
 And sing to - day with one ac - cord: Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

CHORALE PRELUDE on “Erstanden ist der heilige Christ”

(please stand for the Gospel)

☩ **THE HOLY GOSPEL** ☩
LUKE 24:44-49

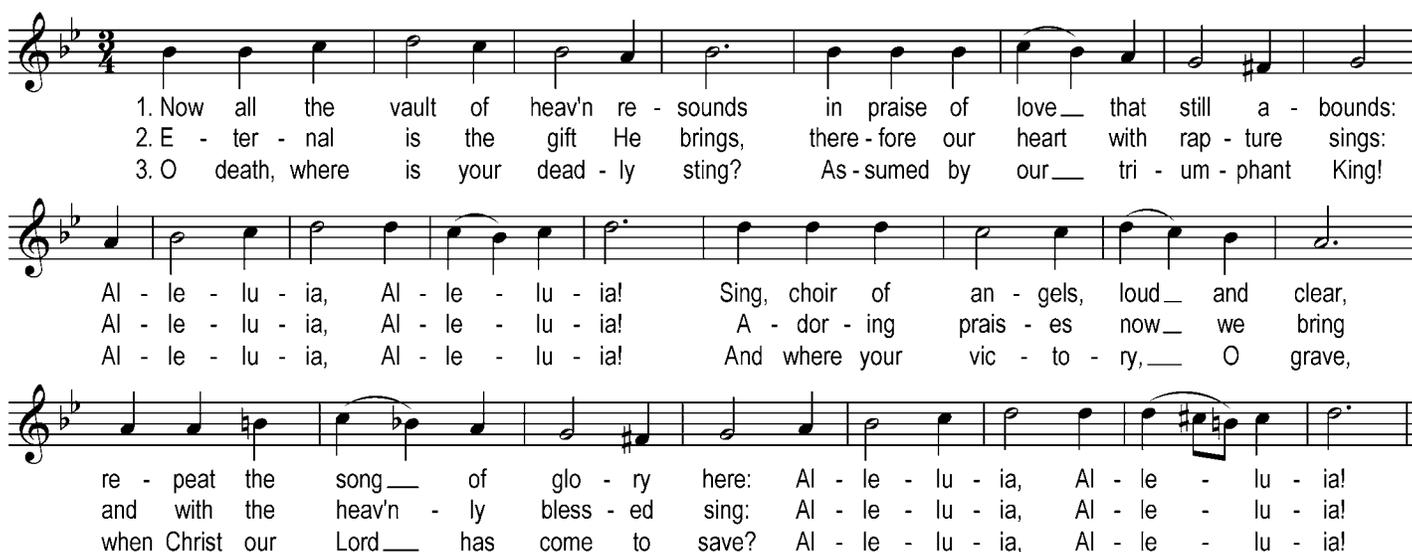
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“these are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you - that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled. thus it is written, that the messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. you are witnesses of these things. and see, I am sending upon you what my father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

Ⓛ Now the main point in what we are saying is this: we have such a high priest, one who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens, a minister in the sanctuary and the true tent that the Lord, and not any mortal, has set up. For every high priest is appointed to offer gifts and sacrifices; hence it is necessary for this priest also to have something to offer. Now if he were on earth, he would not be a priest at all, since there are priests who offer gifts according to the law. They offer worship in a sanctuary that is a sketch and shadow of the heavenly one; for Moses, when he was about to erect the tent, was warned, ‘See that you make everything according to the pattern that was shown you on the mountain.’ But Jesus has now obtained a more excellent ministry, and to that degree he is the mediator of a better covenant, which has been enacted through better promises. For if that first covenant had been faultless, there would have been no need to look for a second one. [HEBREWS 8:1-7]

***CHORALE**

HEUT' TRIUMPHIRET GOTTES SOHN



1. Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds in praise of love__ that still a - bounds:
 2. E - ter - nal is the gift He brings, there - fore our heart with rap - ture sings:
 3. O death, where is your dead - ly sting? As - sumed by our__ tri - um - phant King!

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! Sing, choir of an - gels, loud__ and clear,
 Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! A - dor - ing prais - es now__ we bring
 Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! And where your vic - to - ry,__ O grave,

re - peat the song__ of glo - ry here: Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!
 and with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!
 when Christ our Lord__ has come to save? Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

CHORALE PRELUDE on “Heut’ triumphiret Gottes Sohn”

- Ⓛ Do you not know that a little yeast leavens the whole batch of dough?
Clean out the old yeast so that you may be a new batch, as you really are unleavened.
For our Paschal Lamb, Christ, has been sacrificed.
- ☑ **Therefore, let us celebrate the festival, not with the old yeast, the yeast of malice and evil, But with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.** [1 CORINTHIANS 5:6-8]

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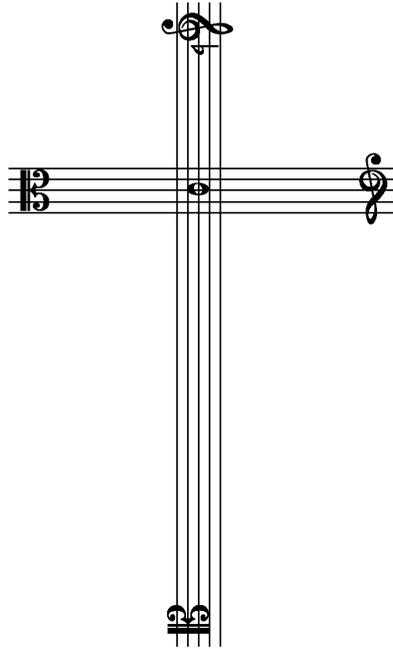
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Bach vespers at westminster 2010

sunday, may 23 – pentecost	cantor: carolyn carmack
sunday, may 30 – ordinary time I	cantor: david gunter
sunday, june 6 – ordinary time II	cantor: david aland

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Vespers

sunday, may 23, 2010, 6:00 pm

the day of pentecost

RELUDE IN D-MAJOR

*VESPER HYMN

PHOS HILARON

1. O gra - cious Light, Lord Je - sus Christ, in you the Fa - ther's glo - ry shone.
 2. Now sun - set comes, but light shines forth, the lamps are lit to pierce the night.
 3. Wor - thy are you of end - less praise, O Son of God, life - giv - ing Lord;

Im - mor - tal, ho - ly, blest is he, and blest are you, his ho - ly Son.
 Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, who dwells in the e - ter - nal light.
 where - fore you are through all the earth and in the high - est heaven a - dored.

- L** Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. And as they migrated from the east, they came upon a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. And they said to one another,
- C** **“Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly.”**
- L** And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. Then they said,
- C** **“Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves; otherwise we shall be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.”**
- L** The Lord came down to see the city and the tower, which mortals had built. And the Lord said, “Look, they are one people, and they have all one language; and this is only the beginning of what they will do; nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. Come, let us go down, and confuse their language there, so that they will not understand one another's speech.” So the Lord scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth and they left off building the city. Therefore it was called Babel, because there the Lord confused the language of all the earth; and from there the Lord scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth. [GENESIS 11:1-9]

VESPER PROCLAMATION

CANTOR & CHURCH

CANTOR:	CHURCH:
Jesus Christ is the light of the world,	The Light no darkness can o - ver - come.
CANTOR:	CHURCH:
Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening,	And the day is al - most over.
CANTOR:	CHURCH:
Let your light scat - ter the darkness,	And illu - mine your Church.

- L** Moses went out and told the people what the Lord had said. He brought together seventy of their elders and had them stand around the Tent. Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke with him, and he took of the Spirit that was on him and put the Spirit on the seventy elders. When the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied, but they did not do so again. However, two men, whose names were Eldad and Medad, had remained in the camp. They were listed among the elders, but did not go out to the Tent. Yet the Spirit also rested on them, and they prophesied in the camp. A young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” Joshua son of Nun, who had been Moses' aide since youth, spoke up and said, “Moses, stop them!” But Moses replied, “Are you jealous for my sake? I wish that all the Lord's people were prophets and that the Lord would put his Spirit on them!” [NUMBERS 11:24-29]

***CHORALE**

HERR JESU CHRIST, DICH ZU UNS WEND

1. Lord Je - sus Christ, be pres - ent now; our hearts in true de - vo - tion bow.
 2. Un - seal our lips to sing your praise in end - less hymns through all our days;
 Your Spir - it send with light di - vine, and let your truth with - in us shine.
 in - crease our faith and light our minds; and set us free from doubt that blinds.

CHORALE PRELUDE on "Herr Jesu Christ, dich zu uns wend"

- L** All who are led by the Spirit of God are Children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption.
- C** **When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God. If we are children, then we are heirs - heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ. In fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.** [ROMANS 8:14-17]

***CHORALE**

LIEBSTER JESU, WIR SIND HIER

1. Bless - ed___ Je - sus, at Your word we are gath - ered all to hear You.
 2. Glo - rious___ Lord, Your - self im - part! Light of light, from God pro - ceed - ing,
 Let our___ hearts and souls be stirred now to seek and love and fear You.
 O - pen___ now our ears and heart, help us by Your Spi - rit's plead - ing.
 By Your teach - ings true and___ ho - ly, drawn from earth to love You sole - ly.
 Hear the cry that we are___ rais - ing; hear, and bless our prayers and prais - ing.

CHORALE PRELUDE on "Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier"

(please stand for the Gospel)

☒ THE HOLY GOSPEL ☒

John 14:15-17; 25-27

Al - le - lu - i - a, Al - le - lu - i - a, Al - le - lu - i - a.

"if you love me, you will keep my commandments. and i will ask the father, and he will give you another advocate, to be with you forever. this is the spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. you know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. i have said these things to you while i am still with you. but the advocate, the holy spirit, whom the father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that i have said to you. peace i leave with you; my peace i give to you. i do not give to you as the world gives. do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid."

L When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in their language. And they were amazed and astonished, saying, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.” [ACTS 2:1-11]

***CHORALE**

KOMM, GOTT SCHÖPFER, HEILIGER GEIST

1. Come, O Cre - a - tor, Spi - rit blest! And in our souls take up thy rest;
 2. O Ho - ly Spi - rit, by whose breath life ris - es vib - rant out of death;

come with thy grace and heav'n - ly aid, to fill the hearts which thou hast made.
 come to cre - ate, re - new, in - spire; come, kin - dle in our hearts your fire.

CHORALE PRELUDE on “Komm, Gott Schöpfer, Heiliger Geist”

PENTECOST ANTIPHON

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CANTOR & CHURCH

TRUGUE IN D-MAJOR

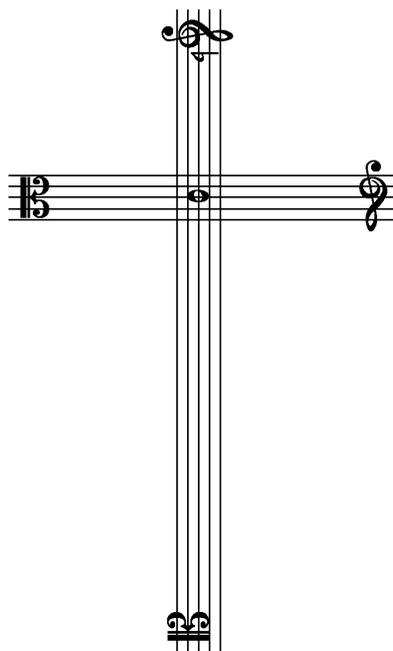
Leading in worship today are Carolyn Carmack, cantor, and Paul Stetsenko, organist

Bach vespers at Westminster 2010

sunday, may 30 – trinity sunday (cantor: david gunter)
 sunday, june 6 – ordinary time (cantor: david aland)

vespers will resume in october. 2010

sunday, october 3, at 6:00 pm
 sunday, october 10, at 6:00 pm
 sunday, october 17, at 6:00 pm
 sunday, october 24, at 6:00 pm
 sunday, october 31, at 6:00 pm



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Vespers

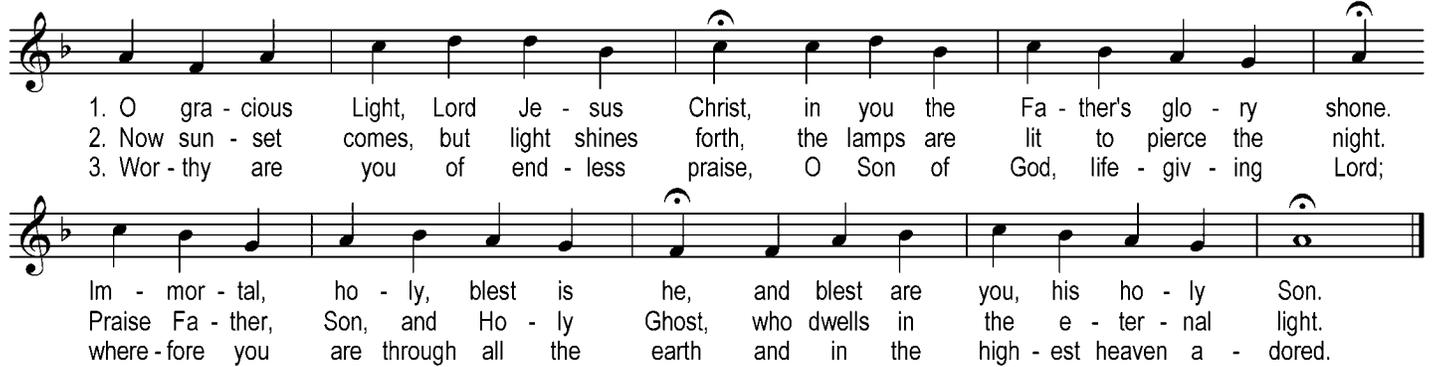
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trinity sunday to ordinary time I

PRELUDE IN E-MINOR

*VESPER HYMN

PHOS HILARON



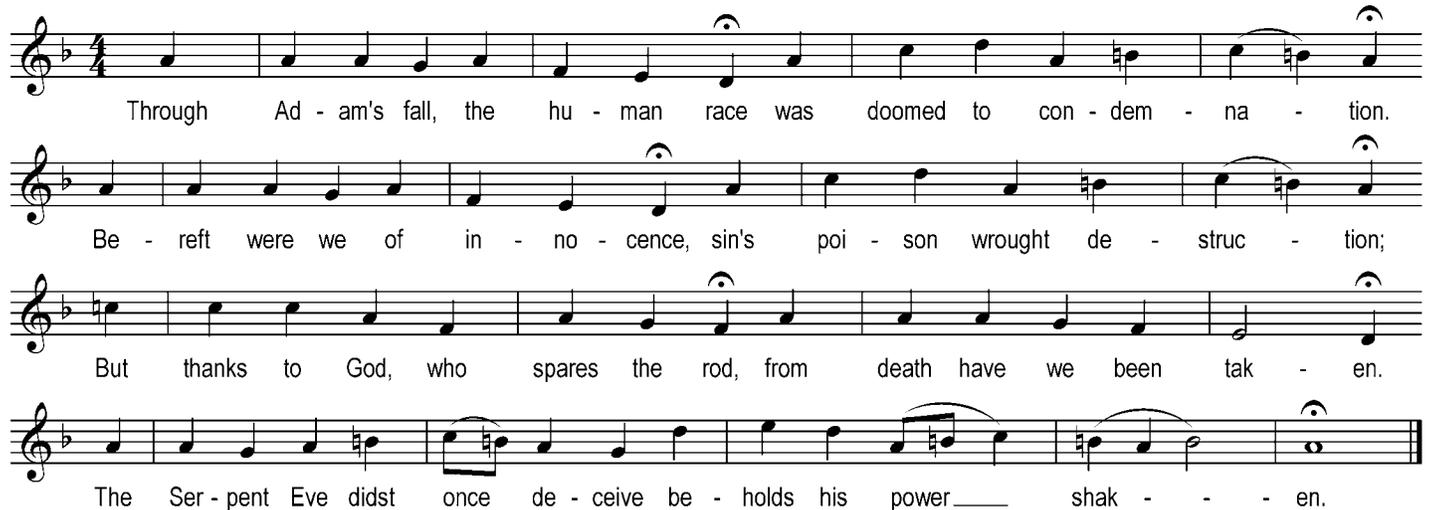
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where - fore you are through all the earth and in the high - est heaven a - dored.

- ☐ Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned — for sin indeed was in the world before the Law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the One who was to come. But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ. [ROMANS 5:12-17]

CHORALE

DURCH ADAMS FALL IST GANZ VERDERBT



Through Ad - am's fall, the hu - man race was doomed to con - dem - na - tion.
Be - reft were we of in - no - cence, sin's poi - son wrought de - struc - tion;
But thanks to God, who spares the rod, from death have we been tak - en.
The Ser - pent Eve didst once de - ceive be - holds his power — shak - - - en.

CHORALE PRELUDE on "Durch Adams Fall ist ganz verderbt"

- ☐ Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. But each in his own turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. For he "has put everything under his feet." Now when it says that "everything" has been put under him, it is clear that this does not include God himself, who put everything under Christ. When he has done this, then the Son himself will be made subject to him who put everything under him, so that God may be all in all. [1 CORINTHIANS 15:20-28]

***CHORALE**

ES IST DAS HEIL UNS KOMMEN HER

1. Sal - va - tion now is come to earth, Boun - ty and grace be - stow - ing,
 2. With one ac - cord, O God, we pray, Grant us your Ho - ly Spir - it;

No man by works can prove his worth, Or win by his own do - ing.
 Help us in our in - fir - mi - ty Through Je - sus' blood and mer - it;

Through Christ's re - demp - tion we will stand A - mong the glo - rious
 Grant us to grow in grace each day By Ho - ly Spir - it,

12
 heaven - ly band of ev - ery tribe and na - - - tion.
 that we may e - ter - nal life in - her - - - it.

CHORALE PRELUDE on "Es ist das Heil uns kommen her"

☐ Moses summoned all Israel and said, "Hear, O Israel, the decrees and laws I declare in your hearing today. Learn them and be sure to follow them. The Lord our God made a covenant with us at Horev. It was not with our fathers that the Lord made this covenant, but with us, with all of us who are alive here today. The Lord spoke to you face to face out of the fire on the mountain. At that time I stood between the Lord and you to declare to you the word of the Lord, because you were afraid of the fire and did not go up the mountain." [DEUTERONOMY 5:1-5]

***CHORALE**

DIES SIND DIE HEIL'GEN ZEHN GEBOT

I am thy God and Lord a - lone, No oth - er God be - side Me own;
 By id - le word and speech pro - fane Take not My ho - ly name in vain
 Hal - low the day which God hath blest That thou and all thy house may rest;
 Give to thy par - ents hon - or due, Be du - ti - ful, and lov - ing, too,
 In sin - ful wrath thou shalt not kill Nor hate nor ren - der ill for ill;
 Be faith - ful to thy mar - riage vows, Thy heart give on - ly to thy spouse;
 Steal not; all u - su - ry ab - hor Nor wring their life - blood from the poor,
 Bear not false wit - ness nor be - lie Thy neigh - bor by foul cal - um - ny.
 Thy neigh - bor's house de - sire thou not, His wife, nor aught that he hath got,

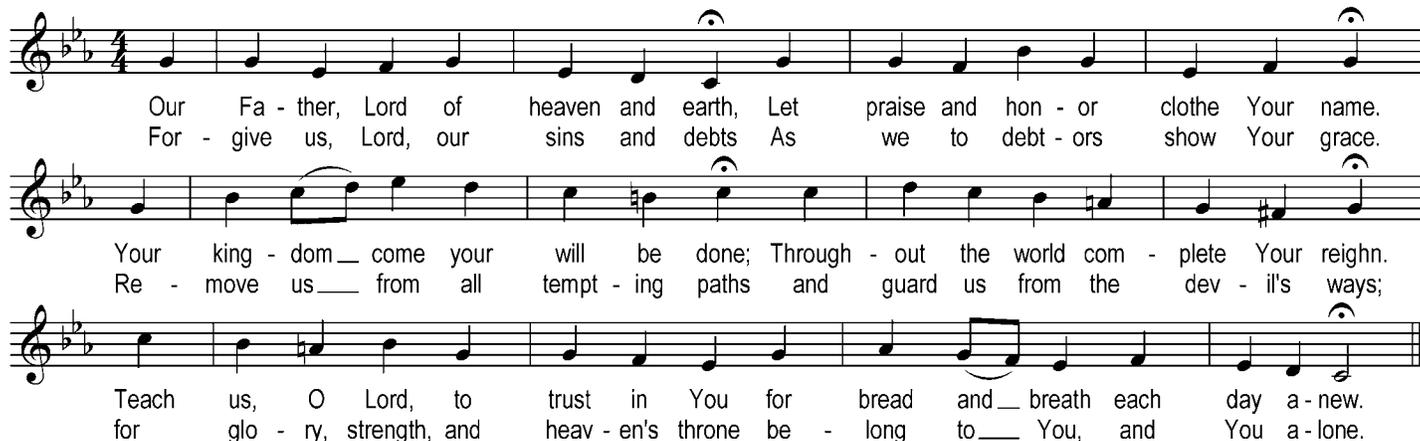
Put thy whole con - fi - dence in Me And love Me e'er cor - dial - ly. *Have mer - cy, Lord!*
 And praise but that as good and true Which I My - self say and ___ do. *Have mer - cy, Lord!*
 Keep hand and heart from la - bor free That God may so work in ___ thee. *Have mer - cy, Lord!*
 And help them when their strength de - cays, So shalt thou have length of ___ days. *Have mer - cy, Lord!*
 Be pa - tient and of gent - le mood, And to thy foe do thou ___ good. *Have mer - cy, Lord!*
 Thy life keep pure, and lest thou sin, Use temp - erance and dis - ci - pline. *Have mer - cy, Lord!*
 But o - pen wide thy lov - ing hand To all the poor in the ___ land. *Have mer - cy, Lord!*
 De - fend his in - no - cence from blame; With char - i - ty hide his ___ shame. *Have mer - cy, Lord!*
 But wish that his such good may be As thy heart doth wish for ___ thee. *Have mer - cy, Lord!*

CHORALE PRELUDE on "Dies sind die heil'gen zehn Gebot"

- ☐ And it came to pass, that, as he was praying in a certain place, when he ceased, one of his disciples said unto him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples.” And he said unto them, “When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth. Give us day by day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins; for we also forgive every one that is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.” [LUKE 11: 1-4]

***CHORALE**

VATER UNSER IM HIMMELREICH



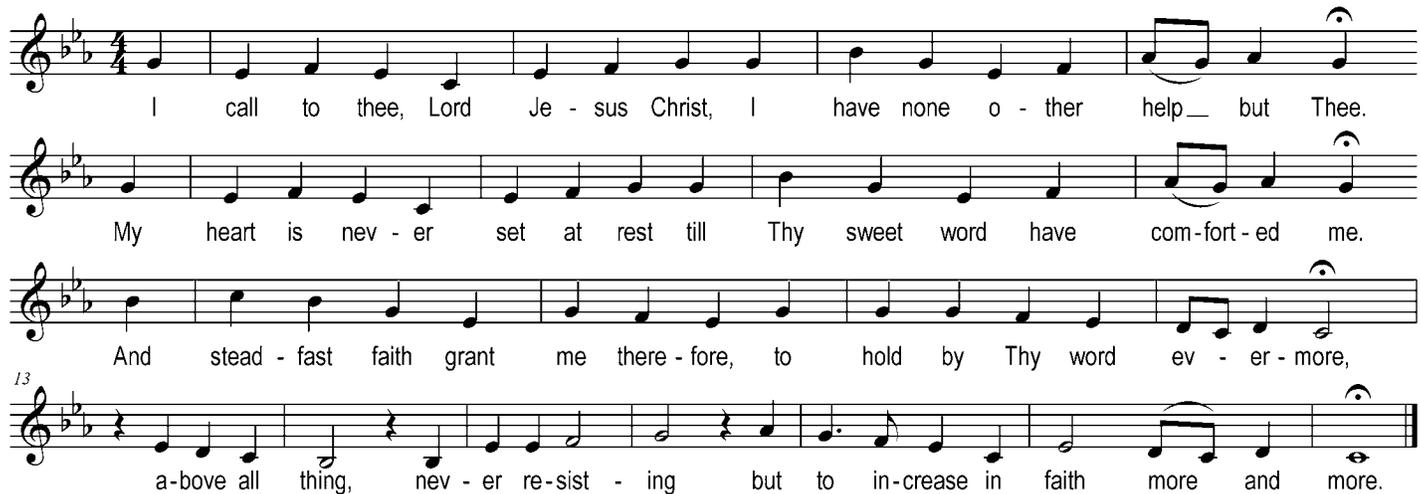
Our Fa - ther, Lord of heaven and earth, Let praise and hon - or clothe Your name.
For - give us, Lord, our sins and debts As we to debt - ors show Your grace.
Your king - dom_ come your will be done; Through - out the world com - plete Your reign.
Re - move us_ from all tempt - ing paths and guard us from the dev - il's ways;
Teach us, O Lord, to trust in You for bread and_ breath each day a - new.
for glo - ry, strength, and heav - en's throne be - long to_ You, and You a - lone.

CHORALE PRELUDE on “Vater unser im Himmelreich”

- ☐ Almighty God, we give you thanks for surrounding us with the vesper light. Grant us, Lord, the lamp of Wisdom coming from on high, that it leads us to that holy City, where dwells the true and never-failing light, Lord Jesus Christ. Lighten our darkness, O Lord, and kindle within us the fire of faith, illuminated by your Wisdom.

***CHORALE**

ICH RUF' ZU DIR, HERR JESU CHRIST



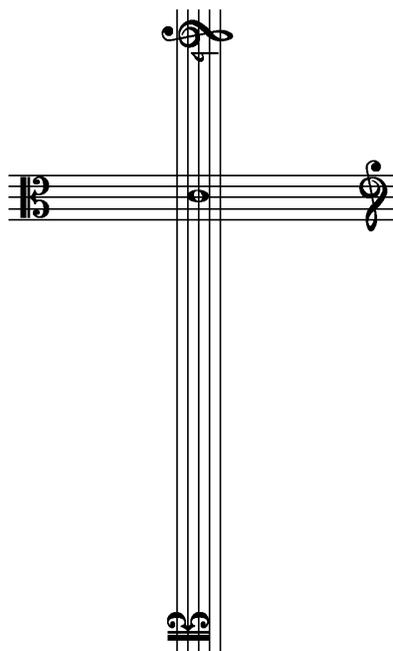
I call to thee, Lord Je - sus Christ, I have none o - ther help_ but Thee.
My heart is nev - er set at rest till Thy sweet word have com - fort - ed me.
And stead - fast faith grant me there - fore, to hold by Thy word ev - er - more,
a - bove all thing, nev - er re - sist - ing but to in - crease in faith more and more.

CHORALE PRELUDE on “Ich ruf” zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ”

- ☐ **Glory to you, who have shown us light.
Glory to you, who have loved us with love immeasurable, love divine.
Glory to you who have surrounded us with light and with hosts of angels.
Glory to you, Holy Father, who have willed us Your Kingdom.
Glory to You, Holy Son, the Way, the Truth, and the Life.
Glory to You, Holy Spirit, the life-giving Wisdom of the future age.
Glory to you, O God, unto ages of ages. Amen.**

FUGUE IN E-MINOR

Leading in worship today are David Gunter, cantor, and Paul Stetsenko, organist
Our next Vespers: Sunday, June 6, at 6:00 pm



Bach

Vespers

sunday, june 6, 2010, 6:00 pm

ordinary time II

PRELUDE IN E-MINOR

*VESPER ANTIPHON

CANTOR:	CHURCH:
Jesus Christ is the light of the world,	The Light no darkness can o - ver - come.
CANTOR:	CHURCH:
Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening,	And the day is al - most over.
CANTOR:	CHURCH:
Let your light scat - ter the darkness,	And illu - mine your Church.

- ☐ *Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*
Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.
Blessed are meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

Lord, bless those of us whose spirit is wavering, for they trust in you. Comfort those of us who face the loss. Protect those of us who are defenseless and guard from harm all whose lives are closely linked with ours. Heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. Give us all courage to live a life of righteousness and hope to overcome the adversities. Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask: help us to ask what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the safe of your Son Jesus Christ. For every good and perfect gift is from above, coming from you, the Father of vesper lights.

*CHORALE

WENN WIR IN HÖCHSTEN NÖTHEN SEIN

1. When in the hour of ___ ut - most need We know not where to look for aid;
2. For Thou hast prom - ised ___ gra - cious - ly To hear all those who cry to Thee
3. And thus we come, O ___ God, ___ to - day And all our woes be - fore Thee lay;
4. Ah! hide not for our ___ sins ___ Thy face, Ab - solve us through Thy bound - less grace,
5. That so with all our ___ hearts we may To Thee our glad thanks - giv - ing pay,

Then this our com - fort is a - lone, That we may stand be - fore Thy ___ throne.
Through Him whose name a - lone is great, Our Sa - vior and our Ad - vo - cate.
For sore - ly tried, cast down, we stand, Per - plexed by fears on ev - ery ___ hand.
Be with us in our an - guish still, Free us at last from ev - ery ___ ill.
Then walk o - be - dient to Thy Word And now and ev - er praise Thee, ___ Lord.

CHORALE PRELUDE on "Wenn wir in höchsten Nöthen sein"

- ☐ *Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.*
Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled.
Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.

Taking clay from earth, He who created us, fashioned our bodies through his will divine, and having breathed into it a soul with his life-bearing breath, he laid upon it a holy command. Therefore you called us your children, but made of earth, we are subjects to the corruption of sin. You are the consolation of the afflicted, and comfort of those who suffer in darkness. Abide with us who put their trust in you. O how amiable are your dwellings, Lord! My soul has a longing to enter into the courts of the Lord. For the Lord is light; blessed is the man that puts his trust in you. Remember us also, O Lord, when you come into your kingdom.

***CHORALE**

WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT LÄßT WALTEN

1. If thou but trust in God to guide thee, with hope-ful heart through all thy ways,
 2. What can these anx - ious cares a - vail thee, These nev - er - ceas - ing moans and sighs?
 3. God knows full well when times of glad - ness Shall be the need - ful thing for thee.

God will give strength, what - ever be - tide thee, to bear thee through the e - vil days.
 What can it help if thou be - wail thee O'er each dark mo - ment as it flies?
 When He has tried thy soul with sad - ness And from all guile has found thee free,

Who trusts in God's un - chang - ing love builds on the Rock that nought can move.
 Our cross and tri - als do but press The heav - ier for our bit - ter - ness.
 He comes to thee all un - a - ware And makes thee own His lov - ing care.

CHORALE PRELUDE on “Wer nur den lieben Gott läßt walten”

☐ *Blessed are they which hunger and thirst for righteousness: for they shall be filled.
 Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.*

For when Adam, of old, had eaten of the tree which was for food, he was driven forth from Paradise. But then the thief, as he hung upon the cross, confessed you God, he was made a citizen of Paradise. And we, who have been saved by your Passion, O Master, imitating the Thief, with faith do we cry: Remember us, also, when you come into your kingdom.

CHORALE

IN DICH HAB' ICH GEHOFFET, HERR

1. In you, Lord, I have put my trust; Leave me not help - less in the dust,
 2. With you, Lord, I have cast my lot; O faith - ful God, for - sake me not,
 3. All hon - or, praise, and maj - es - ty To Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it be,

Let me not be con - found - ed. Let in your Word, my faith, O Lord,
 To you my soul com - mend - ing. Lord, be my stay and lead the way
 Our God for - ev - er glo - rious, In whose rich grace we run our race

Be al - ways firm - ly ground - ed.
 Now and when life is end - ing.
 'Till we de - part vic - to - rious.

CHORALE PRELUDE on “In dich hab' ich gehoffet, Herr”

☐ *Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God.*

When the soul from the body is parted, fearful is the mystery, for the soul goes forth homeward, and the body returns to earth where it came from. Paul, all-wise, taught all men that the dead will rise again incorruptible, and we shall be changed by command divine. Then shall the trumpet ring out and they who in all the ages have gone unto their rest shall rise from their sleep. Wherefore, in that we, also, have learned from our final end, let us make appeal into our Maker: Remember us also, O Lord, when you come into your kingdom.

***CHORALE**

ALLE MENSCHEN MÜSSEN STERBEN

1. All men liv - ing are but mort - al: Yea, all flesh must fade as grass;
 2. Gra - cious God, I come be - fore Thee, Come Thou al - so down to me;
 3. There is joy be - yond our tell - ing, Where so man - y saints have gone;

On - ly through Death's gloom - y por - tal, To a bet - ter life we pass.
 Where we find Thee and a - dore Thee, There a home in Heaven must be.
 Thou - sands, thou - sands, there are dwell - ing, Wor - ship - ing be - fore the throne,

This frail bo - dy here will per - ish: dust to dust and clay to clay.
 O - pen now the gates of beau - ty, Zi - on, let me en - ter there.
 There the Ser - aph - im are shin - ing, sing - ing ev - er - last - ing hymn:

Ere it rise in glo - rious might, Fit to dwell with Saints in light.
 O how bless - ed is that place, filled with sol - ace, light, and grace.
 "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord! Tri - une God, for aye a - dored!"

CHORALE PRELUDE on "Alle Menschen müssen sterben"

☐ What earthly sweetness remains unmixed with grief? What glory stands immutable in earth? All things are but shadows most feeble, but most deluding dreams. Where is earthly predilection? Where is the pomp of the ephemeral creatures of a day? All mortal things are vanity and exist not after death. Riches endure not, neither does glory accompany on the way. But lo! As the earthly light turns to shadow, the inner light of your Wisdom begins to shine forth: *Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven.*

***CHORALE**

ACH WIE NICHTIG, ACH WIE FLÜCHTIG

1. O how fu - tile, O how flee - ting Is the life of hu - man - kind! 'Tis a mist in
 2. Now, on land and sea de - scend - ing, Brings the night its peace pro - found; Let our ves - per
 3. Now, our wants and bur - dens leav - ing To God's care who cares of all, Cease we fear - ing,

win - try weath - er, Gath - ered in an hour to - geth - er, And as soon dis - persed a - way.
 hymn be blend - ing, sing - ing of God's an - cient sto - ry, with the ho - ly calm a - round.
 cease we griev - ing, hope and faith and love rise glo - rious: at God's touch our bur - dens fall.

CHORALE PRELUDE on "Ach wie nichtig, ach wie flüchtig"

☐ Almighty God, we give you thanks for surrounding us with the vesper light. Grant us, Lord, the lamp of Wisdom coming from on high, that it leads us to that holy City, where dwells the true and never-failing light, Lord Jesus Christ. Lighten our darkness, O Lord, and kindle within us the fire of faith, illuminated by your Wisdom.

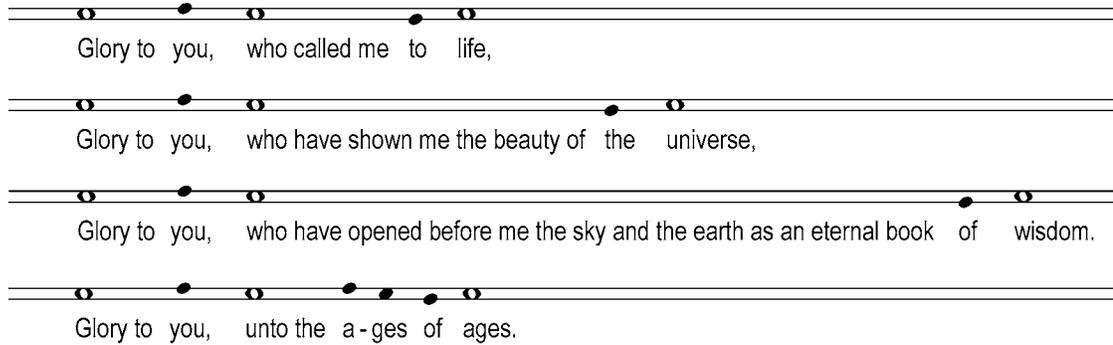
☑ **Him who has no beginning in birth or cause, the Father, we worship; the Son, who is born, we glorify; to the Holy Spirit, who shines together with the Father and the Son, we sing praises. Amen.**

FUGUE IN E-MINOR

IKOS

Cantor: And God said, let there be life, and there was life. The spirit of the Eternal heard your first cry when you were born, and swept over the waters of your unformed life. Into the world you were born, a weak and helpless child, but God spread wings of light over you, guarding your coming and your staying. And there was evening, and there was morning, your first day.

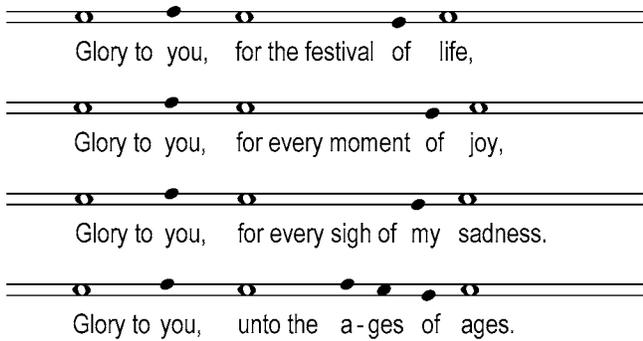
Church:



Glory to you, who called me to life,
Glory to you, who have shown me the beauty of the universe,
Glory to you, who have opened before me the sky and the earth as an eternal book of wisdom.
Glory to you, unto the a-ges of ages.

Cantor: He spread his luminous wings above you, when the waters of baptism touched your head and sanctified your soul. As your life unfolded, he has been with you as you walked the path between good and evil, carrying the bitter fruit of intelligence from the Tree of Knowledge to the Tree of Life. In his image he has made you, giving you the mind and the strength to cross the many valleys of shadows on your own. And there are evenings, and there are mornings, the many days of your life.

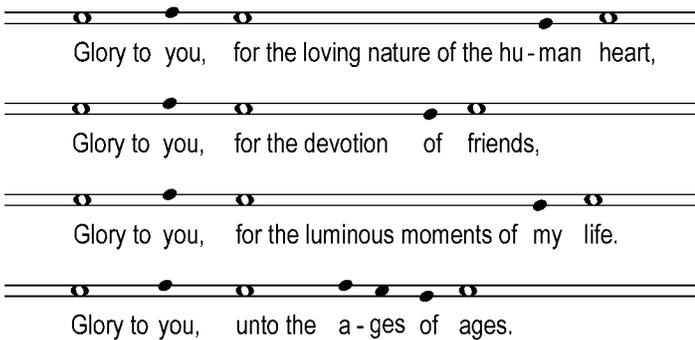
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Glory to you, for the festival of life,
Glory to you, for every moment of joy,
Glory to you, for every sigh of my sadness.
Glory to you, unto the a-ges of ages.

Cantor: He was there with you when you first learned that love is stronger than death, and he put Himself as a seal upon your arm and a seal upon your heart to bind his life and death with yours. He will be there to walk with you in the golden rays of the setting sun, blessing the earth in her transient beauty, longing for the homeland which is eternal. And there will be evening, and there will be morning, your last day.

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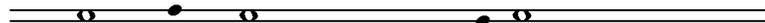
Glory to you, for the loving nature of the human heart,
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Glory to you, for the luminous moments of my life.
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Cantor: He will be there when the darkness envelopes you, extinguishing the candle of your mind, leaving nothing of you but a fading memory and a faint footprint of your life on the sandy shores of this world, which soon, too, will be washed away by the waters of time. He will take you by the hand and gently lead you home. Then you will see His abode in the guise of glistening palaces and clouds hovering in the vesper light. Fiery red, gold, and azure speak prophetically of the unutterable beauty of His home. And there will be no evening but the never-ending sunrise of your eternal life.

Church:



Glory to you, for the last rays of sunlight,



Glory to you, for the rest and the gift of sleep,



Glory to you, for the promise of awakening to the light e - ternal.



Glory to you, unto the a - ges of ages. Amen.



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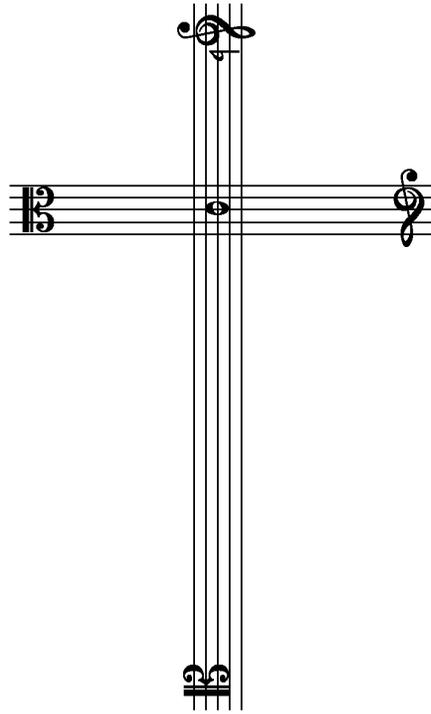
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October 2010

Bach Vespers at Westminster
THE LUTHERAN MASS



**Westminster Presbyterian Church
Alexandria, VA**



Bach

Vespers

sunday, october 3, 2010, at 6:00 pm

"german protestant mass"

Dave Aland, Cantor
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PRELUDE IN E-FLAT MAJOR

*CHORALE

Ky - ri - e, Fa - ther in e - ter - ni - ty, great is your for - giv - ing love,
hear your child - ren ask - ing for your mer - cy. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

CHORALE PRELUDE ON “Kyrie, father in eternity”

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Chri - - - ste, sol - ace of the World, Sa - vior and re - stor - er of our souls;
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hear our prayer and grant our sup - li - ca - tion. Chri - ste e - le - i - son.

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Ky - ri - e, O God the Ho - ly Ghost, guard our faith, the
gift we trea - sure most, and bless our life's last hour when we leave this
tran - sient world for - ev - er. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

CHORALE PRELUDE on “Kyrie, O God the Holy Ghost”

PETITIONS

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We acknowledged our sins to God and did not cover up our iniquity.

We said, "We will confess our transgressions to the Lord"— and God lifted the guilt our sins.

GLORIA

1. All glo - ry be to God on high, and peace on earth__ for heav - en,
2. O Lamb of God, Lord Je - sus Christ, whom God the Fa - ther gave__ us,
3. You on - ly are the Ho - ly One, who came for our__ sal - va - tion,

and God's good will un - fail - ing - ly be to all peo - ple giv - en.
who for the world was sac - ri - ficed up - on the cross__ to save__ us;
and on - ly You are God's true Son, who was be - fore__ cre - a - tion.

We bless, we wor - ship you, we raise for Your great glo - ry
and as You sit at God's right hand and we for judg - ment
You on - ly, Christ, as Lord we own and, with the Spir - it,

thanks and praise, O God,__ Al - might - y Fa - - - ther.
there must stand, have mer - cy, Lord, up - on__ us.
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2. By id - le word and speech pro - fane Take not My ho - ly name in vain
3. Hal - low the day which God hath blest That thou and all thy house may rest;
4. Give to thy par - ents hon - or due, Be du - ti - ful, and lov - ing, too,
5. In sin - ful wrath thou shalt not kill Nor hate nor ren - der ill for ill;
6. Be faith - ful to thy mar - riage vows, Thy heart give on - ly to thy spouse;
7. Steal not; all u - su - ry ab - hor Nor wring their life - blood from the poor,
8. Bear not false wit - ness nor be - lie Thy neigh - bor by foul cal - um - ny.
- 9/10. Thy neigh - bor's house de - sire thou not, His wife, nor aught that he hath got,



- Put thy whole con - fi - dence in Me And love Me e'er cor - dial - ly. *Have mer - cy, Lord!*
And praise but that as good and true Which I My - self say and __ do. *Have mer - cy, Lord!*
Keep hand and heart from la - bor free That God may so work in __ thee. *Have mer - cy, Lord!*
- And help them when their strength de - cays, So shalt thou have length of __ days. *Have mer - cy, Lord!*
Be pa - tient and of gent - le mood, And to thy foe do thou __ good. *Have mer - cy, Lord!*
Thy life keep pure, and lest thou sin, Use temp - erance and dis - ci - pline. *Have mer - cy, Lord!*
- But o - pen wide thy lov - ing hand To all the poor in the __ land. *Have mer - cy, Lord!*
De - fend his in - no - cence from blame; With char - i - ty hide his __ shame. *Have mer - cy, Lord!*
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*He appeared in a human body,
was proved right by the invisible Spirit,
was seen by angels.
He was proclaimed among all kinds of peoples,
believed in all over the world,
taken up into heavenly glory.”*

Cantor: We know there is only one God; for us there is only one God—our Father. All things came from him, and we live for him. And there is only one Lord—Jesus Christ. All things were made through him, and we also were made through him.

*THE CREED



1. We all be - lieve in one true God, Who cre - at - ed earth and heav - en,
2. We all be - lieve in Je - sus Christ, His own Son, our Lord, pos - sess - ing
3. We all con - fess the Ho - ly Ghost who, in high - est heav - en dwell - ing

The Fa - ther, who to us in love has the right of chil - dren giv - en.
an e - qual God - head, throne, and might, source of ev - ery grace and bless - ing.
with God the Fa - ther and the Son, com - forts us be - yond all tell - ing.

He in soul and bod - y feed us, All we need his hand pro - vides us;
Born of Mar - y, vir - gin moth - er, by the power of Ho - ly Spir - it,
who the Church, his own cre - a - tion, keeps in u - ni - ty of spir - it.

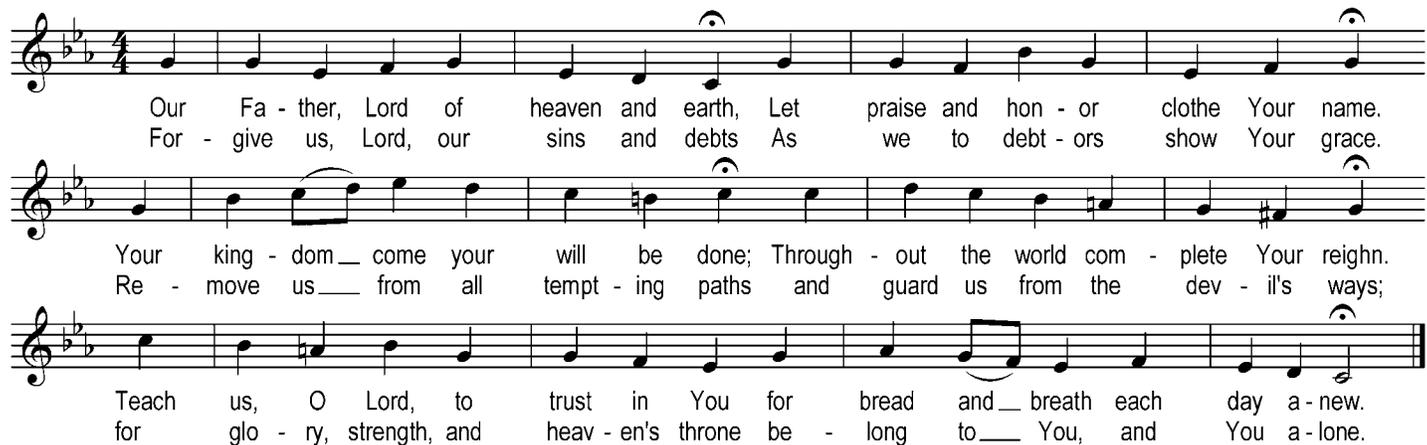
Through all snares and per - ils leads us. Watch - ing that no harm be - tides us,
Word made flesh, our el - der broth - er; that the lost might life in - her - it.
Here for - give - ness and sal - va - tion dai - ly come through Je - sus' mer - it.

He cares for us by day and night. All things are gov - erned by his might.
was put to death up - on the cross, and raised by God vic - to - ri - ous.
All flesh shall rise, and we shall be in bliss with God e - ter - nal - ly.

RULES OF PRAYER

Cantor: Once Jesus was in a certain place praying. As he finished, one of his disciples came to him and said, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples." Jesus said, "This is how you should pray: "Father, may your name be kept holy. May your Kingdom come soon. Give us each day the food we need, and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who have done us wrong. And don't let us yield to temptation." [Luke 11:1-4]

*CHORALE



Our Fa - ther, Lord of heaven and earth, Let praise and hon - or clothe Your name.
For - give us, Lord, our sins and debts As we to debt - ors show Your grace.

Your king - dom come your will be done; Through - out the world com - plete Your reign.
Re - move us from all tempt - ing paths and guard us from the dev - il's ways;

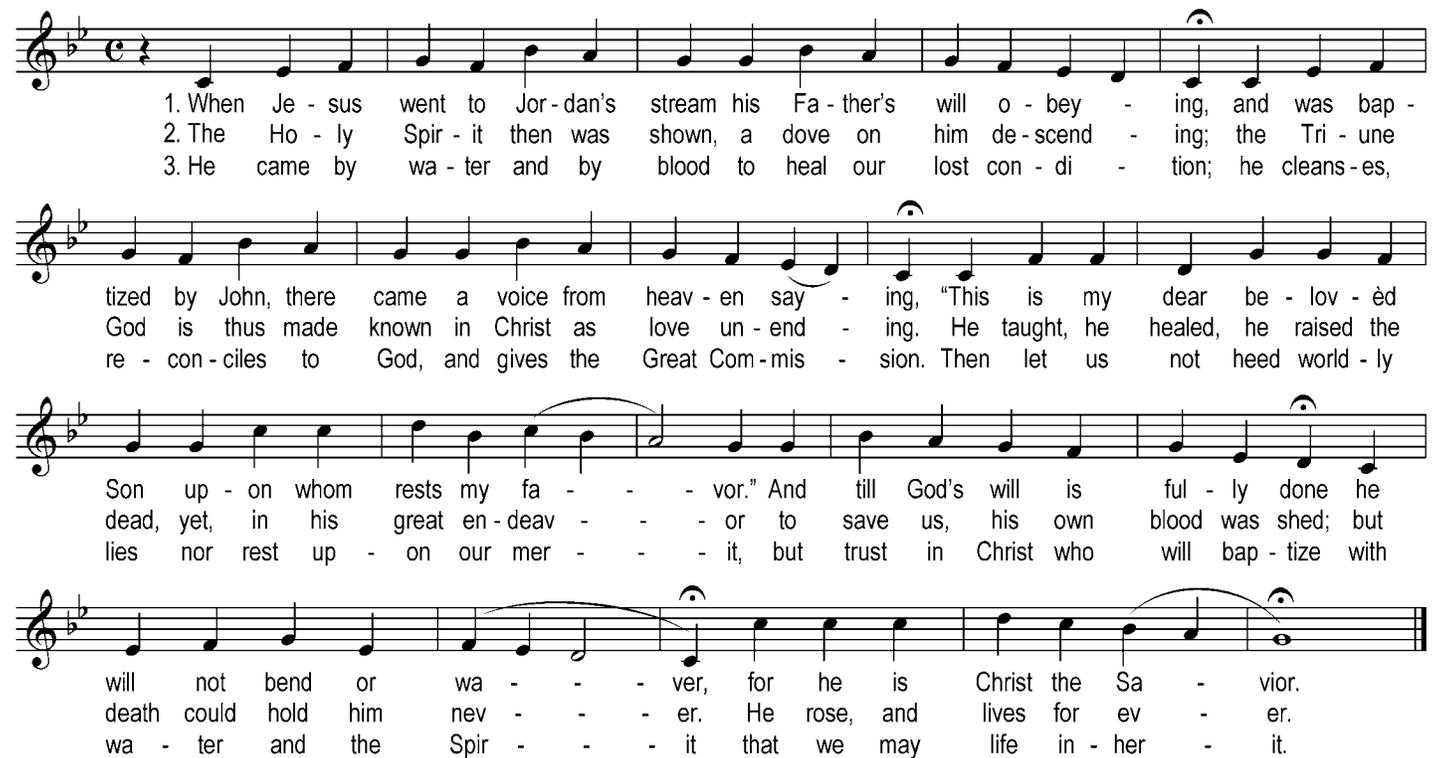
Teach us, O Lord, to trust in You for bread and breath each day a - new.
for glo - ry, strength, and heav - en's throne be - long to You, and You a - lone.

THANKS GIVING FOR BAPTISM

Liturgist: We give you thanks, Eternal God, for you nourish and sustain your living creation by the gift of water. In the beginning, your Spirit moved over the watery chaos, calling forth life. In the time of Noah, you destroyed evil by the water of the flood, giving us a new beginning. You led Israel out of slavery through the waters of the Red Sea into the freedom of the Promised Land. In the waters of Jordan Jesus was baptized by John and anointed with your Spirit. By the baptism of his own death and resurrection, Christ re-opened the doors of Paradise for us.

Cantor: We thank you, O God, for the water of our baptism. In it we were buried with Christ in his death; from it we were raised to share in the mystical joy of his resurrection; through it we were re-born by the power of the Holy Spirit. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now, and ever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

*CHORALE



1. When Je - sus went to Jor - dan's stream his Fa - ther's will o - bey - ing, and was bap -
2. The Ho - ly Spir - it then was shown, a dove on him de - scend - ing; the Tri - une
3. He came by wa - ter and by blood to heal our lost con - di - tion; he cleans - es,

tized by John, there came a voice from heav - en say - ing, "This is my dear be - lov - ed
God is thus made known in Christ as love un - end - ing. He taught, he healed, he raised the
re - con - ciles to God, and gives the Great Com - mis - sion. Then let us not heed world - ly

Son up - on whom rests my fa - - - vor." And till God's will is ful - ly done he
dead, yet, in his great en - deav - - - or to save us, his own blood was shed; but
lies nor rest up - on our mer - - - it, but trust in Christ who will bap - tize with

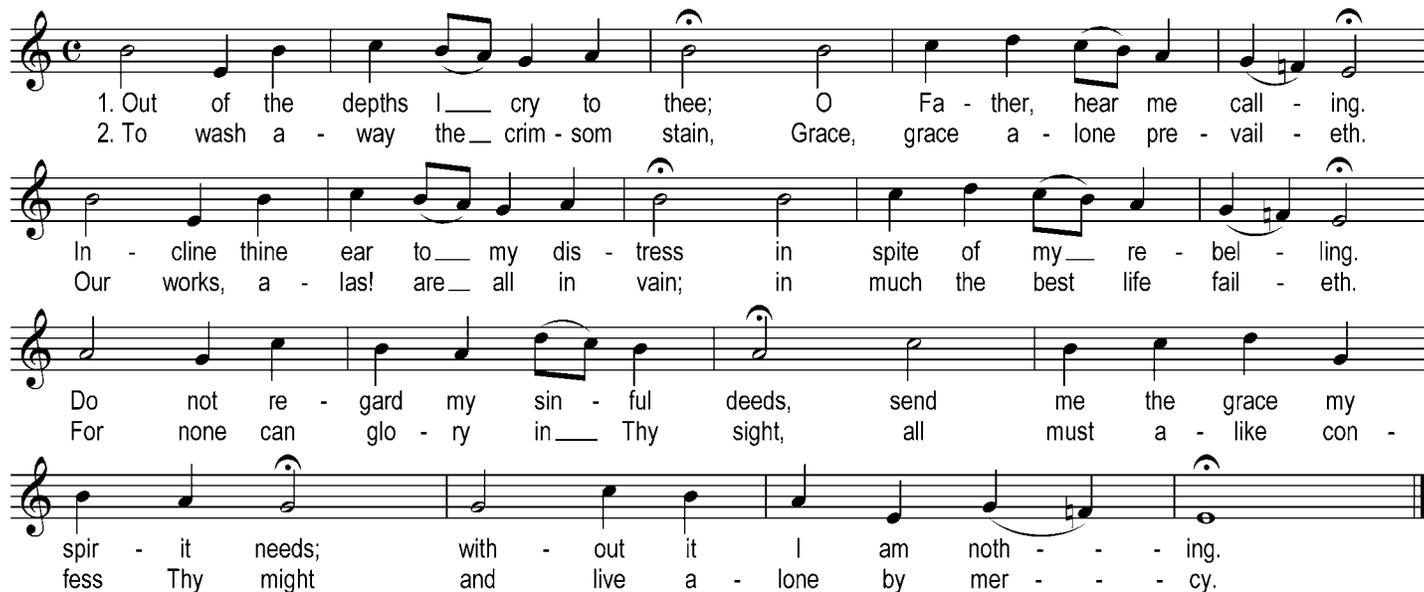
will not bend or wa - - - ver, for he is Christ the Sa - vior.
death could hold him nev - - - er. He rose, and lives for ev - er.
wa - ter and the Spir - - - it that we may life in - her - it.

RULES OF PENITENCE

Liturgist: When we cry out to the Lord in our trouble, he will deliver us from our distress. God will bring us out of darkness and out of the shadow of death. May the Father forgive us by the death of his Son and strengthen us to live in the power of the Spirit all our days. Amen.

Cantor: Lord our God, in our sin we have avoided your call. Our love for you is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes away early. Have mercy on us; deliver us from judgment; bind up our wounds and revive us. Come, Lord, and see the tents of the soldiers of Christ; come and see our battles; we fight every day and suffer defeat by our own sinful nature.

***PSALM 130**



1. Out of the depths I cry to thee; O Fa - ther, hear me call - ing.
2. To wash a - way the crim - som stain, Grace, grace a - lone pre - veil - eth.

In - cline thine ear to my dis - tress in spite of my re - bel - ling.
Our works, a - las! are all in vain; in much the best life fail - eth.

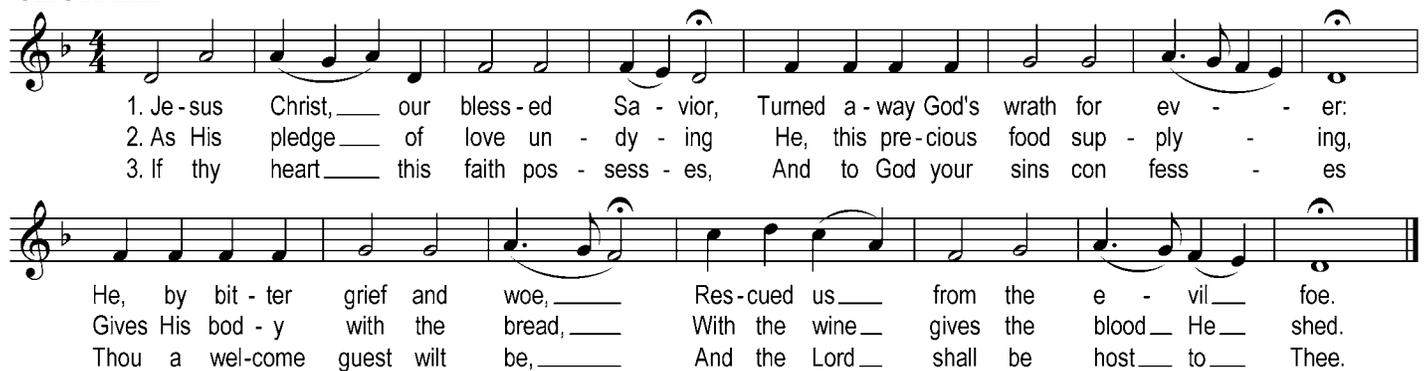
Do not re - gard my sin - ful deeds, send me the grace my
For none can glo - ry in Thy sight, all must a - like con -

spir - it needs; with - out it I am noth - - - ing.
fess Thy might and live a - lone by mer - - - cy.

Liturgist: Almighty God has given his Son to die for us and forgives us all our sins. Through the waters of baptism he cleanses us, and through the gifts of bread and wine he restores our souls to the life everlasting and calls us out of darkness into the splendor of his light. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ and by his authority, I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

Cantor: Blessed are you, Lord of the Universe. In love for your fallen creation you gave your Son, that all who believe in him should not perish but have everlasting life. We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us for his holy and mystical supper.

***CHORALE**



1. Je - sus Christ, our bless - ed Sa - vior, Turned a - way God's wrath for ev - - er:
2. As His pledge of love un - dy - ing He, this pre - cious food sup - ply - ing,
3. If thy heart this faith pos - sess - es, And to God your sins con fess - es

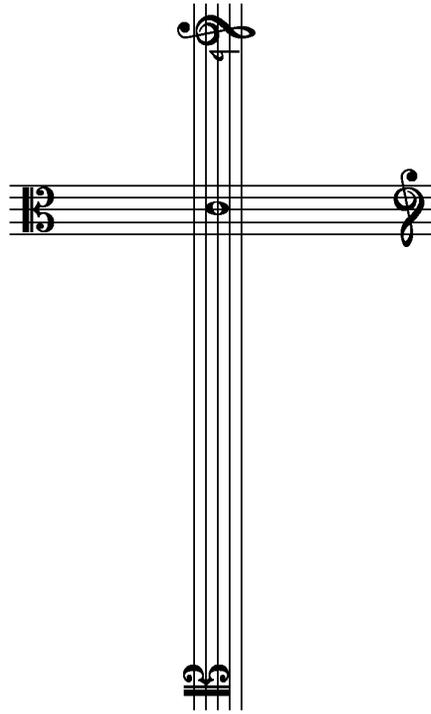
He, by bit - ter grief and woe, Res - cued us from the e - vil foe.
Gives His bod - y with the bread, With the wine gives the blood He shed.
Thou a wel - come guest wilt be, And the Lord shall be host to Thee.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Liturgist: Brothers and sisters, approach this table with the fear of God, faith, and be welcome guests at his supper. Holy God, You have filled all creation with your heavenly gifts. Through Abraham you promised to bless all nations. You rescued Israel, your chosen people. Through the prophets, you renewed your promise; and at the end of all the ages, you sent your Son, who in the night in which he was betrayed, took bread, and gave thanks; broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying "Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it all for all to drink, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me."

(All partake in the Lord's Supper)

Cantor: We give you thanks, O God, that you have refreshed and strengthened us with the healing power of this gift of life. May the blessing of the Lord be with us always. Amen.



Bach Vespers

Sunday, October 10, 2010, at 6:00 pm

“Gloria”

Dave Gunter, Cantor
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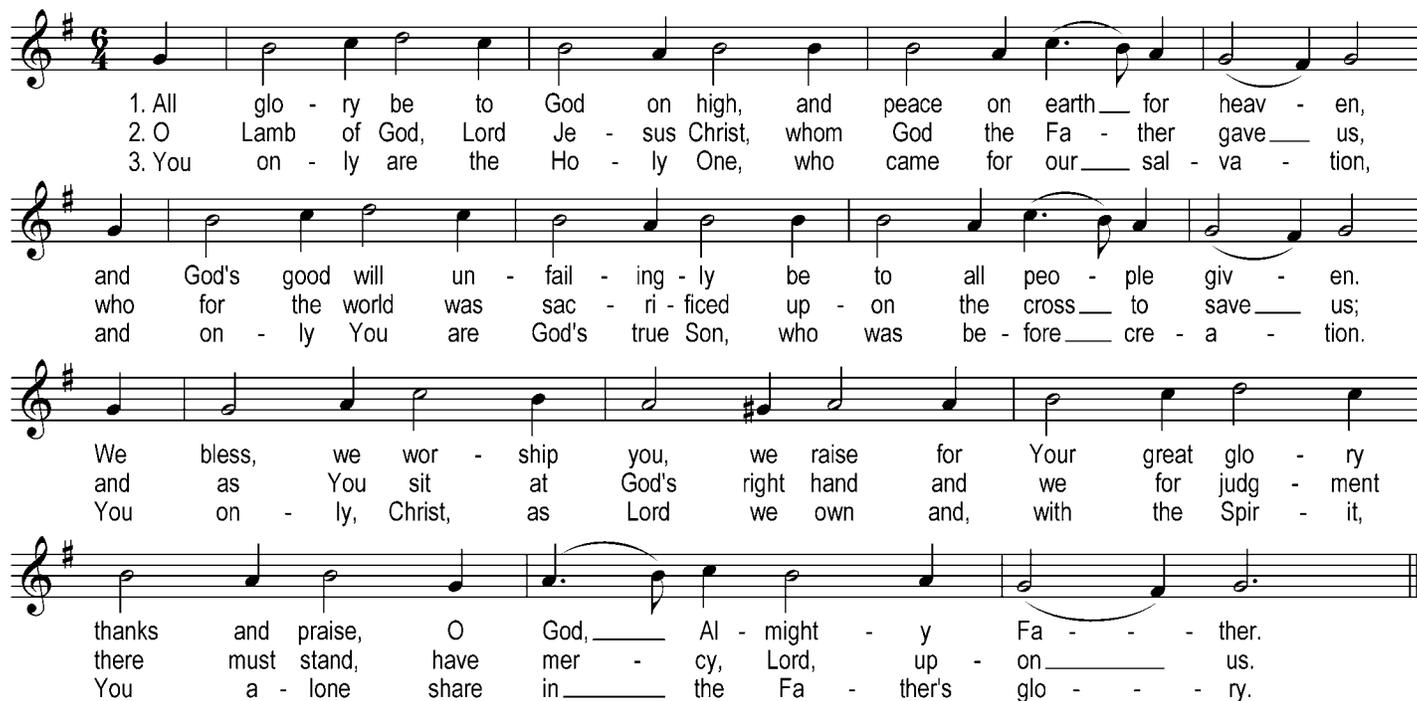
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CHORALE PRELUDE on Glory be to God on high

Cantor: Then one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep! See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has triumphed. He is able to open the scroll and its seven seals." Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing in the center of the throne, encircled by the four living creatures and the elders. He had seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. He came and took the scroll from the right hand of him who sat on the throne.

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Cantor: Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves Him who begot also loves him who is begotten of Him. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and keep His commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome. For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is He who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not only by water, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who bears witness, because the Spirit is truth. For there are three that bear witness in heaven: the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one.

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Cantor: We know there is only one God; for us there is only one God—our Father. All things came from him, and we live for him. And there is only one Lord—Jesus Christ. All things were made through him, and we also were made through him.

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3. We all con - fess the Ho - ly Ghost who, in high - est heav - en dwell - ing

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an e - equal God - head, throne, and might, source of ev - ery grace and bless - ing.
with God the Fa - ther and the Son, com - forts us be - yond all tell - ing.

He in soul and bod - y feed us, All we need his hand pro - vides us;
Born of Mar - y, vir - gin moth - er, by the power of Ho - ly Spir - it,
who the Church, his own cre - a - tion, keeps in u - ni - ty of spir - it.

Through all snares and per - ils leads us. Watch - ing that no harm be - tides us,
Word made flesh, our el - der broth - er; that the lost might life in - her - it.
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For - give us, Lord, our sins and debts As we to debt - ors show Your grace.

Your king - dom come your will be done; Through - out the world com - plete Your reign.
Re - move us from all tempt - ing paths and guard us from the dev - il's ways;

Teach us, O Lord, to trust in You for bread and breath each day a - new.
for glo - ry, strength, and heav - en's throne be - long to You, and You a - lone.

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Liturgist: We give you thanks, Eternal God, for you nourish and sustain your living creation by the gift of water.

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In the time of Noah, you destroyed evil by the water of the flood, giving us a new beginning.

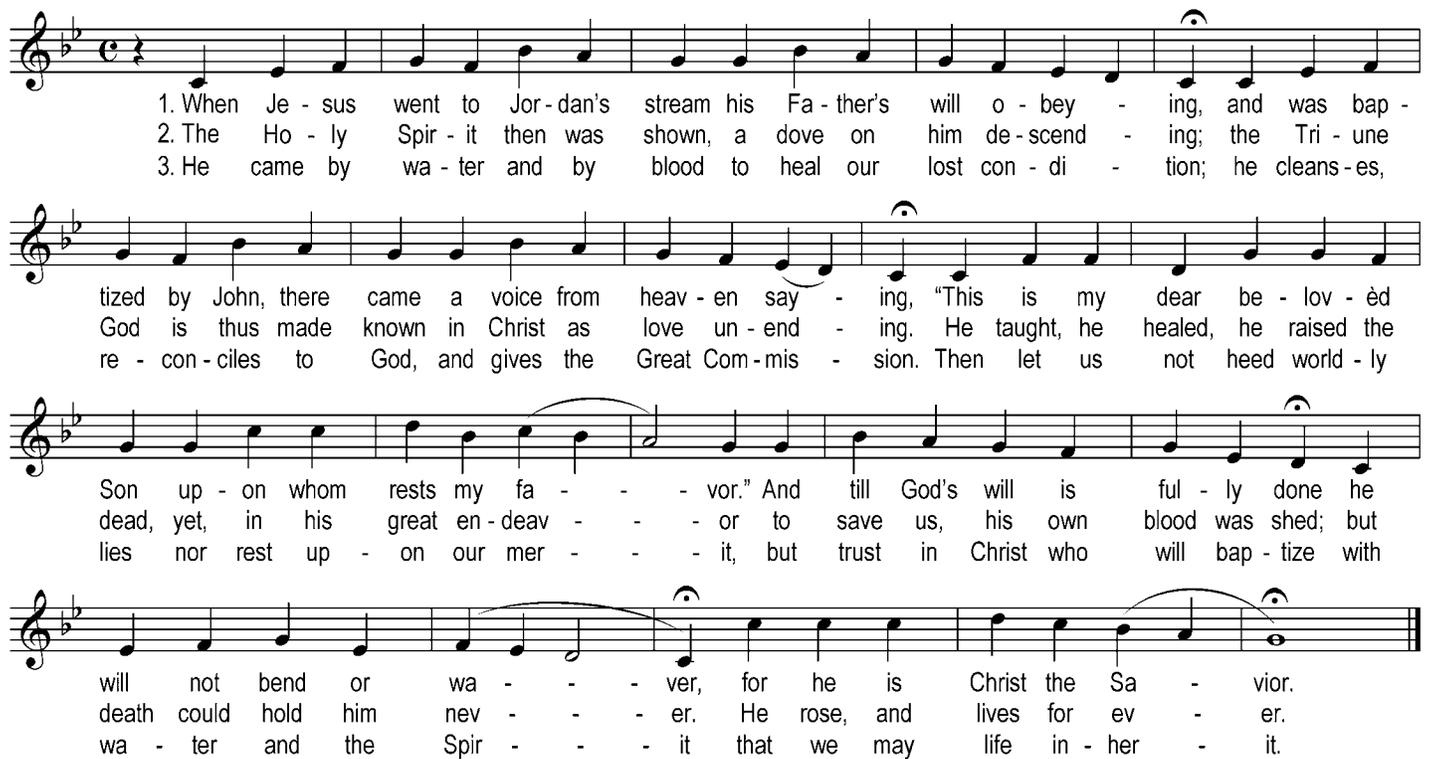
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In the waters of Jordan Jesus was baptized by John and anointed with your Spirit.

By the baptism of his own death and resurrection, Christ re-opened the doors of Paradise for us.

Cantor: We thank you, O God, for the water of our baptism. In it we were buried with Christ in his death; from it we were raised to share in the mystical joy of his resurrection; through it we were re-born by the power of the Holy Spirit. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now, and ever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

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Liturgist: When we cry out to the Lord in our trouble, he will deliver us from our distress. God will bring us out of darkness and out of the shadow of death. May the Father forgive us by the death of his Son and strengthen us to live in the power of the Spirit all our days. Amen.

Cantor: Lord our God, in our sin we have avoided your call. Our love for you is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes away early. Have mercy on us; deliver us from judgment; bind up our wounds and revive us. Come, Lord, and see the tents of the soldiers of Christ; come and see our battles; we fight every day and suffer defeat by our own sinful nature.

PSALM 130

Church: From the depths of despair, O Lord, I call for your help.
Hear my cry, O Lord, pay attention to my prayer.
Lord, if you kept a record of our sins, who, O Lord, could ever survive?
But you offer forgiveness, that we might learn to fear you.
I am counting on the Lord; yes, I am counting on him.
I have put my hope in his word.
I long for the Lord more than sentries long for the dawn,
yes, more than sentries long for the dawn.
O Israel, hope in the Lord; for with the Lord there is unfailing love.
His redemption overflows.
He himself will redeem Israel from every kind of sin.

Liturgist: Almighty God has given his Son to die for us and forgives us all our sins. Through the waters of baptism he cleanses us, and through the gifts of bread and wine he restores our souls to the life everlasting and calls us out of darkness into the splendor of his light. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ and by his authority, I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

Cantor: Blessed are you, Lord of the Universe. In love for your fallen creation you gave your Son, that all who believe in him should not perish but have everlasting life. We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us for his holy and mystical supper.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Liturgist: Brothers and sisters, approach this table with the fear of God, faith, and be welcome guests at his supper.
Holy God, You have filled all creation with your heavenly gifts. Through Abraham you promised to bless all nations. You rescued Israel, your chosen people. Through the prophets, you renewed your promise; and at the end of all the ages, you sent your Son, who in the night in which he was betrayed, took bread, and gave thanks; broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying "Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it all for all to drink, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me."

(All partake in the Lord's Supper)

Cantor: We give you thanks, O God, that you have refreshed and strengthened us with the healing power of this gift of life. May the blessing of the Lord be with us always. Amen.

(Please return to your seats)

FUGUE IN G MAJOR

LUTHER'S RELIGIOUS SCIENCE AND BACH'S MUSICAL METAPHYSICS

Martin Luther is often credited with the invention of congregation singing. This is inaccurate. Congregational singing has existed for thousands of years. Psalms were recited and sung in the synagogue and in the early church; canticles were sung and composed all through the first few hundred years of Classical Christianity; folk songs of Christian context have been popular for centuries. Luther, however, crystallized *the science of faith*, systematizing every aspect of Christianity, including the music of the church. Teaching the science of faith was the subject of his two books, "Large Catechism," written for adults, and "Small Catechism," written for children. Even though Luther did not invent congregational singing, he did invent a new genre of a Christian song by writing a series of instructional hymns that reflected the doctrine. Alongside with the instructional hymns of his own, Luther also used two other types of hymns, namely ancient hymns translated into German from Latin and Greek (Kyrie and Gloria), and his poetic adaptations of The Ten Commandments, The Creed, The Lord's Prayer, The Baptismal Hymn, and the Psalm 130.

Bach translates Luther's doctrine into organ music by writing 21 chorale preludes based on the hymns which outline Luther's "faith science." Since the succession of the chorales follows the liturgy (which in itself is a reflection of the Christian doctrine), these chorale preludes are often called "Deutsche Organmesse" ("German Worship Service for Organ"), a relevant appellation. Just as Luther wrote "Large Catechism" and "Small Catechism", so did Bach set each hymn twice, first as a large and complex composition, and then as a smaller arrangement – one for adults, and one for children. Bach published this collection of chorale preludes under an unpretentious title "Clavierübung III" ("Keyboard Exercises III") knowing well that this cycle was at the highest level of his musical consciousness and had no precedent or parallel.

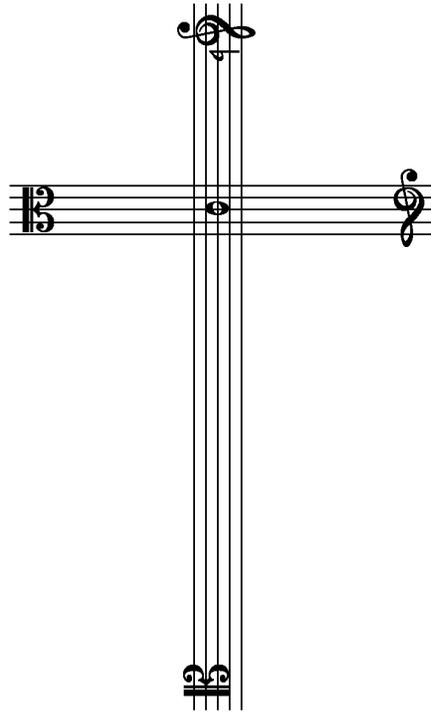
The Organ Mass begins with a Missa Brevis ("short Mass") which consists of Kyrie and Gloria. It is a remnant of the Catholic mass, inherited by the Protestants. To this day, it is a part of our Presbyterian worship: at the beginning of the service, we say a prayer of confession, sing Kyrie ("Lord have mercy..."), hear Assurance of Pardon, and sing Gloria ("Glory be to the Father...").

GLORIA

We are nearly desensitized by the frequent use of the word "glory." It is symptomatic that Middle English didn't have a word to express this concept, so the French word *gloire* used instead. The Greek word for glory "δόξα" formed our modern word "Doxology" ("speaking glory"). The fact that no native word existed in Middle English only proves the ineffable nature of the concept. In fact, even if today we were to ask a number of Christians to define glory we would get probably ten times as many definitions, and none of them would be complete or satisfactory. The best way to explain "glory" is by non-verbal means such as symbols, imagery, ritual, or music.

"Gloria" is an ancient hymn known also as the Angelic Doxology. The hymn begins with the words that the angels sang when the birth of Christ was announced to shepherds in Luke 2:14. Other verses were added very early, forming a Trinitarian hymn which in the fourth century became part of the Classical liturgy, and is still recited or sung in most formal liturgies.

Bach capitalized on the Trinitarian aspect of Gloria by writing not two, as with other chorales in the Organ Mass, but—naturally!—three chorale preludes.



Bach Vespers

Sunday, October 17, 2010, at 6:00 pm

“Rules of Conduct and Rules of Faith”

Molly Roden, Cantor
Sam Zickar, Liturgist
Larry R. Hayward, Pastor
Paul Stetsenko, Organist

PRELUDE IN B MINOR

PETITIONS

Liturgist: With all our soul, with all our mind, with all our spirit, let us say,

Church: Kyrie, eleison.

Liturgist: O Lord our God, the God of our spiritual forbearers, we ask you, hear us and have mercy on us as we pray for the Wisdom that is from above, and for the restoration of your truth in the universe,

Church: Lord, have mercy.

Liturgist: For this planet, this continent, this country, the City of Alexandria, and for every city and every land, and for those who with faith dwell there in,

Church: Kyrie, eleison.

Liturgist: Again, we pray to the Lord for the salvation of your people, for the welfare of your churches, and for the union of all faithful,

Church: Christe, eleison.

Liturgist: For our Pastors Larry Hayward, Patrick Hunnicutt, and Casey FitzGerald, for all the clergy, laity, and all the people who pray and sing unto You, O God, we pray,

Church: Christ, have mercy.

Liturgist: For the poor in spirit; for those who mourn, for those who are meek, for those who hunger and thirst after righteousness, for those who are merciful, for those who are pure in heart, for the peacemakers, for those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, we pray,

Church: Christe, eleison.

Liturgist: Again, yet again we pray to the Lord for the people here present who await the grace of the Holy Spirit.

Church: Kyrie, eleison.

Liturgist: For the guidance of a secret inner voice, your divine inspiration, and the sacred creativity, we pray,

Church: Lord, have mercy.

Liturgist: For all those who bear fruit and do good works in your church and labor in the service of the Spirit; for all artists, singers, musicians, poets, writers, teachers, and preachers, and for all the people here present, who receive the great and rich gifts that come from your divine realm, we pray,

Church: Kyrie, eleison.

Liturgist: Accept our evening petitions, O holy Lord, and forgive us our sins, committed in the open and in the secrecy of our deceitful hearts. If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Cantor: Blessed are those whose sins are forgiven!

Blessed are those whose sin the Lord does not count against them and whose spirit has no deceit.

We acknowledged our sins to God and did not cover up our iniquity.

We said, "We will confess our transgressions to the Lord"— and God lifted the guilt our sins.

GLORIA

**Church: Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, goodwill to all people.
We praise you, we bless you, we worship you, we glorify you,
We give thanks to you for your great glory.
Lord, King, heavenly God, Father, almighty;
Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, and Holy Spirit.
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father who take away the sin of the world,
Have mercy on us, you who take away the sins of the world.
Receive our prayer, you who sit at the right hand of the Father, and have mercy on us.
For you only are holy, only you are Lord Jesus Christ, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

RULES OF CONDUCT

Cantor: When God finished speaking with Moses on Mount Sinai, he gave him the two tablets of the covenant, tablets of stone, written with the finger of God. Moses turned and went down from the mountain, carrying the two tablets of the covenant in his hands, tablets that were written on both sides, written on the front and on the back. The tablets were the work of God, and the writing was the writing of God, engraved upon the tablets. [EXODUS 31:18; 32:15-16]

*CHORALE



1. I am thy God and Lord a - lone, No oth - er God be - side Me own;
2. By id - le word and speech pro - fane Take not My ho - ly name in vain
3. Hal - low the day which God hath blest That thou and all thy house may rest;

4. Give to thy par - ents hon - or due, Be du - ti - ful, and lov - ing, too,
5. In sin - ful wrath thou shalt not kill Nor hate nor ren - der ill for ill;
6. Be faith - ful to thy mar - riage vows, Thy heart give on - ly to thy spouse;

7. Steal not; all u - su - ry ab - hor Nor wring their life - blood from the poor,
8. Bear not false wit - ness nor be - lie Thy neigh - bor by foul cal - um - ny.
9/10. Thy neigh - bor's house de - sire thou not, His wife, nor aught that he hath got,



Put thy whole con - fi - dence in Me And love Me e'er cor - dial - ly. *Have mer - cy, Lord!*
And praise but that as good and true Which I My - self say and__ do. *Have mer - cy, Lord!*
Keep hand and heart from la - bor free That God may so work in__ thee. *Have mer - cy, Lord!*

And help them when their strength de - cays, So shalt thou have length of__ days. *Have mer - cy, Lord!*
Be pa - tient and of gent - le mood, And to thy foe do thou__ good. *Have mer - cy, Lord!*
Thy life keep pure, and lest thou sin, Use temp - erance and dis - ci - pline. *Have mer - cy, Lord!*

But o - pen wide thy lov - ing hand To all the poor in the__ land. *Have mer - cy, Lord!*
De - fend his in - no - cence from blame; With char - i - ty hide his__ shame. *Have mer - cy, Lord!*
But wish that his such good may be As thy heart doth wish for__ thee. *Have mer - cy, Lord!*

Liturgist: This is profitable and necessary always to teach to the young people, to admonish them and to remind them of it, that they may be brought up not only with blows and compulsion, like cattle, but in the fear and reverence of God. For where this is considered and laid to heart that these things are not human trifles, but the commandments of the Divine Majesty, who insists upon them with such earnestness, is angry with, and punishes those who despise them, and, on the other hand, abundantly rewards those who keep them, there will be a spontaneous impulse and a desire gladly to do the will of God. Therefore it is not in vain that it is commanded in the Old Testament to write the Ten Commandments on all walls and corners, yes, even on the garments so that we might have our eyes constantly fixed upon them, and have them always in our memory, and that we might practice them in all our actions and ways, and everyone make them his daily exercise in all cases, in every business and transaction, as though they were written in every place wherever he would look, yea, wherever he walks or stands. Thus there would be occasion enough, both at home in our own house and abroad with our neighbors, to practice the Ten Commandments, that no one need run far for them.

[MARTIN LUTHER, "LARGE CATECHISM"]

CHORALE PRELUDE on "These are our Holy Ten Commandments"

Liturgist: The Ten Commandments are to be exalted and extolled above all estates, commandments, and works which are taught and practiced aside from them. For here we can boast and say: Let all the wise and saints step forth and produce, if they can, a single work like these commandments, upon which God insists with such earnestness, and which He enjoins with His greatest wrath and punishment, and, besides, adds such glorious promises that He will pour out upon us all good things and blessings. Therefore they should be taught above all others, and be esteemed precious and dear, as the highest treasure given by God. [MARTIN LUTHER, "LARGE CATECHISM"]

Cantor: Now all has been heard; here is the conclusion of the matter: Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man. For God will bring every deed into judgment, including every hidden thing, whether it is good or evil. [ECCLESIASTES 12:13-14]

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RULES OF FAITH

Cantor: We know that "we all have knowledge." Knowledge puffs you up with pride, but love builds you up. If you think you know something, you do not yet know anything as you should, but if any person loves God, that person is known by God. We know there is only one God; for us there is only one God—our Father. All things came from him, and we live for him. And there is only one Lord—Jesus Christ. All things were made through him, and we also were made through him. [1 CORINTHIANS 8]

Church: Great indeed, we confess, is the mystery of our religion: He was manifested in the flesh, vindicated in the Spirit, seen by angels, preached among the nations, believed on in the world, taken up in glory. [1 TIMOTHY 3:16]

Liturgist: The entire Creed is in three chief articles, according to the three persons in the Godhead, to whom everything that we believe is related, so that the First Article, of God the Father, explains Creation, the Second Article, of the Son, Redemption, and the Third, of the Holy Ghost, Sanctification. Just as though the Creed were briefly comprehended in so many words: I believe in God the Father, who has created me; I believe in God the Son, who has redeemed me; I believe in the Holy Ghost, who sanctifies me. One God and one faith, but three persons, therefore also three articles or confessions.

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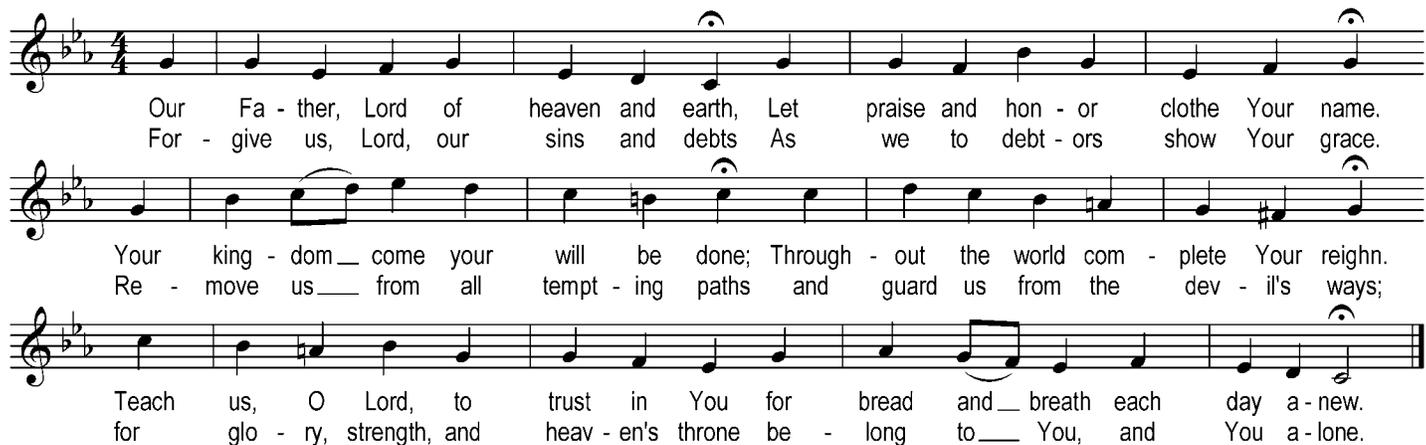
Liturgist: The Creed is a doctrine quite different from the Ten Commandments; for the latter teaches indeed what we ought to do, but the former tells what God does for us and gives to us. Moreover, apart from this, the Ten Commandments are written in the hearts of all men; the Creed, however, no human wisdom can comprehend, but it must be taught by the Holy Ghost alone. The doctrine of the Old Law, therefore, cannot change us, for the wrath and displeasure of God abide upon us still, because we cannot keep what God demands of us; but the doctrine of faith brings grace, and makes us godly and acceptable to God. For by this knowledge we obtain love and delight in all the commandments of God, because here we see that God gives Himself entire to us, with all that He has and is able to do, to aid and direct us in keeping the Ten Commandments - the Father, all creatures; the Son, His entire work; and the Holy Ghost, all His gifts. [MARTIN LUTHER, “LARGE CATECHISM”]

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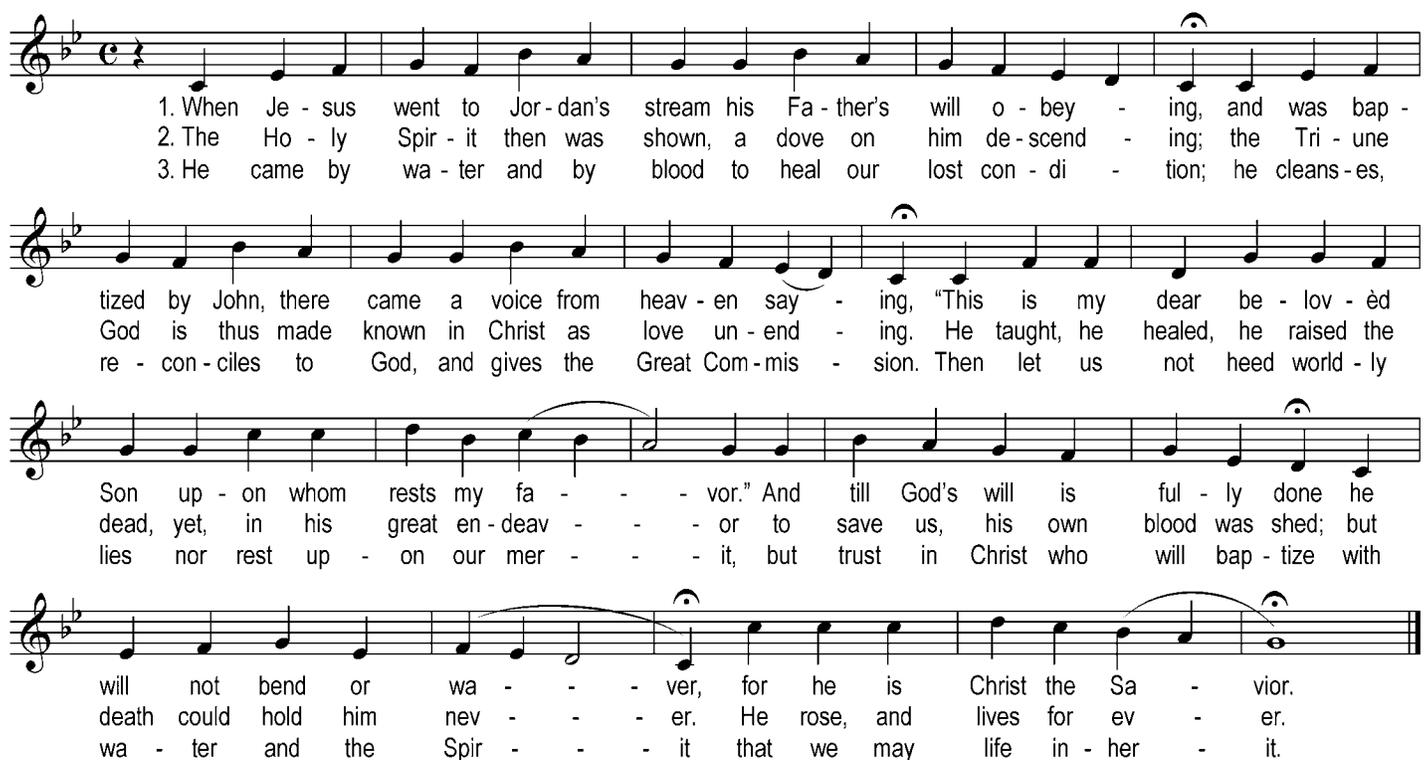
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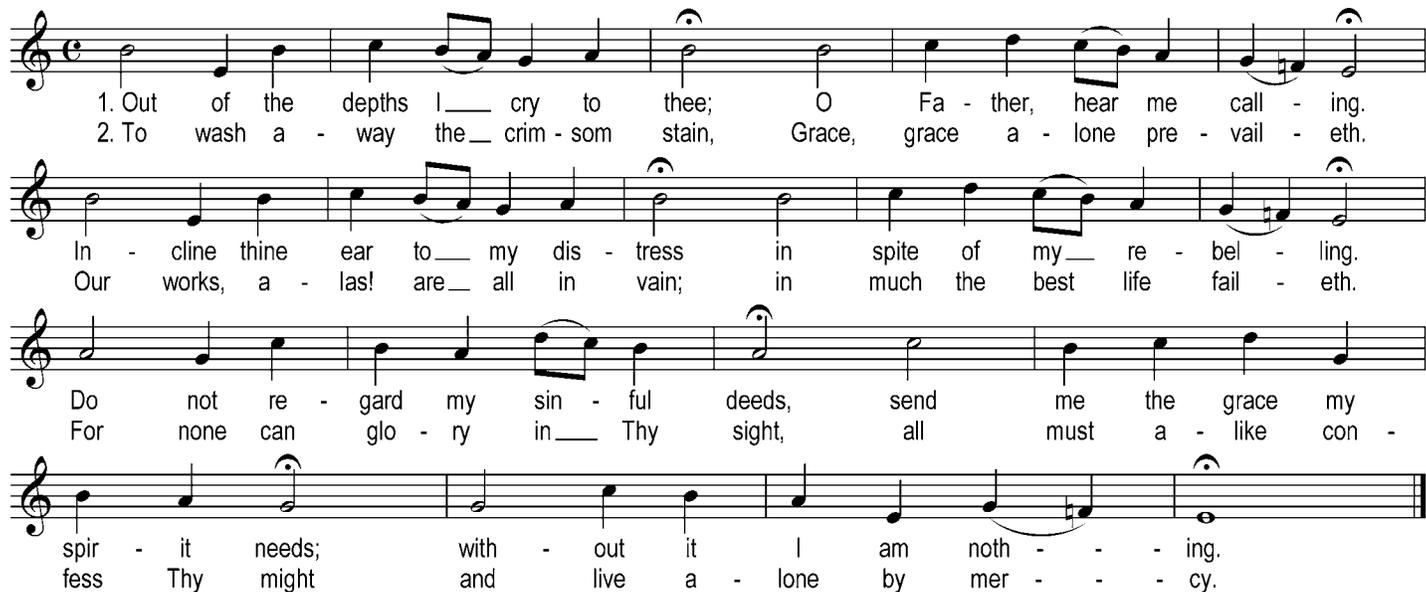
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*PSALM 130



1. Out of the depths I cry to thee; O Father, hear me calling.
2. To wash away the crimson stain, Grace, grace alone prevail eth.

Incline thine ear to my distress in spite of my rebellion.
Our works, alas! are all in vain; in much the best life fail eth.

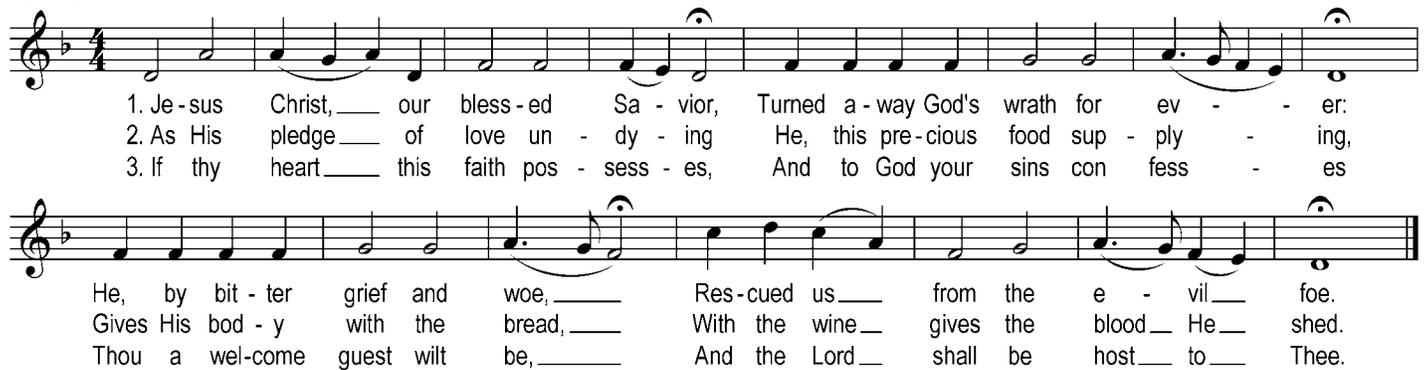
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1. Je - sus Christ, our bless - ed Sa - vior, Turned a - way God's wrath for ev - - er:
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He, by bit - ter grief and woe, Res - cued us from the e - vil foe.
Gives His bod - y with the bread, With the wine gives the blood He shed.
Thou a wel - come guest wilt be, And the Lord shall be host to Thee.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Liturgist: Brothers and sisters, approach this table with the fear of God, faith, and be welcome guests at his supper.

Holy God, You have filled all creation with your heavenly gifts. Through Abraham you promised to bless all nations. You rescued Israel, your chosen people. Through the prophets, you renewed your promise; and at the end of all the ages, you sent your Son, who in the night in which he was betrayed, took bread, and gave thanks; broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying "Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it all for all to drink, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me."

(All partake in the Lord's Supper)

Cantor: We give you thanks, O God, that you have refreshed and strengthened us with the healing power of this gift of life. May the blessing of the Lord be with us always. Amen.

(Please return to your seats)

FUGUE IN B MINOR



RULES OF CONDUCT AND RULES OF FAITH

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

The Ten Commandments is a list of religious and moral imperatives that are recognized as a moral foundation in Judaism and Christianity. The phrase "Ten Commandments" is generally used to refer to similar passages in Exodus 20:2–17 and Deuteronomy 5:6–21. The passages in Exodus and Deuteronomy, traditionally divided into fourteen or fifteen verses, are each identified in the biblical text as containing *ten elements*. Therefore, this grouping of the commandments into ten is more conceptual than textual. In Biblical Hebrew, the commandments are called "Aseret ha-Dvarim" ("the ten sayings"). According to Jewish tradition, Exodus 20:2-17 constitutes God's first recitation and inscription of the Ten Commandments on two tablets, which Moses presented to the Children of Israel. Deuteronomy 5:6-20 consists of God's re-telling of the Ten Commandments to the generation born during the wandering in the desert, and after the revelation at Sinai, prior to their entry to the land of Canaan.

THE CREED

The purpose of a creed is to act as a yardstick of correct belief. The numerous creeds of Christianity (Apostles', Athanasian, Nicene) have been drawn up at times of conflict about doctrine: acceptance or rejection of a creed served to distinguish believers and deniers of a particular doctrine or set of doctrines.

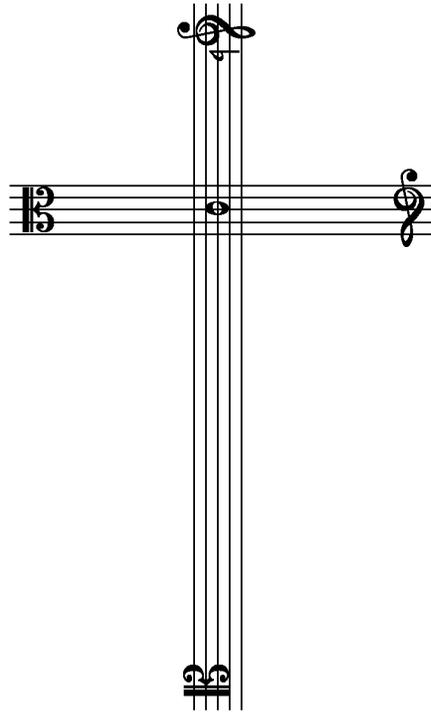
For that reason a creed was called in Greek a σύμβολον ('symbolon'), a word that meant half of a broken object which, when placed together with the other half, verified the bearer's identity. The Greek word passed through Latin "symbolum" into English "symbol", which only later took on the meaning of an outward sign.

The Creed is not a biblical text but *patristic*, that is, written in the Classical era by early church fathers. The earliest known of Christian creeds are The Nicene Creed (325 AD) and The Apostles' Creed (390 AD).

The Athanasian and Chalcedonian Creeds were written later amid controversy between the western and eastern churches over the theological and political issues and differences.

LUTHER'S POETIC TRANSLATION OF THE CREED

Luther more than anyone in his time understood how doctrinal concepts must speak not only to the intellect but to the whole person. To explain his "science of faith" to his followers, he did so through teachings and through music. He translated both texts into German, versified them, and also composed the melodies.



Bach Vespers

Sunday, October 24, 2010, at 6:00 pm

“RULES OF PRAYER AND SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM”

Karen Olson, Cantor
Emily Zimmerman, Liturgist
Larry Hayward, Pastor
Paul Stetsenko, Organist

PRELUDE IN A MAJOR

*CHORALE

Ky - ri - e, Fa - ther in e - ter - ni - ty, great is your for - giv - ing love,
hear your child - ren ask - ing for your mer - cy. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

Chri - - - ste, sol - ace of the World, Sa - vior and re - stor - er of our souls;
Je - sus Christ, God's on - ly Son, ho - ly Ad - vo - cate, bles - sed Me - di - a - tor:
hear our prayer and grant our sup - li - ca - tion. Chri - ste e - le - i - son.

Ky - ri - e, O God the Ho - ly Ghost, guard our faith, the
gift we trea - sure most, and bless our life's last hour when we leave this
tran - sient world for - ev - er. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

Liturgist: O holy Lord, and forgive us our sins, committed in the open and in the secrecy of our deceitful hearts. If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Cantor: Blessed are those whose sins are forgiven!
Blessed are those whose sin the Lord does not count against them and whose spirit has no deceit. We acknowledged our sins to God and did not cover up our iniquity. We said, "We will confess our transgressions to the Lord"— and God lifted the guilt of our sins.

GLORIA

**Church: Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, goodwill to all people.
We praise you, we bless you, we worship you, we glorify you,
We give thanks to you for your great glory.
Lord, King, heavenly God, Father, almighty;
Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, and Holy Spirit.
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father who take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us, you who take away the sins of the world.
Receive our prayer, you who sit at the right hand of the Father, and have mercy on us.
For you only are holy, only you are Lord Jesus Christ, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

RULES OF CONDUCT

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

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Church: **You shall not worship any other deity but the Lord, Creator of the Universe.**
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You shall not steal.
You shall not commit perjury.
You shall not covet what is not yours.

RULES OF FAITH

Liturgist: Paul, an apostle on special assignment for Christ, wrote these words to Timothy, his son in the faith: “I’m writing this letter so you’ll know how things ought to go in God’s household, this God-alive church, bastion of truth. This Christian life is a great mystery, far exceeding our understanding, but some things are clear enough:

Church: **He appeared in a human body,**
Was proved right by the invisible Spirit,
Was seen by angels.
He was proclaimed among all kinds of peoples,
Believed in all over the world,
Taken up into heavenly glory.”

Cantor: We know there is only one God; for us there is only one God—our Father. All things came from him, and we live for him. And there is only one Lord—Jesus Christ. All things were made through him, and we also were made through him.

THE CREED

Church: **I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; The Holy Catholick Church; The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body, And the Life everlasting. Amen.**

RULES OF PRAYER

Cantor: And it came to pass, that, as he was praying in a certain place, when he ceased, one of his disciples said unto him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples." And he said unto them, "When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth. Give us day by day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins; for we also forgive every one that is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil." [LUKE 11: 1-4]

*CHORALE

Our Fa - ther, Lord of heaven and earth, Let praise and hon - or clothe Your name.
For - give us, Lord, our sins and debts As we to debt - ors show Your grace.

Your king - dom_ come your will be done; Through - out the world com - plete Your reign.
Re - move us_ from all tempt - ing paths and guard us from the dev - il's ways;

Teach us, O Lord, to trust in You for bread and_ breath each day a - new.
for glo - ry, strength, and heav - en's throne be - long to_ You, and You a - lone.

CHORALE PRELUDE on "Our Father in Heaven"

Liturgist: We have now heard what we must do and believe, in which things the best and happiest life consists. Now follows the third part, how we ought to pray. For since we are so situated that no man can perfectly keep the Ten Commandments, even though he have begun to believe, and since the devil with all his power, together with the world and our own flesh, resists our endeavors, nothing is so necessary as that we should continually resort to the ear of God, call upon Him, and pray to Him, that He would give, preserve, and increase in us faith and the fulfillment of the Ten Commandments, and that He would remove everything that is in our way and opposes us therein. But that we might know what and how to pray, our Lord Christ has Himself taught us both the mode and the words.

[LUTHER, LARGE CATECHISM]

CHORALE PRELUDE on "Our Father in Heaven"

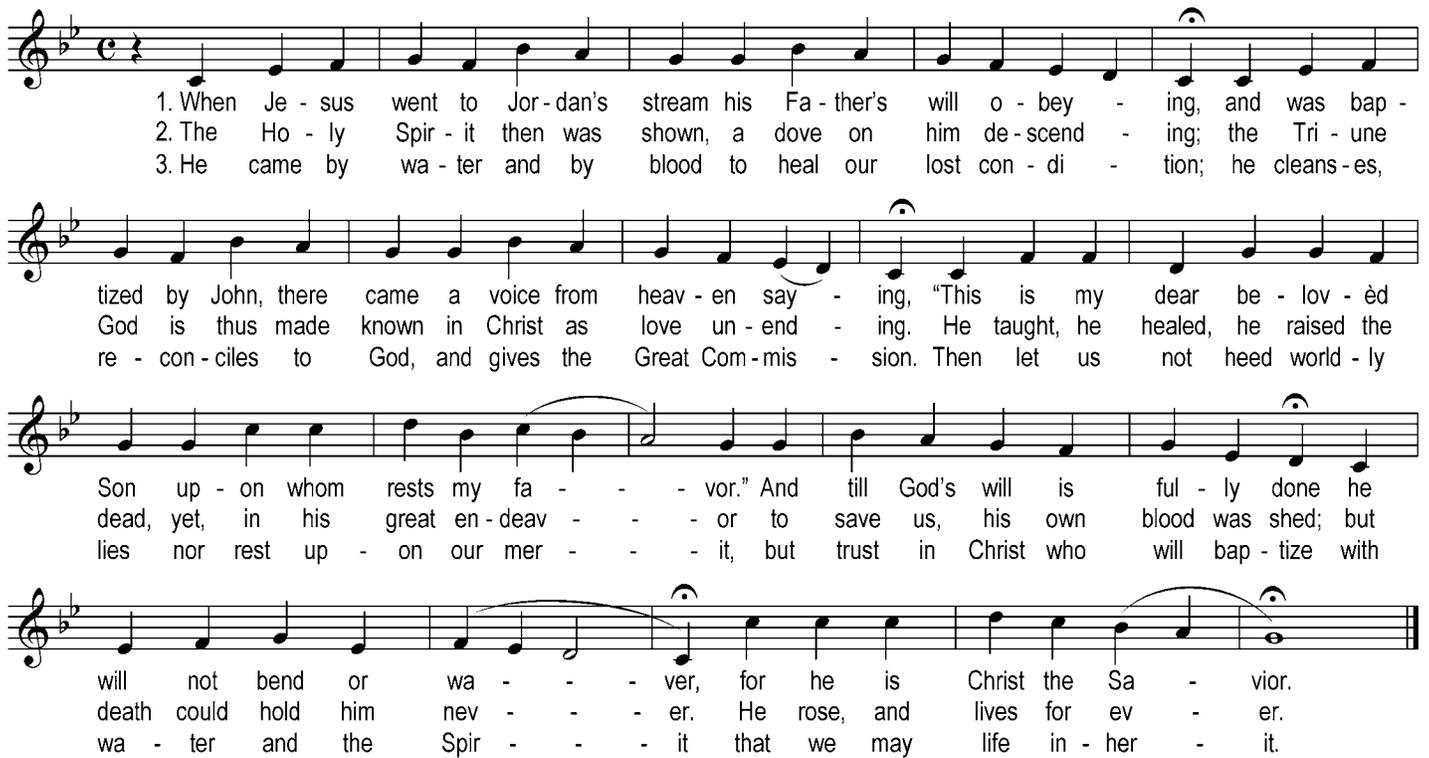
Liturgist: Where there is to be a true prayer, there must be earnestness. Men must feel their distress, and such distress as presses them and compels them to call and cry out; then prayer will be made spontaneously, as it ought to be, and men will require no teaching how to prepare for it and to attain to the proper devotion. But the distress which ought to concern us most, both as regards ourselves and every one, you will find abundantly set forth in the Lord's Prayer. Therefore it is to serve also to remind us of the same, that we contemplate it and lay it to heart, lest we become remiss in prayer. For we all have enough that we lack, but the great want is that we do not feel nor see it. Therefore God also requires that you lament and plead such necessities and wants, not because He does not know them, but that you may kindle your heart to stronger and greater desires, and make wide and open your cloak to receive much. [LUTHER, LARGE CATECHISM]

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Cantor: In Jordan was the Trinity made manifest; for the Father Himself proclaimed: "This is my beloved Son, in Him I am well pleased." And the Spirit descended upon Him that was like unto Himself, for which all of Creation shall thank Him, bless Him, and exalt Him forever.

Liturgist: To be baptized in the name of God is to be baptized not by men, but by God Himself. Therefore, although it is performed by human hands, it is nevertheless truly God's own work. From this fact every one may himself readily infer that it is a far higher work than any work performed by a man or a saint. For what work greater than the work of God can we do? Now learn a proper understanding of the subject, and how to answer the question what Baptism is, namely thus, that it is not mere ordinary water, but water comprehended in God's Word and command, and sanctified thereby, so that it is nothing else than a divine water; not that the water in itself is nobler than other water, but that God's Word and command are added. [LUTHER, LARGE CATECHISM]

*CHORALE



1. When Je - sus went to Jor - dan's stream his Fa - ther's will o - bey - ing, and was bap -
2. The Ho - ly Spir - it then was shown, a dove on him de - scend - ing; the Tri - une
3. He came by wa - ter and by blood to heal our lost con - di - tion; he cleans - es,
tized by John, there came a voice from heav - en say - ing, "This is my dear be - lov - ed
God is thus made known in Christ as love un - end - ing. He taught, he healed, he raised the
re - con - ciles to God, and gives the Great Com - mis - sion. Then let us not heed world - ly
Son up - on whom rests my fa - - - vor." And till God's will is ful - ly done he
dead, yet, in his great en - deav - - - or to save us, his own blood was shed; but
lies nor rest up - on our mer - - - it, but trust in Christ who will bap - tize with
will not bend or wa - - - ver, for he is Christ the Sa - - - vior.
death could hold him nev - - - er. He rose, and lives for ev - - - er.
wa - ter and the Spir - - - it that we may life in - her - it.

CHORALE PRELUDE on "Lord Jesus Christ went to Jordan"

Liturgist: How is a handful of water to help the soul? Comprehend the difference, then, that Baptism is quite another thing than all other water; not on account of the natural quality but because something more noble is here added; for God Himself stakes His honor, His power and might on it. Therefore it is not only natural water, but a divine, heavenly, holy, and blessed water, and in whatever other terms we can praise it, all on account of the Word, which is a heavenly, holy Word, that no one can sufficiently extol, for it has, and is able to do, all that God is and can do since it has all the virtue and power of God comprised in it. Hence also it derives its essence as a Sacrament, as St. Augustine also taught, "Let the word be joined to the element, and it becomes a sacrament," that is, a holy and divine matter and sign. [LUTHER, CATECHISM]

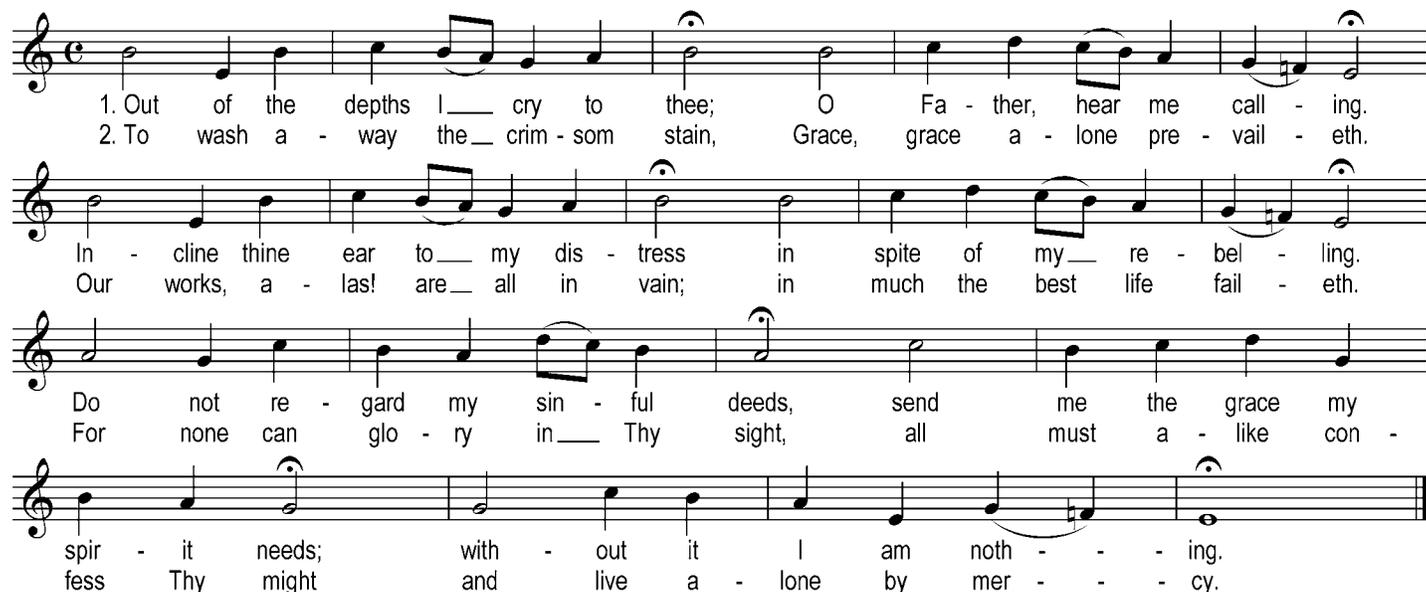
CHORALE PRELUDE on "Lord Jesus Christ went to Jordan"

RULES OF PENITENCE

Liturgist: When we cry out to the Lord in our trouble, he will deliver us from our distress. God will bring us out of darkness and out of the shadow of death. May the Father forgive us by the death of his Son and strengthen us to live in the power of the Spirit all our days. Amen.

Cantor: Lord our God, in our sin we have avoided your call. Our love for you is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes away early. Have mercy on us; deliver us from judgment; bind up our wounds and revive us. Come, Lord, and see the tents of the soldiers of Christ; come and see our battles; we fight every day and suffer defeat by our own sinful nature.

*PSALM 130



1. Out of the depths I cry to thee; O Fa - ther, hear me call - ing.
2. To wash a - way the crim - som stain, Grace, grace a - lone pre - veil - eth.

In - cline thine ear to my dis - tress in spite of my re - bel - ling.
Our works, a - las! are all in vain; in much the best life fail - eth.

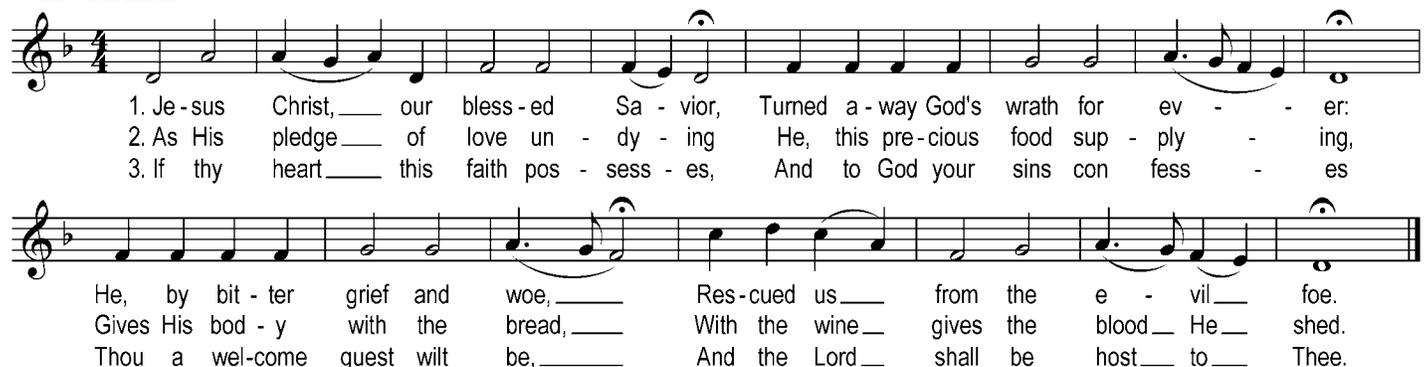
Do not re - gard my sin - ful deeds, send me the grace my con -
For none can glo - ry in Thy sight, all must a - like con -

spir - it needs; with - out it I am noth - - - ing.
fess Thy might and live a - lone by mer - - - cy.

Pastor: Almighty God has given his Son to die for us and forgives us all our sins. Through the waters of baptism he cleanses us, and through the gifts of bread and wine he restores our souls to the life everlasting and calls us out of darkness into the splendor of his light. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ and by his authority, I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

Cantor: Blessed are you, Lord of the Universe. In love for your fallen creation you gave your Son, that all who believe in him should not perish but have everlasting life. We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us for his holy and mystical supper.

*CHORALE



1. Je - sus Christ, our bless - ed Sa - vior, Turned a - way God's wrath for ev - - er:
2. As His pledge of love un - dy - ing He, this pre - cious food sup - ply - ing,
3. If thy heart this faith pos - sess - es, And to God your sins confess - es

He, by bit - ter grief and woe, Res - cued us from the e - vil foe.
Gives His bod - y with the bread, With the wine gives the blood He shed.
Thou a wel - come guest wilt be, And the Lord shall be host to Thee.

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(All partake in the Lord's Supper)

Cantor: We give you thanks, O God, that you have refreshed and strengthened us with the healing power of this gift of life. May the blessing of the Lord be with us always. Amen.

(Please return to your seats)

FUGUE IN A MAJOR

RULES OF PRAYER AND THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

There are similarities between the Lord's Prayer and both Biblical and post-Biblical material in Jewish prayer "Kiddushin". "Hallowed be thy name" is reflected in the Kaddish. "Lead us not into sin" is echoed in the "morning blessings" of Jewish prayer. A blessing said by some Jewish communities after the evening Shema includes a phrase quite similar to the opening of the Lord's Prayer: "Our God in heaven, hallow thy name, and establish thy kingdom forever, and rule over us forever and ever. Amen." There are parallels also in 1 Chronicles 29:10-18.

Nearly all the elements of the prayer have counterparts in the Hebrew Bible, except for "Lead us not into temptation." This has no counterpart in the Old Testament - Jewish scholars believe that the idea of God leading a human into temptation contradicts the righteousness and love of God. The word "πειρασμός", which is now commonly translated into English as "temptation", in Classical Greek had a meaning of "test" or "trial". Well-known examples of tests and trials in the Old Testament are God's test of Abraham and the Book of Job.

“SINS” OR “DEBTS”?

Matthew's and Luke's wording diverge slightly. Matthew continues with a request for debts to be forgiven in the same manner as people forgive those who have debts against them. Luke, on the other hand, makes a similar request about sins being forgiven in the manner of debts being forgiven between people. In Aramaic the word for debt (*khet'*) was also used to mean *sin*. This difference between Luke's and Matthew's wording could be explained by the original form of the prayer having been in Aramaic. The generally accepted interpretation is thus that the request is for forgiveness of sin, not of supposed loans granted by God. Asking for forgiveness from God is a staple of Jewish prayers.

EVANGELISM THROUGH BAPTISM

Although the term "baptism" is not used to describe the Jewish rituals, the purification rites (or *mikvah*—ritual immersion) in Jewish laws and tradition have some similarity to baptism, and the two have been linked. In the Jewish Bible and other Jewish texts, immersion in water for ritual purification was established for restoration to a condition of "ritual purity" in specific circumstances. For example, Jews who (according to the Law of Moses) became ritually defiled by contact with a corpse had to use the *mikvah* before being allowed to participate in the Holy Temple. Immersion was required for converts to Judaism as part of their conversion. Immersion in the *mikvah* represents a change in status in regards to purification, restoration, and qualification for full religious participation in the life of the community, ensuring that the cleansed person will not impose uncleanness on property or its owners. This change of status by the *mikvah* could be obtained repeatedly, while Christian baptism, like *brit meelah* (circumcision), is unique and not repeatable.

The Baptism of Jesus marks the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. This event is recorded in the Canonical Gospels according to Matthew, Mark, and Luke. A careful reading of the Gospel according to John in John 1:29-33 also points to the event of the baptism of Jesus. Baptism of Jesus is also recorded in the apocryphal Gospel of the Hebrews.

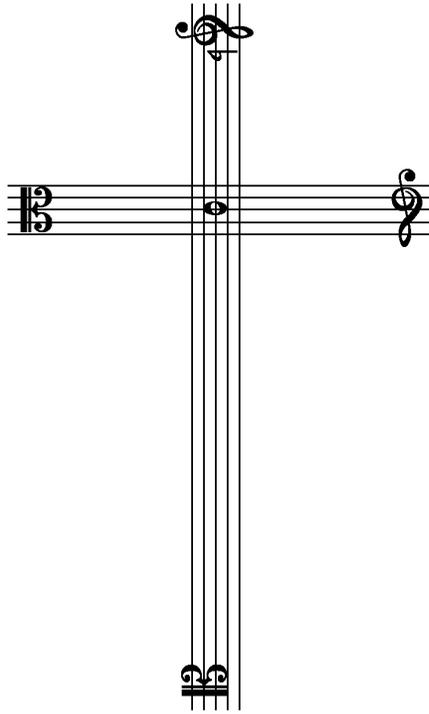
The origins of John's baptism ritual are much discussed amongst scholars. While various forms of baptism were practiced throughout the Jewish world at this time, only those of John the Baptist and Qumran are associated with an eschatological purpose, leading many scholars to connect John to the group that wrote the Dead Sea Scrolls. In Qumran, however, baptism was a regular ritual for individuals rather than the one-time event. John the Baptist preached a baptism for the forgiveness of sins, which resonates with the Jewish practices of ritual purification. Jesus came to the Jordan River where he was baptized by John at a site traditionally known as Qasr al-Yahud. This event concluded with the heavens opening, a dove-like descent of the Holy Spirit, and a voice from Heaven saying, "This is my beloved Son with whom I am well pleased." The voice combines key phrases from the Old Testament: "My Son" (the Davidic king as God's adopted son in Psalms 2 and Psalms 10, "beloved" (Isaac in Genesis 22), and "with whom I am well pleased" (the servant of God in Isaiah 42:1).

In Classical Christianity, the baptism of Jesus formed a basis for the rite of baptism; however, it was in a completely different form from what we practice in our time.

From the very beginning of the faith, baptism was the primary symbol of coming into the church. By the fourth century the process of baptism was two or three years in length and was marked by four distinct periods of growth and three stages or passage rites. The first stage was that of the inquiry (seeker stage); the second was that of the catechumen (hearer stage), the third was the period of purification and enlightenment (kneeler stage), and the fourth was entrance into the full life of the church (faithful stage). Each stage of development concluded with a passage rite that carried the person into the next stage. These three passages were the rites of welcome, the rite of election, and the rite of baptism. The church was referred to as the "womb" in which the formation of the Christian character was developed, and the ritual of baptism was treated as the birth of such character.

Infant baptism became common in the Middle Ages, alongside the developing theology of original sin, displacing the earlier common practice of baptism of converts.

In the 16th century, Martin Luther considered baptism as a "means of grace" through which God creates and strengthens "saving faith" as the "washing of regeneration" in which infants and adults are reborn. Since the creation of faith is exclusively God's work, it does not depend on the actions of the one baptized, whether infant or adult. Even though baptized infants cannot articulate that faith, Protestants believe that it is present all the same. Because it is faith alone that receives these divine gifts, Reformed Christians confess that "baptism works forgiveness of sins, delivers from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this, as the words and promises of God declare." (M. Luther). In the special section on infant baptism in his Large Catechism, Luther argues that infant baptism is God-pleasing because persons so baptized are reborn and sanctified by the Holy Spirit.



Bach Vespers

Sunday, October 31, 2010, at 6:00 pm

“Rules of Penitence and Sacrament of Communion”

Janet Riksen, Cantor
Maggie Hayward, Liturgist
Larry Hayward, Pastor
Paul Stetsenko, Organist

THREE DUETS

*CHORALE

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gift we trea - sure most, and bless our life's last hour when we leave this
tran - sient world for - ev - er. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

PETITIONS

Liturgist: O Lord our God, the God of our spiritual forbearers, we ask you, hear us and have mercy on us as we pray for the Wisdom that is from above, and for the restoration of your truth in the universe,

Church: Lord, Father in eternity, have mercy.

Liturgist: Again, we pray to the Lord for the salvation of your people, for the welfare of your churches, and for the union of all faithful,

Church: Christ, solace of the World, have mercy.

Liturgist: For the guidance of a secret inner voice, your divine inspiration, and the sacred creativity, we pray,

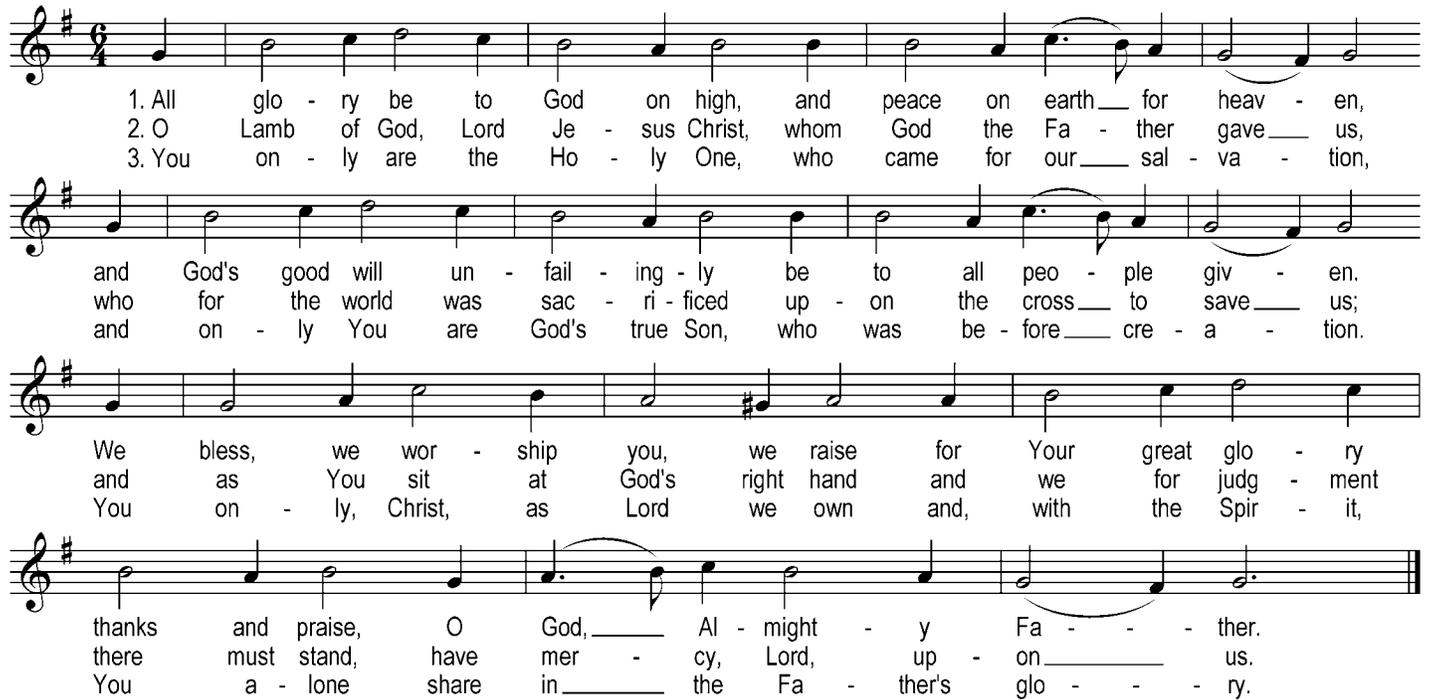
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*GLORIA



1. All glo - ry be to God on high, and peace on earth__ for heav - en,
2. O Lamb of God, Lord Je - sus Christ, whom God the Fa - ther gave__ us,
3. You on - ly are the Ho - ly One, who came for our__ sal - va - tion,

and God's good will un - fail - ing - ly be to all peo - ple giv - en.
who for the world was sac - ri - ficed up - on the cross__ to save__ us;
and on - ly You are God's true Son, who was be - fore__ cre - a - tion.

We bless, we wor - ship you, we raise for Your great glo - ry
and as You sit at God's right hand and we for judg - ment
You on - ly, Christ, as Lord we own and, with the Spir - it,

thanks and praise, O God,__ Al - might - y Fa - - - ther.
there must stand, have mer - cy, Lord, up - on__ us.
You a - lone share in__ the Fa - ther's glo - - - ry.

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Church: **He appeared in a human body, was proved right by the invisible Spirit, was seen by angels. He was proclaimed among all kinds of peoples, believed in all over the world, taken up into heavenly glory."**

Cantor: We know there is only one God; for us there is only one God—our Father. All things came from him, and we live for him. And there is only one Lord—Jesus Christ. All things were made through him, and we also were made through him.

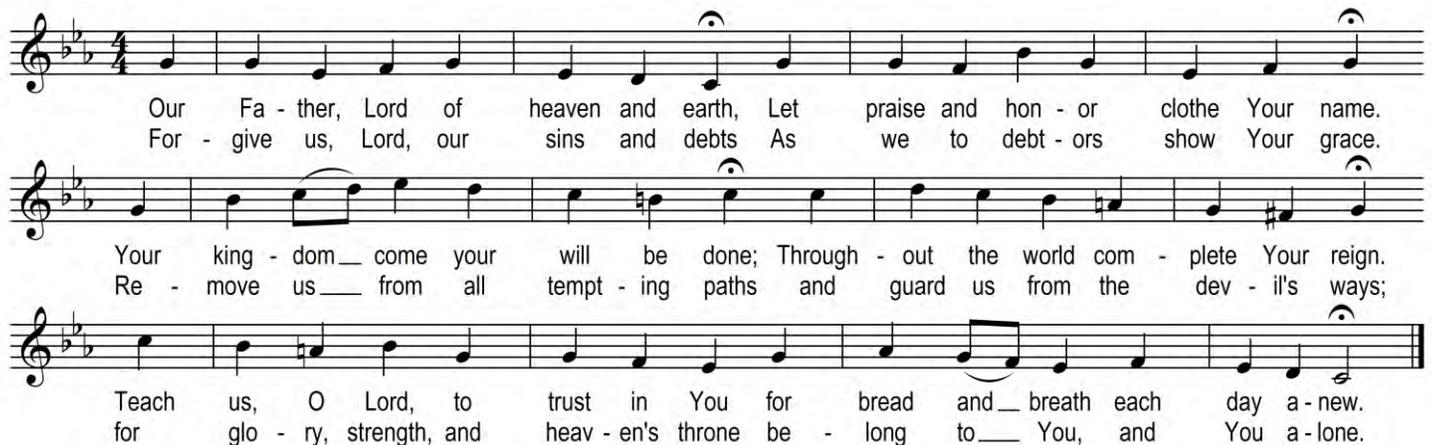
THE CREED

Church: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Catholic Church; The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body, And the Life everlasting. Amen.

RULES OF PRAYER

Cantor: Once Jesus was in a certain place praying. As he finished, one of his disciples came to him and said, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples." Jesus said, "This is how you should pray: "Father, may your name be kept holy. May your Kingdom come soon. Give us each day the food we need, and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who have done us wrong. And don't let us yield to temptation."

*CHORALE



Our Fa - ther, Lord of heaven and earth, Let praise and hon - or clothe Your name.
For - give us, Lord, our sins and debts As we to debt - ors show Your grace.

Your king - dom_ come your will be done; Through - out the world com - plete Your reign.
Re - move us_ from all tempt - ing paths and guard us from the dev - il's ways;

Teach us, O Lord, to trust in You for bread and_ breath each day a - new.
for glo - ry, strength, and heav - en's throne be - long to_ You, and You a - lone.

THANKS GIVING FOR BAPTISM

Liturgist: We give you thanks, Eternal God, for you nourish and sustain your living creation by the gift of water. In the beginning, your Spirit moved over the watery chaos, calling forth life. In the time of Noah, you destroyed evil by the water of the flood, giving us a new beginning. You led Israel out of slavery through the waters of the Red Sea into the freedom of the Promised Land. In the waters of Jordan Jesus was baptized by John and anointed with your Spirit. By the baptism of his own death and resurrection, Christ re-opened the doors of Paradise for us.

Cantor: We thank you, O God, for the water of our baptism. In it we were buried with Christ in his death; from it we were raised to share in the mystical joy of his resurrection; through it we were re-born by the power of the Holy Spirit. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now, and ever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

RULES OF PENITENCE

Liturgist: When we cry out to the Lord in our trouble, he will deliver us from our distress. God will bring us out of darkness and out of the shadow of death. May the Father forgive us by the death of his Son and strengthen us to live in the power of the Spirit all our days. Amen.

Cantor: Lord our God, in our sin we have avoided your call. Our love for you is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes away early. Have mercy on us; deliver us from judgment; bind up our wounds and revive us. Come, Lord, and see the tents of the soldiers of Christ; come and see our battles; we fight every day and suffer defeat by our own sinful nature.

*PSALM 130

1. Out of the depths I cry to thee; O Fa - ther, hear me call - ing.
2. To wash a - way the crim - som stain, Grace, grace a - lone pre - vail - eth.

In - cline thine ear to my dis - tress in spite of my re - bel - ling.
Our works, a - las! are all in vain; in much the best life fail - eth.

Do not re - gard my sin - ful deeds, send me the grace my con -
For none can glo - ry in Thy sight, all must a - like con -

spir - it needs; with - out it I am noth - - - ing.
fess Thy might and live a - lone by mer - - - cy.

Liturgist: If a person's whole life is one of repentance and a cross of Christ, not only in voluntary afflictions but also in temptations of the devil, the world, and the flesh, and more especially also in persecutions and sufferings, as is clear from what has been said previously, and from the whole of Scripture and from examples of the saint of saints himself and all the martyrs, then it is evident that the cross continues until death and thereby to entrance into the kingdom. Through no attitude on your part will you become worthy, through no works will you be prepared for the sacrament, but through faith alone, for only faith in the word of Christ justifies, makes a person alive, worthy, and well prepared. Without faith all other things are acts of presumption and desperation. The just person lives not by his attitude but by faith. [LUTHER, LARGE CATECHISM]

CHORALE PRELUDE on "Out of the depth I cry to Thee"

Liturgist: No one, not even an angel of heaven, could make restitution for the infinite and irreparable injury and appease the eternal wrath of God which we had merited by our sins; except that eternal person, the Son of God himself, and he could do it only by taking our place, assuming our sins, and answering for them as though he himself were guilty of them. This our dear Lord and only Savior and Mediator before God, Jesus Christ, did for us by his blood and death, in which he became a sacrifice for us. [LUTHER, LARGE CATECHISM]

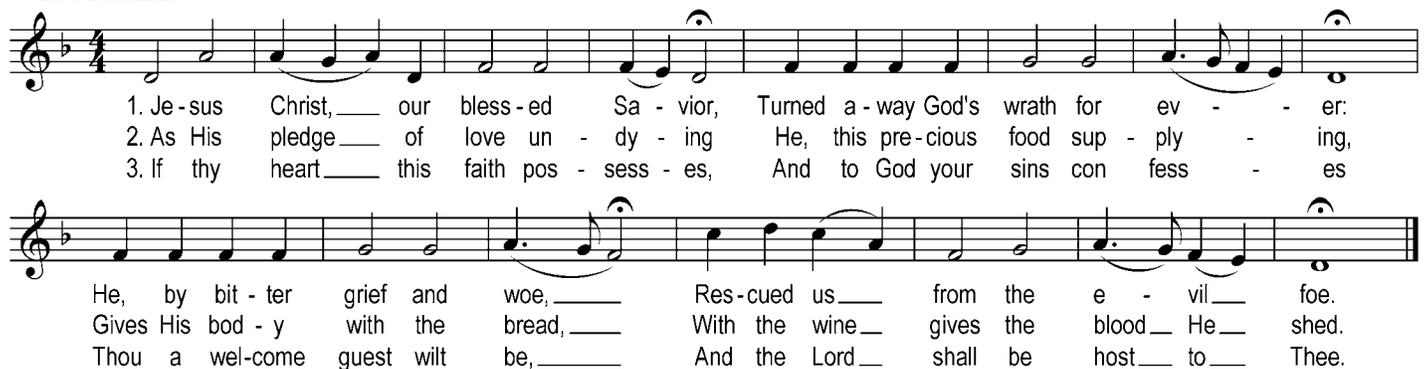
CHORALE PRELUDE on "Out of the depth I cry to Thee"

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Liturgist: Now, what is Lord's Supper and what are its benefits? It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, in and under the bread and wine which we Christians are commanded by the Word of Christ to eat and to drink. And as we have said of Baptism that it is not simple water, so here also we say the Sacrament is bread and wine, but not mere bread and wine, such as are ordinarily served at the table, but bread and wine comprehended in, and connected with, the Word of God.

Now examine further the benefits on account of which really the Sacrament was instituted; which is also its most necessary part, that we may know what we should seek and obtain there. This is plain and clear from His words: "This is my body and blood, given and shed for you, for the remission of sins." On this account it is indeed called a food of souls, which nourishes and strengthens the new man. For by Baptism we are first born anew; but there still remains the old vicious nature of flesh and blood in man, and there are so many hindrances and temptations of the devil and of the world that we often become weary and faint, and sometimes also stumble. Therefore it is given for a daily pasture and sustenance that faith may refresh and strengthen itself so as not to fall back in such a battle but become ever stronger and stronger. [LUTHER, LARGE CATECHISM]

*CHORALE



1. Je - sus Christ, our bless - ed Sa - vior, Turned a - way God's wrath for ev - - er:
2. As His pledge of love un - dy - ing He, this pre - cious food sup - ply - - ing,
3. If thy heart this faith pos - sess - es, And to God your sins confess - - es

He, by bit - ter grief and woe, Res - cued us from the e - vil foe.
Gives His bod - y with the bread, With the wine gives the blood He shed.
Thou a wel - come guest wilt be, And the Lord shall be host to Thee.

CHORALE PRELUDE on "Jesus Christ our blessed Savior"

Liturgist: How can bread and wine forgive sins or strengthen faith? In itself bread is bread, and wine is wine, but of such bread and wine is the body and blood of Christ, and has the words attached to it. The only way in which it is conveyed and appropriated to us is in the words "Given and shed for you." For herein you have both truths, that it is the body and blood of Christ, and that it is yours as a treasure and gift. [LUTHER, LARGE CATECHISM]

Cantor: They said to him, 'What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, "He gave them bread from heaven to eat."' Then Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' They said to him, 'Sir, give us this bread always.'

Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away; for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day.'

CHORALE PRELUDE on “Jesus Christ our blessed Savior”

Pastor: Brothers and sisters, approach this table with the fear of God, faith, and be welcome guests at his supper. Holy God, You have filled all creation with your heavenly gifts. Through Abraham you promised to bless all nations. You rescued Israel, your chosen people. Through the prophets, you renewed your promise; and at the end of all the ages, you sent your Son, who in the night in which he was betrayed, took bread, and gave thanks; broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying “Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it all for all to drink, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me.”

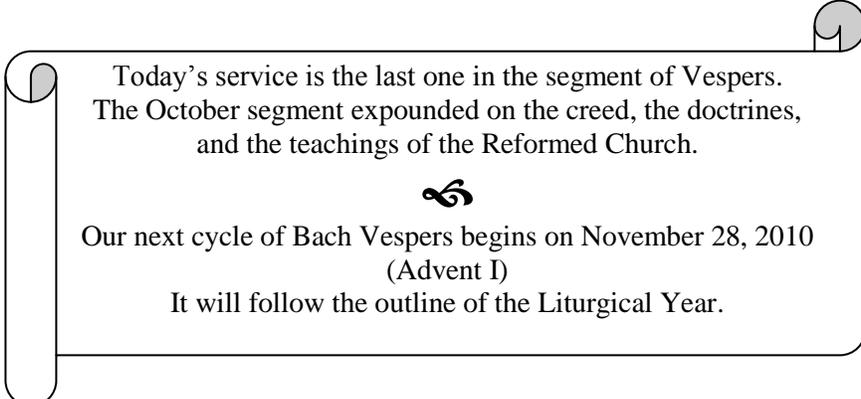
(All partake in the Lord’s Supper)

Cantor: We give you thanks, O God, that you have refreshed and strengthened us with the healing power of this gift of life. May the blessing of the Lord be with us always. Amen.

(please return to your seats)

FUGUE IN E-FLAT MAJOR

If you wish to join us for a bowl of soup, please come down to Fellowship Hall.

A decorative scroll graphic with a white background and a black border. The scroll is unrolled on the left and right sides, with a small grey circle at the top right corner. The text is centered within the scroll.

Today’s service is the last one in the segment of Vespers.
The October segment expounded on the creed, the doctrines,
and the teachings of the Reformed Church.



Our next cycle of Bach Vespers begins on November 28, 2010
(Advent I)
It will follow the outline of the Liturgical Year.

THE RULES OF PENITENCE AND THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

In a sacramental understanding of the term, "penitence" applies to the whole activity from confession to absolution. Traditionally, penitence has been viewed as a punishment (the Latin *poena*, means "punishment"), and varying with the character of the offences committed. Traditional forms include prayers. Also, taking in account the insights of pastoral theology and psychology, penances have tended to move towards acts that positively or negatively reinforce the penitent's behavior.

In the early church, penitence was a sacrament called Sacred Mystery of Confession. In the Classical Christianity, the intention of the sacramental mystery of Holy Confession was to provide reconciliation with God through means of healing. Conducting this rite, the believer and the clergy both stood before an icon of Christ; this was because in Classical sacramental theology, confession was not made to the minister, but to Christ, the clergy being there as a witness, friend, and advisor. The minister then advises the penitent that Christ is invisibly present and that the penitent should not be embarrassed or be afraid, but should open up his or her heart and reveal the sins so that Christ may forgive them. This rite of Penitence, known as *epitemia*, was conducted with a therapeutic intent; our modern service of healing and wholeness is a direct descendant of this ancient liturgical rite.

Epitemia was never a pious action but was specifically aimed at healing the spiritual ailment and the world around the believer. For example, if the penitent broke a commandment, the minister could suggest, if possible, to do the opposite action on a regular basis; that is to say, opposites were treated with opposites. The intention of Penitence was never to punish, but to heal or build the ways of self-healing. Seen as a sacrament in the early church, penitence was often called "a second baptism" and referred to as *epitemia* ("baptism of tears"). Traditionally, Psalm 130 was read as a prayer at this point.

Penitence was seen as a means to procure better spiritual health. Confession did not involve merely stating the sinful things the person did; the good things a person had done or was considering doing were also discussed. The approach was holistic, examining the full life of the confessant, not just one's misdeeds. The good works do not earn salvation, but are part of a therapeutic treatment to preserve salvation. Sin was treated as a spiritual illness, or wound, only cured through Jesus Christ. Once the penitent accepted the counsel freely given to him or her, the minister then sealed this newly established trust with a mark of the cross in myrrh oil on the forehead, which was also the sign of the Divine Spark in all of mankind. The sacrament of the Lord's Supper is a natural outflow or a continuation of the rite of penitence, since Eucharist is related to healing and spiritual nourishment.

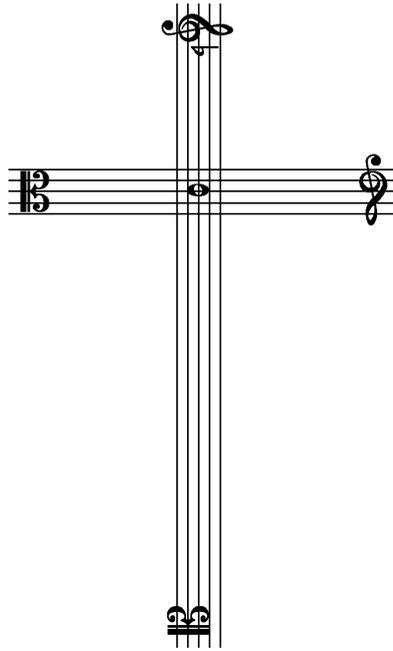
God does for us in the Lord's Supper what God did for us in the Christ event. The remembrance is not a mere intellectual recall but an *anamnesis* ("gaining knowledge through remembering") in which the divine action of God brings to us the forgiveness of our sins and the healing of our broken lives. There is a mysterious and non-understandable presence of Christ through the human materiality of bread and cup, an act of *theophany*. Just as the promise of God is in the Word, so the promise of God is communicated to us through bread and wine. We are to perceive the promise and ingest Jesus in our lives so that we may be continually shaped by the image of God in us, from within.

**November 2010 -
June 2011**

Bach Vespers at Westminster
LITURGICAL YEAR - II



**Westminster Presbyterian Church
Alexandria, VA**



Advent Vespers

Sunday, November 28, 2010, 6:00 pm

Cantor: Lauren Beyea

Organist Paul Stetsenko

TOCCATA IN D MINOR

CALL TO WORSHIP

CANTOR:
In the evening, Jesus came and stood among the disciples and said to them: "Peace be with you!"

CHURCH:
The light and peace of Christ be with you all! And al - so with you!

CANTOR:
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

CHURCH:
It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

The Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, a young woman shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.

*CHORALE

NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND

Sa - vior of the na - tions, come! Vir - gin's Son, make here your home.
Come, O Fa - ther's sav - ing Son, who o'er sin the vic - tory won.

Mar - vel now, both heaven and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.
Bound - less shall your king - dom be; grant that we its glo - ries see.

CHORALE PRELUDE on Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland

O Wisdom, coming forth from the mouth of the Most High, pervading and permeating all creation, You order all things with strength and gentleness: come now and teach us the way. Come, Lord Christ. O Radiant Dawn, splendor of eternal light, sun of justice: come, shine on those who live in darkness. Come, Lord Christ. O Christ, desire of the nations and Savior of all: come and save us, O Lord our God. Come, Lord Christ. God of Grace, ever faithful to your promises, the earth rejoices in hope of our Savior's coming and looks forward with longing to his return. Prepare our hearts to receive his light when he comes, for he is Lord now and forever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

*PHOS HILARON

LOB SEI DEM ALLMÄCHTIGEN GOTT

1. O gra - cious Light, Lord Je - sus Christ, in you the Fa - ther's glo - ry shone.
2. Now sun - set comes, but light shines forth, the lamps are lit to pierce the night.
3. Wor - thy are you of end - less praise, O Son of God, life - giv - ing Lord;

Im - mor - tal, ho - ly, blest is he, and blest are you, his ho - ly Son.
Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, who dwells in the e - ter - nal light.
where - fore you are through all the earth and in the high - est heaven a - dored.

CHORALE PRELUDE on Lob sei dem allmächtigen Gott

What is that coming up from the wilderness, like a column of smoke, perfumed with myrrh and frankincense, with all the fragrant powders of the merchant? Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him. He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Come, Lord Jesus.

***CHORALE**

GOTTES SOHN IST KOMMEN

1. Once he came in blessing, all our ills redressing;
 2. Still he comes within us, still his voice would win us;
 3. Come, then, O Lord Jesus, from our sins release us;

came in likeness lowly, Son of God most holy;
 from the sins that hurt us, would to Truth convert us:
 let us here confess you, 'till in heaven we bless you.

bore the cross to save us, hope and freedom gave us.
 not in torment hold us, but in love enfold us.
 You shall then receive us, heal us, and forgive us.

CHORALE PRELUDE on Gottes Sohn ist kommen

(Please stand for the Gospel)

☒ **the holy gospel: Luke 21:25-31** ☒

Al - le - lu - i - a, Al - le - lu - i - a, Al - le - lu - i - a.

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

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***CHORALE**

HERR CHRIST, DER EIN'GE GOTTES-SOHN

1. The on - ly Son from Heav - en, fore - told by an - cient seers, by God the Fa - ther
 2. Oh, time of God ap - point - ed, Oh, bright and ho - ly morn! He comes, the King a -

giv - en in hu - man form ap - pears. No sphere is light con -
 noint - ed, the Christ, the vir - gin - born, grim death to van - quish

fin - ing, no star so bright - ly shin - ing as He, our Morn - ing star.
 for us, to o - pen Heav - en for us and bring us life a - gain.

CHORALE PRELUDE on Herr Christ, der ein'ge Gottes-Sohn

Upon your walls, O Jerusalem, I have set watchmen; all the day and all the night they shall never be silent. The Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, is coming, says the Lord of hosts. My soul waits for the Lord more than watchman for the morning, more than watchman for the morning. Therefore it is said, "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give you light."

*CHORALE

WACHET AUF! RUFT UNS DIE STIMME



1. "Sleep-ers, wake!" a voice a - sounds us; the shout lf ram - part
guards sur - rounds_ us: "A - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem,_ a - rise!"
Mid - night's peace their cry has bro - ken, their ur - gent sum - mons
clear - ly spo - - ken: "The time has come, O maid - ens wise!
Rise up, and give us light; the Bride - groom is in sight.
Al - le - lu - ia! Your lamps pre - pare and_
has - ten there, that you the wed - ding feast_ may share."

CHORALE PRELUDE on Wachet auf! ruft uns die Stimme

Cantor: Let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, bless those who praise you and sanctify those who trust in you.
Save your people and bless your inheritance.

Church: **Lord, have mercy.**

Cantor: Protect the whole body of your Church.
Sanctify those who love the beauty of your house.
Glorify them by your divine power, and do not forsake us who hope in you.

Church: **Lord, have mercy.**

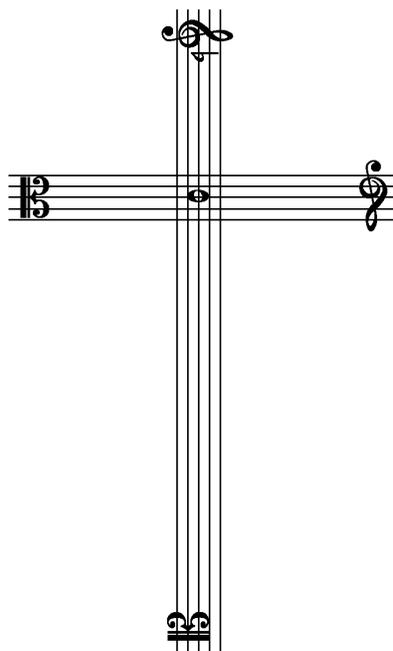
Cantor: Grant peace to your world, to your churches, to those in public service, to our civil authorities,
to the armed forces, and to all your people.

Church: **Lord, have mercy.**

Cantor: For every good and perfect gift is from above, coming from you, the Father of vesper lights.

Church: **To you we give glory, thanksgiving, and worship, to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,
now and forever and to the ages of ages. Amen.**

FUGUE IN D-MINOR



Bach

Vespers

sunday, january 2, 2011, 6:00 pm

christmas I – festival of new year

FUGETTA on Vom Himmel hoch da komm ich her

*PHOS HILARON

LOB SEI DEM ALLMÄCHTIGEN GOTT

1. O gra - cious Light, Lord Je - sus Christ, in you the Fa - ther's glo - ry shone.
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where - fore you are through all the earth and in the high - est heaven a - dored.

Cantor And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord. [LUKE 2:8-11]

PASTORALE I

Cantor This shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." [LUKE 2:12-14]

PASTORALE II

Reader When my heart was embittered, and I was pierced within, then I was senseless and ignorant. I was like a beast before You. Nevertheless I am continually with You. You have taken hold of my right hand. With Your counsel, You will guide me and receive me to glory. Whom have I in heaven but You? Besides You, I desire nothing on earth. [Ps. 73: 21-25]

Church **The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.**
He makes me to lie down in green pastures;
He leads me beside the still waters; He restores my soul.
He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil, for You are with me;
Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.
You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
You anoint my head with oil; my cup runs over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life;
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Amen. [PSALM 23]

PASTORALE III

Cantor And I will give you shepherds according to my heart, who will feed you with knowledge and understanding. I will set shepherds over them who will care for them, and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall any be missing," declares the Lord. [JEREMIAH 3:15; 23:4]
Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood. [Acts 20:28]
Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, serving as overseers—not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not greedy for money, but eager to serve. [1 PETER 5:2]

PASTORALE IV

Cantor "And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last." Blessed are those who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city. "I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things in the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the Bright and Morning Star." And the Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let him who hears say, "Come!" And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely. He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming quickly." Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus! [REVELATION 22:12-13; 16-17; 20-21]

***CHORALE**

VOM HIMMEL HOCH DA KOMM ICH HER

1. From heaven a - bove to earth I come to bring good news to ev - ery
 2. 'Tis Christ our God, who far on high Had heard your sad and bit - ter
 3. He brings those bless - ings long a - go Pre - pared by God for all be -
 home. Glad tid - ings of great joy I bring, Where - of I now will glad - ly sing.
 cry; Him - self will your Sal - va - tion be, Him - self from sin will make you free.
 low; That in His heav'n - ly King - dom blest You may with us for - ev - er rest.

CANONIC VARIATION on Vom Himmel hoch da komm ich her (I)

Reader Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people whom he has chosen as his heritage. [Ps. 33:12]

Church **Let us praise God's name for his kindness at the beginning of this New Year. We have witnessed the joyful new age, full of grace and peace.**

Reader The old year has passed away, gone is sadness.

Church **Happy are people to whom such blessings fall! Happy the people whose God is the Lord.** [Ps. 144:15]

***CHORALE**

VOM HIMMEL HOCH DA KOMM ICH HER

4. These are the to - kens ye shall mark, The swad - dling clothes and man - ger
 5. Now let us all, with glad - some cheer, Fol - low the shep - herds, and draw
 6. Wel - come to earth, Thou no - ble Guest, Through Whom e'en wick - ed men are
 dark; There shall ye find the young Child laid, By Whom the heavens and earth were made.
 near To see this won - drous Gift of God, Who hath His own dear Son be - stowed.
 blest! Thou com'st to share our mi - se - ry, What can we ren - der, Lord, to Thee?

CANONIC VARIATION on Vom Himmel hoch da komm ich her (II)

Reader Blessed shall you be in the city, and blessed shall you be in the field. [Deut. 28:3]

Church **O Lord, you crown the year with you bounty.** [Ps. 65:11]

Reader May our sons in their youth be like plants full grown, and our daughters like corner pillars cut for the structure of a palace; may our garners be full, providing all manner of store.

Church **May there by no cry of distress in our streets!** [Ps. 144:12-13]

***CHORALE**

VOM HIMMEL HOCH DA KOMM ICH HER

7. Ah, dear - est Je - sus, ho - ly Child, Make Thee a bed, soft, un - de -
 8. My heart for ver - y joy doth leap, My lips no more can si - lence
 9. Glo - ry to God in high - est Heaven, Who un - to man His Son hath

filed, Here in my poor heart's in - most shrine, That I may ev - er - more be Thine.
 keep, I too must sing, with joy - ful tongue, That sweet - est an - cient cra - dle song:
 given, While an - gels sing, with pi - ous mirth, A glad New Year to all the earth.

CANONIC VARIATION on Vom Himmel hoch da komm ich her (III)

Reader Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain.
Church **Unless the Lord watches over the city, the watchman stays awake in vain.** [Ps. 127:1]
Reader But we trust in you, O Lord; we say, "You are our God." Our times are in your hand. [Ps.31:14]
Church **You give to all people life and breath and everything.** [Acts 17:25]

EKTENIA

Reader Let us pray to the Lord.
 Lord, bless those who praise you and sanctify those who trust in you.
 Save your people and bless your inheritance.

Church **Lord, have mercy.**
Reader Protect the whole body of your Church.
 Sanctify those who love the beauty of your house.
 Glorify them by your divine power, and do not forsake us who hope in you.

Church **Lord, have mercy.**
Reader Grant peace to your world, to your churches, to those in public service, to our civil authorities, to the armed forces, and to all your people.

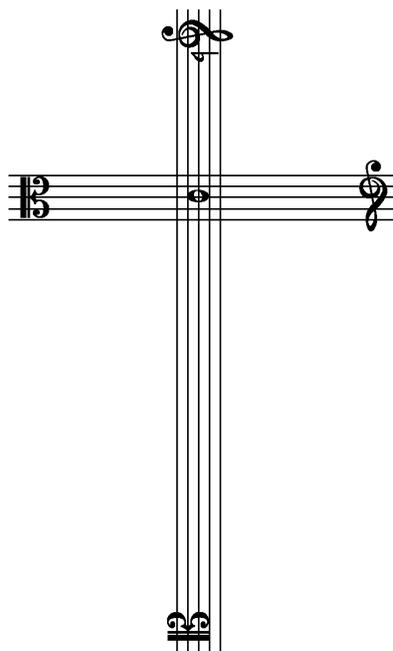
Church **Lord, have mercy.**
Reader "I am God, declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times things not yet done," says the Lord. [Isaiah. 46:9-10]

Church **Let us, O God most high, enter this year so that the end like a beginning.**
May your hand be with us, that in the future, at the year's close, we may give you glory, thanksgiving, and worship, to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, forever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

CHORALE PRELUDE on Vom Himmel hoch da komm ich her

Bach vespers at westminster 2011

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Bach

Vespers

sunday, january 9, 2011, 6:00 pm

christmas II

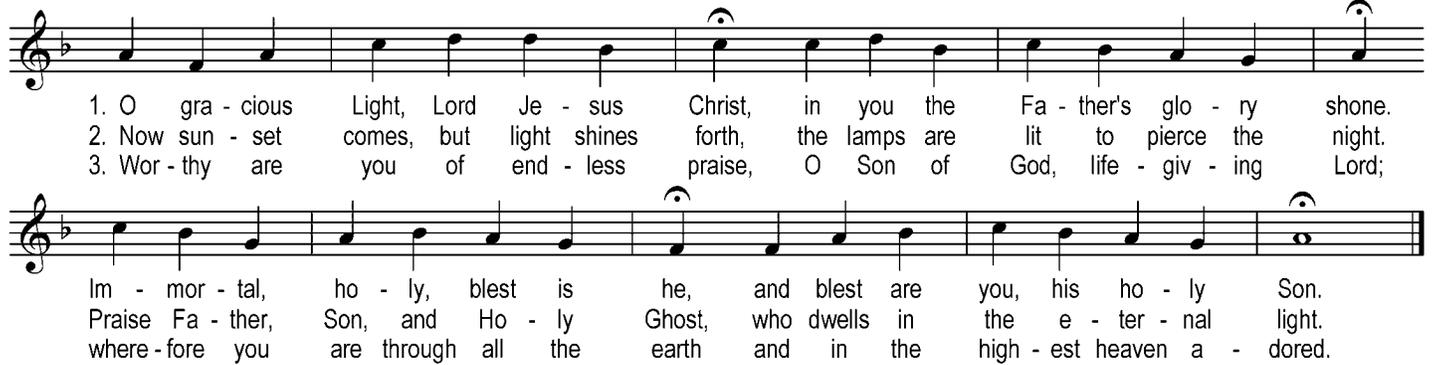
Cantor: Dave Gunter

Reader: Sam Cloud

TOCCATA IN C MAJOR

*PHOS HILARON

LOB SEI DEM ALLMÄCHTIGEN GOTT



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Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, who dwells in the e - ter - nal light.
where - fore you are through all the earth and in the high - est heaven a - dored.

Cantor Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And having come in, the angel said to her, "Rejoice, highly favored one, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women!" But when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and considered what manner of greeting this was. Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end." Then Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I do not know a man?" And the angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God. Now indeed, Elizabeth your relative has also conceived a son in her old age; and this is now the sixth month for her who was called barren. For with God nothing will be impossible." Then Mary said, "Behold the maidservant of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her. [LUKE 1:26-38]

*MAGNIFICAT

TONUS PEREGRINUS

Antiphon:



My ___ soul proclaims the great-ness of the Lord; my ___ spirit rejoices in God my Sa - vior.

CHORALE PRELUDE on Magnificat

Cantor Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed wife, who was with child. So it was, that while they were there, the days were completed for her to be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling clothes, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. [LUKE 2:4-7]

Reader Let heaven and earth prophetically exult, and the Angels and men spiritually rejoice:

Church **For God has revealed himself in the flesh unto those who were in darkness and sat in the shadow.**

Reader The manger has received Him; the Shepherds have proclaimed the marvel, and the Magi from Orient have brought gifts to him.

Church **And so we offer our praise in the angelic words, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men!" The Hope of the nations has come and saved us from bondage.**

***CHORALE**

GELOBET SEIST DU, JESU CHRIST

1. All praise to Thee, e - ter - nal God, Who, clothed in garb of flesh and blood, Dost take a
 2. Thou com - est in the dark - some night To make us chil - dren of the light, To make us
 3. All this for us Thy love hath done; By This to Thee our love is won; For this our
 man - ger for Thy throne, While worlds on worlds are Thine a - lone. Hal - le - lu - jah!
 in the realms di - vine, Like Thine own an - gels, 'round Thee shine. Hal - le - lu - jah!
 joy - ful songs we raise And shout our thanks in cease - less praise. Hal - le - lu - jah!

CHORALE PRELUDE on Gelobet seist du, Jesu Christ

Cantor And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord. [LUKE 2:8-11]

Reader The shepherds skilled upon the tuneful pipes beheld a revelation, marvelous of light; for the glory of the Lord shone round about them, and the Angel proclaimed:

Church **Sing praises, for Christ is born: O God of our Fathers, blessed art thou.**

Reader Suddenly, at the word of the Angel, the Heavenly Hosts began to cry aloud: Glory in the Highest.

Church **Christ hath shone forth: O God of our Fathers, blessed art thou.**

Reader The shepherds spoke: Let us go and gaze upon that which is come to pass, upon Christ divine. And when they came to Bethlehem, they fell down in worship before him; and with them we also worship him, saying:

Church **O God of our Fathers, blessed art thou.**

***CHORALE**

CHRISTUM WIR SOLLEN LOBE SCHON

1. Now praise we Christ, the Ho - ly One, The bless - ed Vir - gin Mar - y's Son,
 2. He who Him - self all things did make A serv - ant's form vouch - safed to take
 3. The heaven - ly choirs re - joice and raise Their voice to God in songs of praise.
 Far as the glo - rious sun doth shine, E'en to the world's re - mote con - fine.
 That He as man man - kind might win And save His peo - ple from their sin.
 To hum - ble shep - herds is pro - claimed The Shep - herd who the world hath framed.

CHORALE PRELUDE on Christum wir sollen loben schon

VESPER ANTIPHON

CANTOR:	CHURCH:
Jesus Christ is the light of the world,	The Light no darkness can o - ver - come.
CANTOR:	CHURCH:
Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening,	And the day is al - most over.
CANTOR:	CHURCH:
Let your light scat - ter the darkness,	And illu - mine your Church.

Reader Blessed is our God always, now, and ever, and unto the ages of ages.
O Spirit of Truth, who art in all places and fillest all things; Treasure of good things and Giver of life: Come and abide with us, and cleanse us from every stain, and save our souls, O Good One.

Church **Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy immortal, have mercy on us.**
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Reader All-holy Trinity, have mercy on us;
O Lord, wash away our sins and pardon our transgressions;
O Holy One, descend upon us and heal our infirmities, for thy Name's sake.

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

*CHORALE

ACH, BLEIB BEI UNS, HERR JESU CHRIST



1. Lord Je - sus Christ, with us a - bide, For 'round us falls the e - ven - tide;
2. Lord Je - sus, help, Thy Church up - hold, For we are slug - gish, thought - less, cold.
3. And since the cause and glo - ry, Lord, Are Thine, not ours, to us ____ af - ford

Nor let Thy Word, that heaven - ly light, For us be ev - er veiled ____ in night.
Oh, pros - per well Thy Word of grace And spread its truth in ev - ery place!
Thy help and strength and con - stan - cy. With all our heart we trust ____ in Thee.

CHORALE PRELUDE on Ach, bleib bei uns, Herr Jesu Christ

EKTENIA

Reader O Lord our God, the God of our spiritual forbearers, we ask you, hear us and have mercy on us as we pray for the Wisdom that is from above, and for the restoration of your truth in the universe.
Let us pray to the Lord:

Church **Lord, have mercy.**

Reader For the salvation of your people, for the welfare of your churches, and for the union of all faithful,
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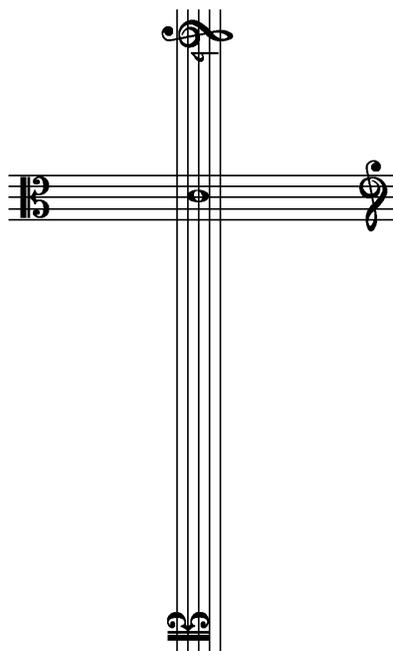
Reader For all those who bear fruit and do good works in your church and labor in the service of the Spirit; for all artists, singers, musicians, poets, writers, teachers, and preachers, and for all the people here present, who receive the great and rich gifts that come from your divine realm, we pray,

Church **Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and keep us, O God, by your grace. Amen.**

ADAGIO AND FUGUE IN C-MAJOR

Bach vespers at westminster 2011

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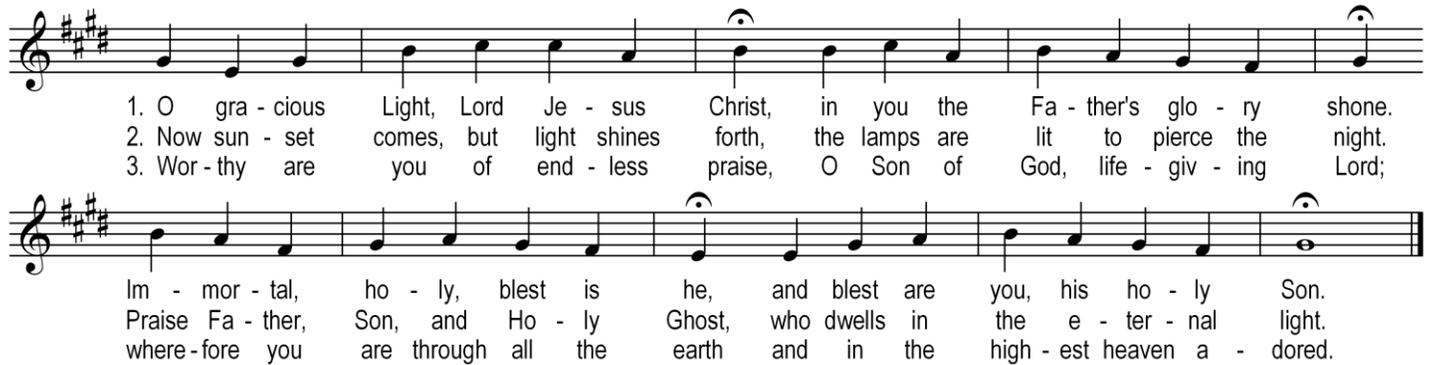
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epiphany

TOCCATA IN E MAJOR

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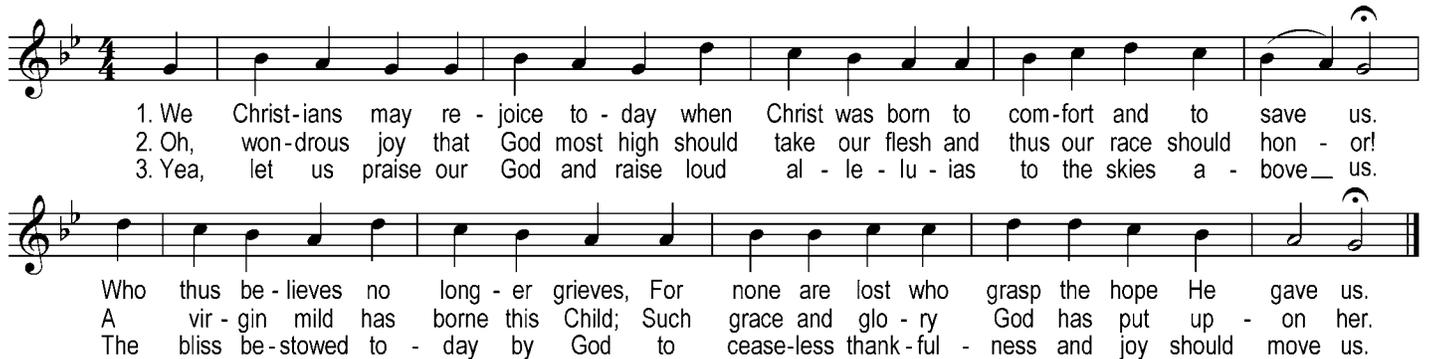
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where - fore you are through all the earth and in the high - est heaven a - dored.

Cantor O come, let us rejoice in the Lord, as we declare this present mystery: the partition wall of disunion has been destroyed; the flaming swords have been turned back; the Cherubim have withdrawn from the Tree of Life. Therefore we partake of the food of Paradise, whence we had been expelled because of disobedience. For the Image of the Father and His Eternity has taken the form of a servant; having come forth from a mother unwedded, yet suffering no change: for that which He was that He remains, being very God. And that which He was not, He has assumed, becoming very man because of his love toward mankind.

*CHORALE

WIR CHRISTENLEUT HABN JETZUND FREUD



1. We Christ - ians may re - joice to - day when Christ was born to com - fort and to save us.
2. Oh, won - drous joy that God most high should take our flesh and thus our race should hon - or!
3. Yea, let us praise our God and raise loud al - le - lu - ias to the skies a - bove us.

Who thus be - lieves no long - er grieves, For none are lost who grasp the hope He gave us.
A vir - gin mild has borne this Child; Such grace and glo - ry God has put up - on her.
The bliss be - stowed to - day by God to cease - less thank - ful - ness and joy should move us.

CHORALE PRELUDE on Wir Christenleut habn jetzund Freud

Reader Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you, and nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.

Church **Lift up your eyes and see; they all gather together, they come to you. Then you shall see and be radiant, your heart shall rejoice.**

Reader A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the glory of God. [ISAIAH 60] This is what the prophets and Moses said would come to pass: that the Christ would proclaim light both to the people and to Gentiles. [ACTS 26]

Cantor When the wise men saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy; and going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts – gold, frankincense, and myrrh. [MATTHEW 2]

***CHORALE**

ALLEIN GOTT IN DER HÖH' SEI HER'

1. All glo - ry be to God on high, and peace on earth for heav - en,
 2. O Lamb of God, Lord Je - sus Christ, whom God the Fa - ther gave us,
 3. You on - ly are the Ho - ly One, who came for our sal - va - tion,

and God's good will un - fail - ing - ly be to all peo - ple giv - en.
 who for the world was sac - ri - ficed up - on the cross to save us;
 and on - ly You are God's true Son, who was be - fore cre - a - tion.

We bless, we wor - ship you, we raise for Your great glo - ry
 and as You sit at God's right hand and we for judg - ment
 You on - ly, Christ, as Lord we own and, with the Spir - it,

thanks and praise, O God, Al - might - y Fa - ther.
 there must stand, have mer - cy, Lord, up - on us.
 You a - lone share in the Fa - ther's glo - ry.

CHORALE PRELUDE on Allein Gott in der Höh' sei Her'

Cantor Let heaven and earth prophetically exult, and let Angels and humankind spiritually rejoice: God has revealed himself in the flesh to those who were in darkness and sat in the shadow. The manger has received him. The shepherds proclaimed the marvel. The Wise Men of the Orient brought gift to Bethlehem. So we, with lips unworthy, do bring to him our own gifts of praise in angelic wise: Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace: for the Hope of the nations has come, and having come has saved us from bondage to the enemy.

CHORALE PRELUDE on Allein Gott in der Höh' sei Her'

(please stand for the Gospel)

☒ THE HOLY GOSPEL ☒

Matthew 13:44-45; 52

Al - le - lu - i - a, Al - le - lu - i - a, Al - le - lu - i - a.

Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field. "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it. He said to them, "Therefore every teacher of the law who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the owner of a house who brings out of his storeroom new treasures as well as old."

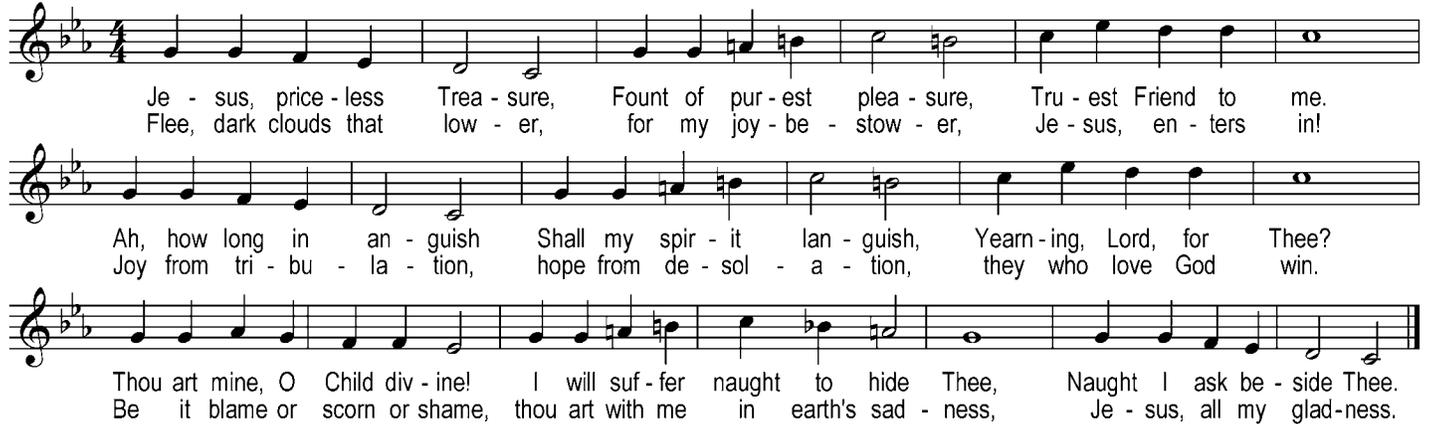
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Reader If our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. The God of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ.

[2 CORINTHIANS 4]

*CHORALE

JESU MEINE FREUDE



Je - sus, price - less Trea - sure, Fount of pur - est plea - sure, Tru - est Friend to me.
Flee, dark clouds that low - er, for my joy - be - stow - er, Je - sus, en - ters in!

Ah, how long in an - guish Shall my spir - it lan - guish, Yearn - ing, Lord, for Thee?
Joy from tri - bu - la - tion, hope from de - sol - a - tion, they who love God win.

Thou art mine, O Child div - ine! I will suf - fer naught to hide Thee, Naught I ask be - side Thee.
Be it blame or scorn or shame, thou art with me in earth's sad - ness, Je - sus, all my glad - ness.

*CHORALE PRELUDE on Jesu meine Freude

Reader We have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body. For we who are alive are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that his life may also be revealed in our mortal body. So then, death is at work in us, but life is at work in you. [2 CORINTHIANS 4]

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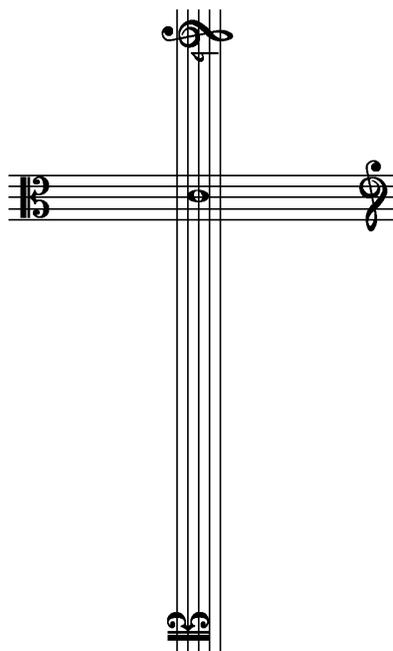
Church Lord, have mercy.

Reader Store your treasures in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy, and thieves do not break in and steal; for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, both now and forever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE TABLE

The earliest known communion liturgy written down by Hippolytus of Rome in 215 AD

FUGUE IN E MAJOR



Bach

Vespers

sunday, march 13, 2011, 6:00 pm

passiontide I

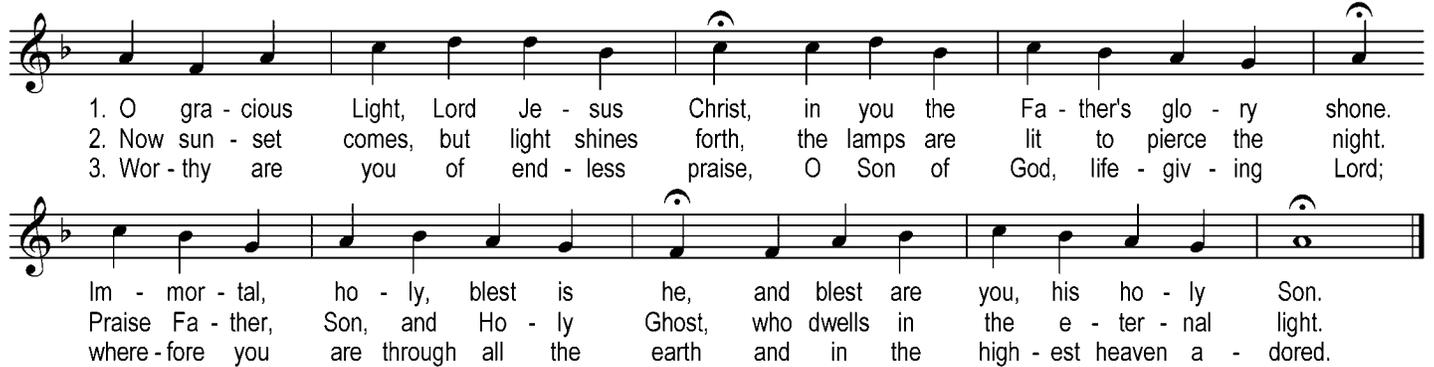
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reader: caroline chamberlain

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LITANY OF SUPPLICATION

Reader Save, O Lord, your people and bless your inheritance. Remember, O Lord Jesus Christ our God, your mercies and compassions which are from the ages, for the sake of which you became man and endured death for the salvation of your Creation.

Church **Remember us, Lord, when you come into your Kingdom.**

Reader Regard the feeble prayers of your servants as an odor of spiritual fragrance which we offer to your for all our people. Remember your Church and strengthen her healing powers. Quench the raging of the nations and quickly destroy and uproot the rising of evil.

Church **Remember us, Lord, when you come into your Kingdom.**

Reader Save, O Lord, and have mercy on the aged and young, the poor and the orphans, and the children rejected by their parents, and the parents rejected by their children; be with those who are in sickness of the body, of mind, and of soul, and with those who are in misfortune and in difficult circumstances.

Church **Remember us, Lord, when you come into your Kingdom.**

Reader Come to our aid, have compassion on us, for we are lost in this perplexing world. Support us in all our trials and save us from the worldly emptiness and harmful inclinations that prey on us.

Church **Remember us, Lord, when you come into your Kingdom.**

*CHORALE

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN



1. Fare - well I glad - ly bid you, False, e - vil world, fare - well. Your life is vain and
2. By Your good coun - sel lead me, O Son of God, my Stay; In each per - plex - ing
sin - ful, With you I would not dwell. I ___ long to be in heav - en, In
tri - al Help me, O Lord, I pray. My ___ hour of sor - row short - en, Sup -
that un - trou - bled sphere Where those will be re - ward - ed Who served their God while here.
port my faint - ing heart, From ev - ery cross de - liv - er, The crown of life im - part.

CHORALE PRELUDE on Valet will ich dir geben

Reader Why is light given to those in misery, and life to the bitter of soul,
 To those who long for death that does not come, who search for it more than for hidden treasure,
 Who are filled with gladness and rejoice when they reach the grave?
 Why is life given to a man whose way is hidden, whom God has hedged in?
 For sighing has become my daily food; my groans pour out like water.
 What I feared has come upon me; what I dreaded has happened to me.
 I have no peace, no quietness; I have no rest, but only turmoil.”
 Can mortal man be in the right before God? Can a man be pure before his Maker?
 Even in his servants he puts no trust, and his angels he charges with error;
 How much more those who dwell in houses of clay,
 Whose foundation is in the dust, who are crushed like the moth.
 Between morning and evening they are beaten to pieces; they perish forever without anyone regarding it.
 Is not their tent-cord plucked up within them, do they not die, and that without wisdom? [JOB 3:20-26; 4:17-21]

***CHORALE**

HERZLICH TUT MICH VERLANGEN

1. My heart is filled with long - ing To pass a - way in peace;
 2. My Shep - herd, now re - ceive me; My Guard - ian, own me Thine.
 For woes are round me throng - ing And tri - als will not cease.
 Great bless - ings Thou didst give me, O Source of gifts di - vine!
 Oh fain would I be hast - ing, From thee, dark world of gloom,
 Thy lips have of - ten fed me With words of truth and love,
 To glad - ness ev - er - last - ing. O Je - sus! quick - ly come.
 Thy Spi - rit oft hath led me To heaven - ly joys a - bove.

CHORALE PRELUDE on Herzlich tut mich verlangen

☩ **THE HOLY GOSPEL** ☩

matthew 9:35-38

Al - le - lu - i - a, Al - le - lu - i - a, Al - le - lu - i - a.

Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.”

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Reader Who is wise and understanding among you? Let them show it by their good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom. But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. Such “wisdom” does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice. But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness. [LETTER OF JAMES TO THE TWELVE TRIBES 3:13-17]

*CHORALE

ACH GOTT UND HERR

1. Ah, Lord our God, our sins are great, Our con - science does up - braid us;
 2. And fled we hence in our de - spair In some lone spot to hide us,
 3. Lord, Thee we seek, we mer - it naught; Yet pi - ty and re - store us.

And now we find that in our strait No man has power to aid us.
 Our griefs would still be with us there And peace still be de - nied us.
 Just God, be not Thy wrath our lot; Thy Son hath suf - fered for us.

CHORALE PRELUDE on Ach Gott und Herr

EKTENIA

Reader Return to your rest, O my soul,
 For the Lord has dealt bountifully with you.

Church Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us.

Reader For You have delivered my soul from death,
 My eyes from tears, and my feet from falling.
 I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living.

Church Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us.

Reader I believed, therefore I spoke, “I am greatly afflicted.”
 I said in my haste, “All men are liars.”

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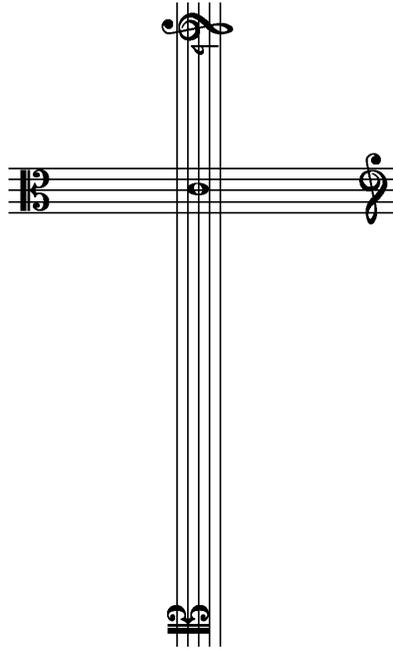
Reader What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits toward me?
 I will take up the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord.
 I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people. [PSALM 116:7-14]

Church Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us.

Reader Save, O Lord, and have mercy on our families and our kindred according to the flesh and according to the mind and according to the soul, and all the neighbors of my family and friends, and grant them your earthly and spiritual good things.

Church Amen.

FUGUE IN D-MINOR



Bach

Vespers

sunday, march 20, 2011, 6:00 pm

passiontide II

janet riksen, cantor
caroline chamberlain, reader
larry hayward, pastor

FANTASIA IN C MAJOR

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1. O gra - cious Light, Lord Je - sus Christ, in you the Fa - ther's glo - ry shone.
2. Now sun - set comes, but light shines forth, the lamps are lit to pierce the night.
3. Wor - thy are you of end - less praise, O Son of God, life - giv - ing Lord;

Im - mor - tal, ho - ly, blest is he, and blest are you, his ho - ly Son.
Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, who dwells in the e - ter - nal light.
where - fore you are through all the earth and in the high - est heaven a - dored.

LITANY OF SUPPLICATION

Reader Save, O Lord, your people and bless your inheritance.
Remember, O Lord Jesus Christ our God, your mercies and compassions which are from the ages,
for the sake of which you became man and endured death for the salvation of your Creation.

Church **Remember us, Lord, when you come into your Kingdom.**

Reader Regard the feeble prayers of your servants as an odor of spiritual fragrance
which we offer to you for all our people.

Remember your Church and strengthen her healing powers.

Quench the raging of the nations and quickly destroy and uproot the rising of evil.

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be with those who are in sickness of the body, of mind, and of soul,
and with those who are in misfortune and in difficult circumstances.

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Reader Come to our aid, have compassion on us, for we are lost in this perplexing world.
Support us in all our trials

and save us from the worldly emptiness and harmful inclinations that prey on us.

Church **Remember us, Lord, when you come into your Kingdom.**

*CHORALE

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

1. O how shall I re - ceive you, how meet you on your way, blest hope of ev - ery
2. By your good coun - sel lead me, O Son of God, my Stay; In each per - plex - ing

na - tion, my soul's de - light and stay? O Je - sus, Je - sus, give me now
tri - al Help me, O Lord, I pray. My hour of sor - row short - en, Sup -

by your ves - per light, to know what - e'er is pleas - ing and wel - come in your sight.
port my faint - ing heart, From ev - ery cross de - liv - er, The crown of life im - part.

CHORALE PRELUDE on Valet will ich dir geben

Reader Listen, you heavens, and I will speak;
 hear, you earth, the words of my mouth.
 My teaching is like a gentle rainfall,
 and my words are like morning dew,
 Like rain on new grass,
 like spring showers on the garden.
 I will proclaim the name of the Lord.
 Oh, praise the greatness of our God!
 He is the Rock, his works are perfect,
 and all his ways are just.
 A faithful God who does no wrong,
 upright and just is He. [DEUTERONOMY 32:1-4]

***CHORALE**

WO SOLL ICH FLIEHEN HIN?

CHORALE PRELUDE on Wo soll ich fliehen hin?

(please stand for the Gospel)

☩ **THE HOLY GOSPEL** ☩

matthew 7:21-27

“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the Kingdom of Heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. Many will say to me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?’ Then I will tell them plainly, ‘I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!’ Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.”

Reader Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act.
 He will bring forth your righteousness as the light, and your justice as the noonday.
 Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him.
 Fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way, over the man who carries out evil devices!
 Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath! Fret not yourself; it tends only to evil.
 For the evildoers shall be cut off, in just a little while, the wicked will be no more;
 Though you look carefully at his place, he will not be there.
 But the meek shall inherit the land and delight themselves in abundant peace. [PSALM 37:5-11]

***CHORALE**

WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT LÄBT WALTEN

1. If you but trust in God to guide you, with hope-ful heart through all thy ways,
 2. On - ly be still, and wait God's lei - sure in cheer - ful hope, with heart con - tent
 3. What gain is there in fu - tile weep - ing, in help - less an - ger and dis - tress?
 God will give strength, what - e'er be - tide you, to bear you through the e - vil days.
 to take what - e'er your Keep - er's plea - sure and all - dis - cern - ing love has sent.
 If you are in his care and keep - ing, in sor - row will he love you less?
 Who trust in God's un - change - ing love builds on the rock that will not move.
 No doubt our in - most wants are clear to One who holds us al - ways dear.
 For he who took for thee a cross will bring you safe through eve - ry loss.

CHORALE PRELUDE on Wer nur den lieben Gott läßt walten

EKTENIA WITH TRISAGION

Reader In peace, let us pray to the Lord:
Church **Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us.**

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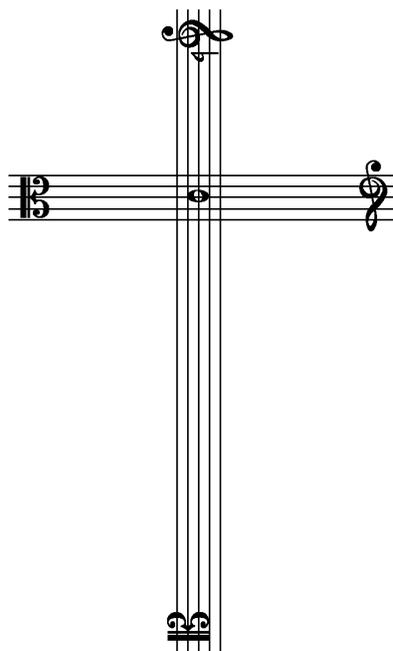
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Church **Amen.**

THE LORD'S SUPPER

FANTASIA IN C-MINOR



Bach

Vespers

sunday, march 27, 2011, 6:00 pm

passiontide iii

cantor: david gunter
reader: samuel cloud

FANTASIA IN C MINOR

*VESPER CALL

LOB SEI DEM ALLMÄCHTIGEN GOTT

CANTOR: In the evening, Jesus came and stood among the disciples and said to them: "Peace be with you!"

CHURCH: The light and peace of Christ be with you all! And al - so with you!

CANTOR: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

CHURCH: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

LITANY OF SUPPLICATION

Reader Save, O Lord, your people and bless your inheritance. Remember, O Lord Jesus Christ our God, your mercies and compassions which are from the ages, for the sake of which you became man and endured death for the salvation of your Creation.

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Reader Regard the feeble prayers of your servants as an odor of spiritual fragrance which we offer to your for all our people. Remember your Church and strengthen her healing powers. Quench the raging of the nations and quickly destroy and uproot the rising of evil.

Church **Remember us, Lord, when you come into your Kingdom.**

Reader Save, O Lord, and have mercy on the aged and young, the poor and the orphans, and the children rejected by their parents, and the parents rejected by their children; be with those who are in sickness of the body, of mind, and of soul, and with those who are in misfortune and in difficult circumstances.

Church **Remember us, Lord, when you come into your Kingdom.**

Reader Come to our aid, have compassion on us, for we are lost in this perplexing world. Support us in all our trials and save us from the worldly emptiness and harmful inclinations that prey on us.

Church **Remember us, Lord, when you come into your Kingdom.**

*CHORALE

LIEBSTER JESU, WIR SIND HIER

1. Bless - ed Je - sus, at Your word we are gath - ered all to hear You.
2. Glo - rious Lord, Your - self im - part! Light of light, from God pro - ceed - ing,

Let our hearts and souls be stirred now to seek and love and fear You.
O - pen now our ears and heart, help us by Your Spi - rit's plead - ing.

By Your teach - ings true and ho - ly, drawn from earth to love You sole - ly.
Hear the cry that we are rais - ing; hear, and bless our prayers and prais - ing.

CHORALE PRELUDE on Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier

Reader Where shall I refuge find from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?
 If I climb to the sky, you will be there! If I go underground, you will be there!
 If I flew on morning's wings to the far western horizon, even there your right hand shall hold me.
 If I say, "The darkness is engulfing me," the night shall be light about me;
 The darkness shall not hide from you, and the night shall shine as the day;
 The darkness and the light are both alike to you.
 You shaped me first inside, then out; you formed me in my mother's womb.
 Body and soul, I am marvelously made – I worship your mastery of creation!
 You know me inside and out, you know every bone in my body;
 You know exactly how I was made, how I was sculpted from nothing into something.
 You watched over me from conception to birth.
 All the stages of my life were spread out before you,
 The days of my life all prepared before I'd even lived one day. [PSALM 139:7-16]

***CHORALE**

WO SOLL ICH FLIEHEN HIN?

1. Where shall I refuge find, For I am burdened low
 2. Lead on my heart and will Through thine own Spirit hence,
 By sins both great and man - y? Where shall I find sal - va - tion?
 That I may shun all per - ils Which me from thee could - sev - er,
 Were all the world here gath - ered, My fear it would not - van - quish.
 And I of thine own bod - y A mem - ber bide for - ev - er.

CHORALE PRELUDE on Wo soll ich fliehen hin?

☒ **THE HOLY GOSPEL** ☒
 matthew 26:69-75

Al - le - lu - i - a, Al - le - lu - i - a, Al - le - lu - i - a.

Peter sat outside in the courtyard. A servant girl came to him, saying, "You also were with Jesus of Galilee." He denied it before them all, saying, "I do not know what you are saying." And when he had gone out to the gateway, another girl saw him and said to those who were there, "This fellow was with Jesus of Nazareth." But again he denied with an oath, "I do not know the Man!" A little later those who stood by came up and said to Peter, "Surely you also are one of them, for your accent betrays you." Then he began to curse and swear, saying, "I do not know the man!" Immediately a rooster crowed, and Peter remembered the word of Jesus who had said to him, "Before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times." So he ran out and cried bitterly.

Al - le - lu - i - a, Al - le - lu - i - a, Al - le - lu - i - a.

Reader Consider it a sheer gift, friends, when tests and challenges come at you from all sides. You know that under pressure, your faith-life is forced into the open and shows its true colors. So don't try to get out of anything prematurely. Let it do its work so you become mature and well-developed, not deficient in any way. If you don't know what you're doing, pray to the Father. He loves to help. You'll get his help, and won't be condescended to when you ask for it. Ask boldly, believingly, without a second thought. People who "worry their prayers" are like wind-whipped waves. Don't think you're going to get anything from the Master that way, adrift at sea, keeping all your options open. When down-and-outers get a break, cheer! And when the arrogant rich are brought down to size, cheer! Prosperity is as short-lived as a wildflower, so don't ever count on it. You know that as soon as the sun rises, pouring down its scorching heat, the flower withers. Its petals wilt and, before you know it, that beautiful face is a barren stem. In the same way, the rich will fade away even while they go about their business. At the very moment everyone is looking on in admiration, it fades away to nothing. Anyone who meets a testing challenge head-on and manages to stick it out is mighty fortunate. For such persons loyally in love with God, the reward is life, life, and more life. [LETTER OF JAMES 1:1-18]

***CHORALE**

WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT LÄBT WALTEN

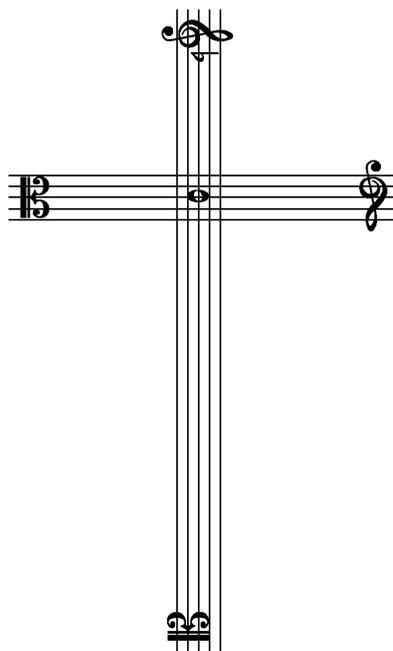
1. God knows full well when times of glad-ness Shall be the need-ful thing for thee.
 2. Nor think a - mid the fier - y tri - al That God hath cast thee off un - heard,
 3. Sing, pray, and keep His ways un - swerv-ing, Per - form thy du - ties faith - ful - ly,
 When He has tried thy soul with sad-ness And from all guile has found thee free,
 That He whose hopes meet no de - ni - al Must sure - ly be of God pre - ferred.
 And trust His Word, though un - de - serv-ing, Thou yet shalt find it true for thee.
 He comes to thee all un - a - ware And makes thee own His lov - ing care.
 Time pass - es and much change doth bring And sets a bound to eve - ry - thing.
 God nev - er yet for - sook in need The soul that trust - ed Him in - deed.

CHORALE PRELUDE on Wer nur den lieben Gott läßt walten

EKTENIA

Reader In peace, let us pray to the Lord:
Church **Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us.**
Reader For the peace that is from above, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord:
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Church **Amen.**

FUGUE IN C-MINOR



Bach

Vespers

sunday, april 3, 2011, 6:00 pm

passiontide iv

cantor: lauren beyea
reader: elizabeth neureiter

FANTASIA IN G MINOR

*CALL TO WORSHIP

CANTOR:	CHURCH:
Jesus Christ is the light of the world,	The Light no darkness can o - ver - come.
CANTOR:	CHURCH:
Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening,	And the day is al - most over.
CANTOR:	CHURCH:
Let your light scat - ter the darkness,	And illu - mine your Church.

Reader In peace, let us pray to the Lord that this evening may be holy, good, and peaceful.
Church Lord, have mercy.

Reader That thy holy angels may lead us in paths of peace and goodwill,
Church Lord, have mercy.

Reader That we may be forgiven when we miss the mark, which is the image and likeness of God implanted in us at Creation,
Church Lord, have mercy.

Reader That there may be peace and unity to thy Church and to the whole world,
Church Lord, have mercy.

*CHORALE

SEI GEGRÜBET, JESU GÜTIG

1. Hail to Thee, my Je - su ho - ly; none as Thou, the meek and low - ly.
 2. Look up - on my sins in kind - ness, Lo! from out my night of blind - ness,

Ah! how art Thou torn and hat - ed, all Thy bod - y lac - er - at - ed.
 turn I un - to Thee, heart bro - ken, in Thy blood to find Love's to - ken.

On Thy love, dear Lord, re - ly - ing so shall I be blest when dy - ing.
 On Thy love, dear Lord, re - ly - ing so shall I be blest when dy - ing.

CHORALE VARIATIONS on Sei gegrübet, Jesu gütig (the chorale; variations 1, 2, and 3)

Reader Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love;
 According to your great compassion blot out my transgressions.
 Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.
 For I know my wrong-doings, and my flaws are always before me.
 Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight;
 So you are right in your verdict and justified when you judge.
 Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me.
 Yet you desired faithfulness even in the womb; you taught me wisdom in that secret place. [PSALM 51]

***CHORALE**

SEI GEGRÜBET, JESU GÜTIG

3. O my Je - su, my sal - va - tion, Thou my heart's true con - so - la - tion,
4. Well of liv - ing wa - ter, wash me; blood of peirc - ed side, as - suage me.

be my guide, give me Thy suc - cor, when I fight the e - vil for - ces.
When in death - ly through I lan - guish, strength - en me my Foe to van - quish.

On Thy love, dear Lord, re - ly - ing so shall I be blest when dy - - ing.
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CHORALE VARIATIONS on Sei gegrübet, Jesu gütig (variations 4 and 5)

☒ **THE HOLY GOSPEL** ☒
John 8:2-11

Al - le - lu - i - a, Al - le - lu - i - a, Al - le - lu - i - a.

Now early in the morning Jesus came again into the temple, and all the people came to Him; and He sat down and taught them. Then the scribes and Pharisees brought to Him a woman caught in adultery. And when they had set her in the midst, they said to Him, “Teacher, this woman was caught in adultery, in the very act. Now Moses, in the law, commanded us that such should be stoned. But what do you say?” This they said, testing Him, that they might have something of which to accuse Him. But Jesus stooped down and wrote on the ground with His finger, as though He did not hear. So when they continued asking Him, He raised Himself up and said to them, “He who is without sin among you, let him throw a stone at her first.” And again He stooped down and wrote on the ground. Then those who heard it, being convicted by their conscience, went out one by one, beginning with the oldest even to the last. And Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst. When Jesus had raised Himself up and saw no one but the woman, He said to her, “Woman, where are those accusers of yours? Has no one condemned you?” She said, “No one, Lord.” And Jesus said to her, “Neither do I condemn you; go and sin no more.”

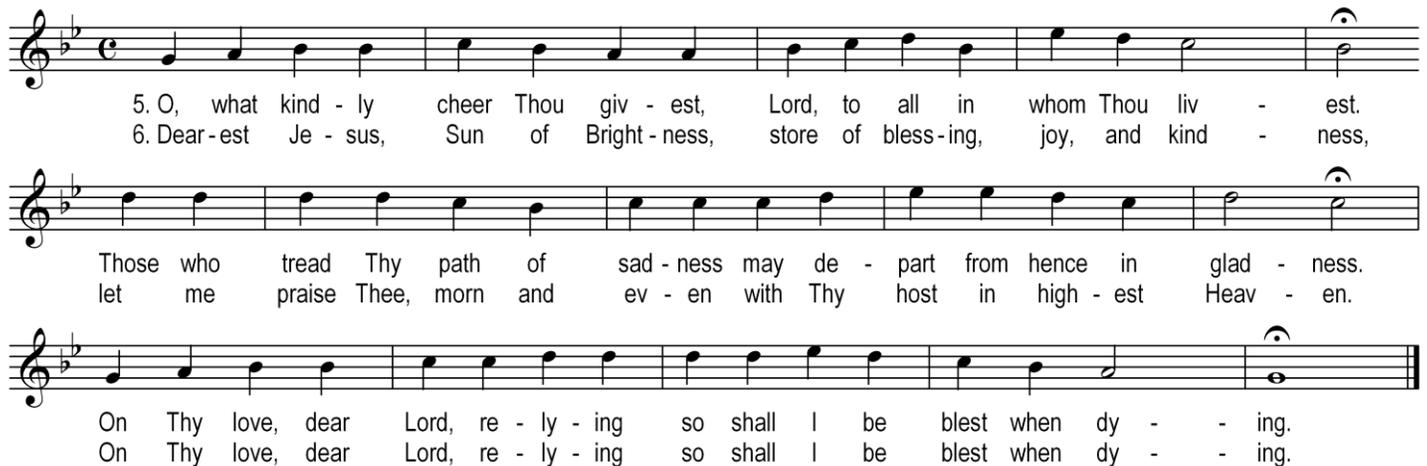
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CHORALE VARIATIONS on Sei gegrübet, Jesu gütig (variations 6, 7, and 8)

Reader Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity.
Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.
Then I will teach transgressors your ways, so that sinners will turn back to you.
Deliver me from the guilt of bloodshed, O God, you who are God, my Savior,
And my tongue will sing of your righteousness. [PSALM 51]

*CHORALE

SEI GEGRÜBET, JESU GÜTIG



5. O, what kind - ly cheer Thou giv - est, Lord, to all in whom Thou liv - est.
6. Dear - est Je - sus, Sun of Bright - ness, store of bless - ing, joy, and kind - ness,
Those who tread Thy path of sad - ness may de - part from hence in glad - ness.
let me praise Thee, morn and ev - en with Thy host in high - est Heav - en.
On Thy love, dear Lord, re - ly - ing so shall I be blest when dy - - ing.
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CHORALE VARIATIONS on Sei gegrübet, Jesu gütig (variations 9, 10, and 11)

Reader Open my lips, Lord, and my mouth will declare your praise.
You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it;
You do not take pleasure in burnt offerings.
My sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit;
A broken and contrite heart you, God, will not despise.
May it please you to prosper Zion, to build up the walls of Jerusalem.
Then you will delight in the sacrifices of the righteous, in burnt offerings on your altar. [PSALM 51]

EKTENIA

Reader Return to your rest, O my soul,
For the Lord has dealt bountifully with you.

Church **Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us.**

Reader For You have delivered my soul from death,
My eyes from tears, and my feet from falling.
I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living.

Church **Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us.**

Reader I believed, therefore I spoke, "I am greatly afflicted."
I said in my haste, "All men are liars."

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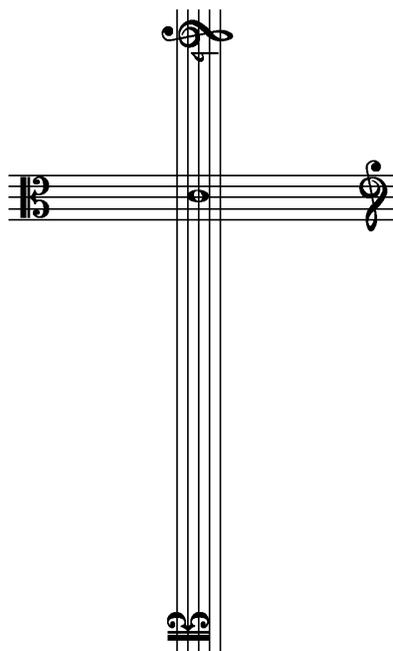
Reader What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits toward me?
I will take up the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord.
I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people. [PSALM 116:7-14]

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Church **Amen.**

FUGUE IN G-MINOR



Bach

Vespers

sunday, april 10, 2011, 6:00 pm

passiontide v

cantor: molly roden
reader: rebecca dickerson

TRIO IN D MINOR

*CHORALE

WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT LÄßT WALTEN



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*CHORALE

O GOTT, DU FROMMER GOTT



1. O God, Thou faith - ful God, Thou foun - tain ev - er flow - ing,
2. And grant me, Lord, to do, With read - y heart and will - ing,

With - out whom noth - ing is, All per - fect gifts be - stow - ing,
What - e'er Thou shalt com - mand, My call - ing here ful - fill - ing;

Grant me a health - y frame, And give me, Lord, with - in,
And do it when I ought, With zeal and joy - ful - ness,

A con - science free from blame, A soul un - hurt by sin.
And bless the work I've wrought, For Thou must give suc - cess.

CHORALE VARIATIONS on O Gott, du frommer Gott [Variations 1 and 2]

Reader Lead me, O Lord, in Your righteousness because of my foe;
 Make Your way straight before my face.
 But let all those rejoice who put their trust in You;
 Let them ever shout for joy, because You defend them. [PSALM 5]

***CHORALE**

O GOTT, DU FROMMER GOTT

CHORALE VARIATIONS on O Gott, du frommer Gott [Variations 3 and 4]

(Please stand for the Gospel)

☩ **THE HOLY GOSPEL** ☩
 matthew 24:29-31

Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. And He will send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

Reader Blessed are those who find Wisdom, those who gain understanding,
 For she is more profitable than silver and yields better returns than gold.
 She is more precious than rubies; nothing you desire can compare with her.
 Long life is in her right hand; in her left hand are riches and honor.
 Her ways are pleasant ways, and all her paths are peace. [PROVERBS 3:13-17]

***CHORALE**

O GOTT, DU FROMMER GOTT

5. And let me be with all In peace and friend - ship liv - ing,
 6. And if a long - er life Be here on earth de - creed me;

As far as Chris - tians may And if thou naught art giv - ing
 If thou through man - y ills To age at length wilt lead me,

Of wealth and hon - ors fair, Then this re - fuse me not,
 Thy pa - tience on me shed, A - vert all sin and shame,

That naught be min - gled there Of goods un - just - ly got.
 And crown my wea - ry head With hon - or free from blame.

CHORALE VARIATIONS on O Gott, du frommer Gott [Variations 5 and 6]**THRENOS**

John of Damascus

***CHORALE**

O GOTT, DU FROMMER GOTT

7. Let me de - part this life Con - fid - ing in my Sa - vior;
 8. And on that sol - emn day When all the dead are wak - ing,

Do thou my soul re - ceive That it may live for - ev - er;
 Stretch o'er my grave thy hand, Thy - self my slum - bers break - ing.

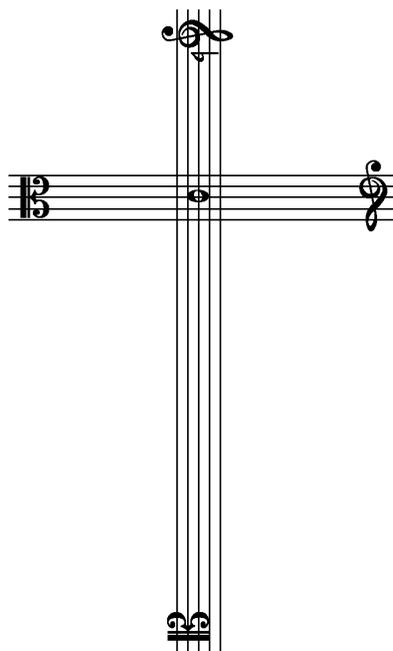
And let my bod - y have A qui - et rest - ing place
 Then let me hear thy voice, Change thou this earth - ly frame,

With - in a Chris - tian grave; And let it sleep in peace.
 And bid me aye re - joice With those who love thy name.

CHORALE VARIATIONS on O Gott, du frommer Gott [Variations 7 and 8]

Reader Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, to God our Savior, who alone is wise, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and forever. Amen. [JUDE 1:24-25]

CANZONA IN D MINOR



Bach

Vespers

sunday, may 22, 2011, 6:00 pm

eastertide I

cantor: molly roden
reader: tandy martin

TOCCATA IN F MAJOR

*VESPER ANTIPHON

CANTOR:
In the evening, Jesus came and stood among the disciples and said to them: "Peace be with you!"

CHURCH:
The light and peace of Christ be with you all! And al - so with you!

CANTOR:
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

CHURCH:
It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Reader Blessed is our God always, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages!

Church Amen! **Glory to Thee, our God, glory to Thee.**

Reader O Heavenly King, the Comforter, the Spirit of Truth who art everywhere and fillest all things, Treasure of blessings, and Giver of life, come and abide in us.

O most holy Trinity, have mercy on us. Lord, cleanse us from our sins.

Master, pardon our transgressions. Holy One, visit and heal our infirmities.

Church **Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us.**

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Reader You know the story of how Adam landed us in the dilemma we're in—first sin, then death, and no one exempt from either sin or death. That sin disturbed relations with God in everything and everyone, but the extent of the disturbance was not clear until God spelled it out in detail to Moses.

So death, this huge abyss separating us from God, dominated the landscape from Adam to Moses.

Even those who didn't sin precisely as Adam did by disobeying a specific command of God still had to experience this termination of life, this disunion from God. But Adam, who got us into this, also points ahead to the One who will get us out of it. [ROMANS 5:12-15]

*CHORALE

DURCH ADAMS FALL IST GANZ VERDERBT

1. Through Ad - am's fall, the hu - man race was doomed to con - dem - na - tion.
2. When Sa - tan's wrath be - sets our path and world - ly scorn as - sails us,

Be - reft were we of in - no - cence, sin's poi - son wrought de - struc - tion;
while Christ is near, we should not fear, His strength will nev - er fail us.

But thanks to God, who spares the rod, from death have we been tak - en.
His rod and staff will keep us safe and guide our steps for - ev - er;

The Ser - pent Eve didst once de - ceive be - holds his strong - hold shak - - - en.
nor shades of death nor hell be - neath our lives from Him shall sev - - - er.

CHORALE PRELUDE on *Durch Adams Fall ist ganz verderbt*

Reader The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him so that we may also be glorified with Him. For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us. For the anxious longing of the Creation waits eagerly for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of the one who subjected it, in hope that the Creation itself also will be set free from its bondage to corruption into the freedom of the glory of the children of God. [ROMANS 8:16-21]

***CHORALE**

CHRIST LAG IN TODESBANDEN

1. Christ Je - sus__ lay in death's strong bands, for our of - fen - ces__ giv - en;
 2. Here the true__ Pas - chal Lamb we see, whom God so free - ly__ gave__ us;
 3. So let us__ keep this fest - i - val, where to the Lord in - vites__ us;

but now at__ God's right hand He stands, and brings us life from heav - en.
 He died on__ the ac - curs - ed tree — so strong His love! — to__ save__ us.
 Christ is Him - self the joy of all, the sun that warms and__ lights__ us.

Where - fore let us__ joy - ful be, and sing to God right__ thank - ful - ly
 See,__ His blood doth__ mark our door; faith points to it, death pass - es o'er,
 By__ His grace He__ doth im - part e - ter - nal sun - shine to the heart;

loud songs__ of Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - i - a!
 thus Sa - - - tan can - not harm us. Al - le - lu - i - a!
 Cre - a - - - tion with us is saved! Al - le - lu - i - a!

CHORALE FANTASY on Christ lag in Todesbanden

(please stand for the Gospel)

☒ **THE HOLY GOSPEL** ☒

Matthew 28:16-20

Al - le - lu - i - a, Al - le - lu - i - a, Al - le - lu - i - a.

Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them. And when they saw him, they worshipped him: but some doubted. And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

Al - le - lu - i - a, Al - le - lu - i - a, Al - le - lu - i - a.

Reader What shall we say about such wonderful things as these? If God is for us, who can ever be against us? Since he did not spare even his own Son but gave him up for us all, won't he also give us everything else? Who dares accuse us whom God has chosen for his own? No one—for God himself has given us right standing with himself. Who then will condemn us? No one—for Christ Jesus died for us and was raised to life for us, and he is sitting in the place of honor at God's right hand, pleading for us.

Church **Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name.**

Reader Can anything ever separate us from Christ's love? Does it mean he no longer loves us if we have trouble or calamity, or are persecuted, or hungry, or destitute, or in danger, or threatened with death? (As the Scriptures say, "For your sake we are killed every day; we are being slaughtered like sheep.") No, despite all these things, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loved us.

Church **Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name.**

Reader And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love. No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord. [ROMANS 8]

Church **Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name.** [Ps. 103]

***CHORALE**

LOBE DEN HERREN

CHORALE PRELUDE on Lobe den Herren

Reader Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down Death by death, and on those in the tomb bestowing life.

Church **Shine, shine, O New Jerusalem, for the glory of the Lord is risen upon you!**

Reader The Angel cried unto her, who is full of grace, "Hail, O Pure Virgin! And again, I say, Hail! Thy Son is risen from his three days' sojourn in the grave, and has raised up the dead." Rejoice, O my people!

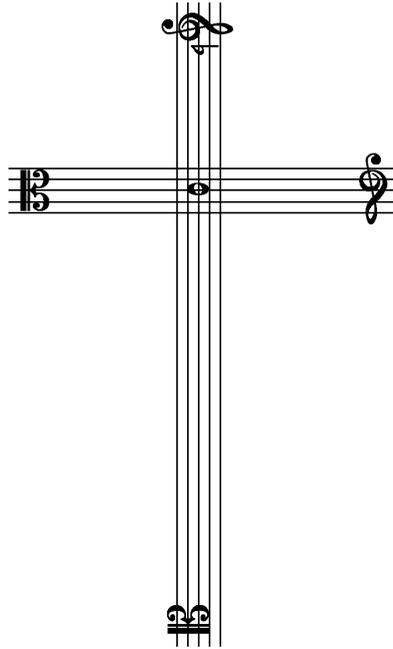
Church **Shine, shine, O New Jerusalem, for the glory of the Lord is risen upon you!**

Reader O Christ, the Passover great and most holy! O Wisdom, Word, and Power of God! Grant that we may more perfectly partake of you in the day which has no night of your Kingdom.

Church **Shine, shine, O New Jerusalem, for the glory of the Lord is risen upon you! AMEN.**

FUGUE IN F MAJOR

THE COMMUNION LITURGY FROM "THE APOSTOLIC TRADITION" (215 AD)



Bach

Vespers

sunday, may 29, 2011, 6:00 pm

eastertide II

cantor: joe kelly
reader: nancy richards

FANTASIA IN G MAJOR

*PHOS HILARON

LOB SEI DEM ALLMÄCHTIGEN GOTT

CANTOR: In the evening, Jesus came and stood among the disciples and said to them: "Peace be with you!"

CHURCH: The light and peace of Christ be with you all! And al - so with you!

CANTOR: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

CHURCH: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Reader Blessed is our God always, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages!

Church **O most holy Trinity, have mercy on us. Lord, cleanse us from our sins.**

May our spiritual house, our presence in it, and our spiritual sacrifices be acceptable to God.

Reader Now we see how God does make us acceptable to Him. The Law and the Prophets tell how we become acceptable, and it isn't by obeying the Law of Moses. God treats everyone alike. He accepts people only because they have faith in Jesus Christ. All of us have sinned and detached ourselves from God's glory. But God treats us much better than we deserve, and because of Christ Jesus, He freely accepts us and sets us free from our sins. God sent Christ to be a sacrifice. Christ offered his life's blood, so that by faith in him we could come to God. And God did this to show that in the past he was right to be patient and forgive sinners. This also shows that God is right when he accepts people who have faith in Jesus. What is left for us to brag about? Not a thing! Is it because we obeyed some law? No!

It is because of faith. We see that people are acceptable to God because they have faith, and not because they obey the Law. [ROMANS 3:21-28]

*CHORALE

NUN FREUT EUCH, LIEBEN CHRISTEN G' MEIN

1. Dear Christ - ians, one and all, re - jice, With__ ex - ul - ta - tion spring - ing,
 2. To me__ He said: "Hold fast to me, I__ am your rock__ and cas - tle;
 3. Now to__ My Fa - ther I de - part, The__ Ho - ly Spir - it send - ing

And, with__ u - nit - ed heart and voice And__ ho - ly rap - ture sing - ing,
 Your ran - som I My - self will be, For__ you I strive__ and wres - tle;
 And, heaven - ly Wis - dom to im - part, My__ help to you__ ex - tend - ing.

Pro - claim the won - ders God__ has done, How His right arm the vic - tory won;
 For I am with you, I__ am thine, And ev - er - more you shalt be mine;
 He shall in trou - ble com - fort you, Teach you to know and fol - low Me,

What__ price our ran - som cost Him!
 The__ Foe shall not__ div - ide us.
 And__ in all truth__ shall guide you.

CHORALE PRELUDE on Nun freut euch, lieben Christen g'mein

Reader If you instruct the brethren in these things, you will be a good minister of Jesus Christ, nourished in the words of faith and of the good doctrine which you have carefully followed. But reject profane and old wives' fables, and exercise yourself toward godliness. For bodily exercise profits a little, but godliness is profitable for all things, having promise of the life that now is and of that which is to come. This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance. For to this end we both labor and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe. These things command and teach. [1 TIMOTHY 4:6-11]

***CHORALE**

IN DICH HAB ICH GEHOFFET, HERR

1. In you, Lord, I have put my trust; Leave me not help-less in the dust,
 2. With you, Lord, I have cast my lot; O faith-ful God, for-sake me not,
 3. All hon-or, praise, and maj-es-ty To Fa-ther, Son, and Spir-it be,

Let me not be con-found-ed. Let in your Word, my faith, O Lord,
 To you my soul com-mend-ing. Lord, be my stay and lead the way
 Our God for-ev-er glo-rious, In whose rich grace we run our race

Be al-ways firm-ly ground-ed.
 Now and when life is end-ing,
 'Till we de-part vic-to-ri-ous.

CHORALE PRELUDE on “In dich hab ich gehoffet, Herr”

Reader And it came to pass, that, as he was praying in a certain place, when he ceased, one of his disciples said unto him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples.” And he said unto them, “When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth. Give us day by day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins; for we also forgive every one that is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.” [LUKE 11: 1-4]

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus prepare the way for us to come to you. May the Lord make your love grow more and multiply for each other and for all people so that you will love others as we love you. May your hearts be made strong so that you will be holy and without fault before our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all his holy ones. [1 THESSALONIANS 3:11-13]

***CHORALE**

VATER UNSER IM HIMMELREICH

Our Fa-ther, Lord of heaven and earth, Let praise and hon-or clothe Your name.
 For-give us, Lord, our sins and debts As we to debt-ors show Your grace.

Your king-dom come your will be done; Through-out the world com-plete Your reign.
 Re-move us from all tempt-ing paths and guard us from the dev-il's ways;

Teach us, O Lord, to trust in You for bread and breath each day a-new.
 for glo-ry, strength, and heav-en's throne be-long to You, and You a-lone.

CHORALE PRELUDE on “Vater unser im Himmelreich”

(please stand for the Gospel)

☩ **THE HOLY GOSPEL** ☩

Luke 24: 36-53



Now as they said these things, Jesus himself stood in the midst of them, and said to them, “Peace to you.” But they were terrified and frightened, and supposed they had seen a spirit. And He said to them, “Why are you troubled? And why do doubts arise in your hearts? Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see I have.”

When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His feet. But while they still did not believe for joy, and marveled, He said to them, “Have you any food here?” So they gave Him a piece of a broiled fish and some honey. And He took it and ate in their presence. Then He said to them, “These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and by the Psalmist concerning me.”

And He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures. Then He said to them, “Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And you are witnesses of these things. Behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high.”

And He led them out as far as Bethany, and He lifted up His hands and blessed them. Now it came to pass, while He blessed them, that He was parted from them and carried up into heaven. And they worshiped Him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple praising and blessing God. Amen.



(please be seated)

EKTENIA

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Church **Shine, shine, O New Jerusalem, for the glory of the Lord is risen upon you!**

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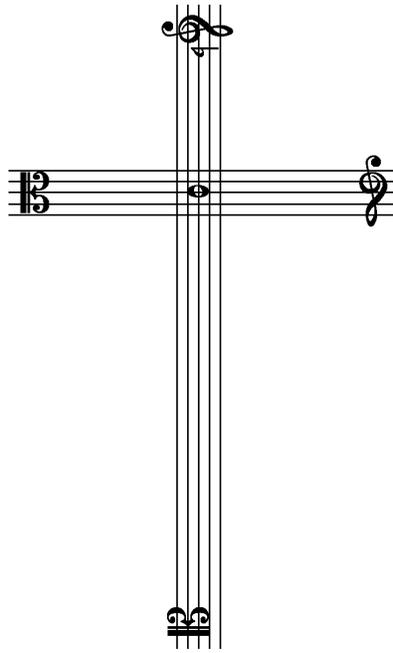
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Reader O Christ, the Passover great and most holy! O Wisdom, Word, and Power of God! Grant that we may more perfectly partake of you in the day which has no night of your Kingdom.

Church **Shine, shine, O New Jerusalem, for the glory of the Lord is risen upon you! AMEN.**

FUGUE IN G-MINOR



Bach

Vespers

sunday, june 5, 2011, 6:00 pm

eastertide III

cantor: karen olson
reader: elizabeth neureiter

FUGUE IN G-MAJOR

*VESPER ANTIPHON

CANTOR:
In the evening, Jesus came and stood among the disciples and said to them: "Peace be with you!"

CHURCH:
The light and peace of Christ be with you all! And al - so with you!

CANTOR:
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

CHURCH:
It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Reader On the tenth of this month every man shall take for himself a lamb. Then the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it at twilight. And they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and on the lintel of the houses where they eat it. Then they shall eat the flesh on that night; roasted in fire, with unleavened bread and with bitter herbs they shall eat it. It is the Lord's Passover. Now the blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you; and the plague shall not be on you to destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. So this day shall be to you a memorial; and you shall keep it as a feast to the Lord throughout your generations. [EXODUS 12]

In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, when you are gathered together, along with my spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus Christ, deliver such a one to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump? Therefore purge out the old leaven, that you may be a new lump, since you truly are unleavened. For indeed Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us. Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. [1 CORINTHIANS 5]

*CHORALE

CHRIST LAG IN TODESBANDEN



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3. So let us keep this fest - i - val, where to the Lord in - vites us;

but now at God's right hand He stands, and brings us life from heav - en.
He died on the ac - curs - ed tree so strong His love! to save us.
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Cre - a - - - tion with us is saved! Al - le - lu - i - a!

CHORALE PRELUDE on “Christ lag in Todesbanden”

Reader ‘Hearing you will hear and shall not understand, and seeing you will see and not perceive; for the hearts of this people have grown dull their ears are hard of hearing, and their eyes they have closed, lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears, lest they should understand with their hearts and turn, so that I should heal them.’ But blessed are your eyes for they see, and your ears for they hear; for assuredly, I say to you that many prophets and righteous men desired to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it. [MATTHEW 13:14-16]

*CHORALE

LIEBSTER JESU, WIR SIND HIER

1. Bless - ed — Je - sus, at Your word we are gath - ered all to hear You.
 2. Glo - rious — Lord, Your - self im - part! Light of light, from God pro - ceed - ing,
 Let our — hearts and souls be stirred now to seek and love and fear You.
 O - pen — now our ears and heart, help us by Your Spi - rit's plead - ing.
 By Your teach - ings true and — ho - ly, drawn from earth to love You sole - ly.
 Hear the cry that we are — rais - ing; hear, and bless our prayers and prais - ing.

CHORALE PRELUDE on “Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier”

(please stand for the Gospel)

☒ THE HOLY GOSPEL ☒

John 21:1-14

Al - le - lu - i - a, Al - le - lu - i - a, Al - le - lu - i - a.

When the morning had now come, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Then Jesus said to them, “Children, have you any food?” They answered Him, “No.” And He said to them, “Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some.” So they cast, and now they were not able to draw it in because of the multitude of fish. Therefore that disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” Now when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment (for he had removed it), and plunged into the sea. But the other disciples came in the little boat (for they were not far from land, but about two hundred cubits), dragging the net with fish. Then, as soon as they had come to land, they saw a fire of coals there, and fish laid on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish which you have just caught.” Simon Peter went up and dragged the net to land, full of large fish, one hundred and fifty-three; and although there were so many, the net was not broken. Jesus said to them, “Come and eat breakfast.” Yet none of the disciples dared ask Him, “Who are you?” knowing that it was the Lord. Jesus then came and took the bread and gave it to them, and likewise the fish. This is now the third time Jesus showed Himself to His disciples after He was raised from the dead.

Al - le - lu - i - a, Al - le - lu - i - a, Al - le - lu - i - a.

Reader God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
 We will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;
 Though its waters roar and foam; though the mountains tremble with its tumult.
 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.
 God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns.
 The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts.
 The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.
 Come, behold the works of the Lord; see what desolations he has brought on the earth.
 He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear;
 He burns the shields with fire. 'Be still, and know that I am God!
 I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth.'
 The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. [PSALM 46]

***CHORALE**

EIN' FESTE BURG IST UNSER GOTT

1. A might - y fort - ress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er fail - ing;
 2. Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be los - ing;
 3. And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un - do us,
 4. That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, no thanks to them, a - bid - eth;

Our help - er He, a - mid the flood of mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing;
 Were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God's own choos - ing;
 We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to tri - umph through us:
 The Spir - it and the gifts are ours through Him who with us sid - eth:

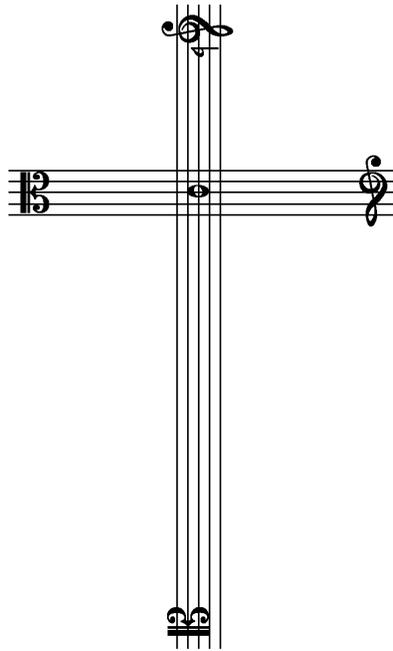
For still our an - cient foe doth seek to work us woe; His craft and power are great,
 Dost ask who that may be? Christ Je - sus, it is He; Lord Sab - a - oth, His name,
 The Prince of Dark - ness grim, we trem - ble not for him; His rage we can en - dure,
 Let goods and kin - dred go, this mor - tal life al - so; The bod - y they may kill:

and, armed with cru - el hate, On earth is not his e - qual.
 from age to age the same, And He must win the bat - tle.
 for lo, his doom is sure, One lit - tle word shall fell him.
 God's truth a - bid - eth still, His king - dom is for - ev - er.

CHORALE PRELUDE on "Ein' feste Burg is unser Gott"

Reader Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down Death by death, and on those in the tomb bestowing life.
Church **Shine, shine, O New Jerusalem, for the glory of the Lord is risen upon you!**
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Church **Shine, shine, O New Jerusalem, for the glory of the Lord is risen upon you! AMEN.**

ALLA BREVE



Bach

Vespers

sunday, june 12, 2011, 6:00 pm

the day of pentecost

cantor: carolyn carmack
leader: samuel clouð

TE DEUM

*VESPER ANTIPHON

CANTOR: Jesus Christ is the light of the world, CHURCH: The Light no darkness can o - ver - come.

CANTOR: Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening, CHURCH: And the day is al - most over.

CANTOR: Let your light scat - ter the darkness, CHURCH: And illu - mine your Church.

Leader Let us celebrate Pentecost, and the coming of the Spirit, and the appointed day of promise, and the fulfillment of hope, and the mystery which is as great as it is precious. To you, O Lord, the Maker of all things, do we cry,

Church **Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us.**

Leader Come, let us worship the God-head in three Persons, the Son in the Father with the Holy Spirit. For the Father before his time begat the Son, who is co-eternal and is equally enthroned, and the Holy Spirit who was in the Father, and was glorified together with the Son – one might, one essence, one God-head. Adoring the same, let us all say,

Church **Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us.**

Leader O Holy God, who by the Son did make all things through the cooperation of the Holy Spirit,
O Holy mighty One, through whom we have known the Father,
O Holy Immortal One, the spirit of comfort, who proceeds from the Father and rests in the Son,

Church **Have mercy on us, forgive us, keep us safe.**

*CHORALE

HERR JESU CHRIST, DICH ZU UNS WEND

1. Lord Je - sus Christ, be pres - ent now; our hearts in true de - vo - tion bow.
2. Un - seal our lips to sing your praise in end - less hymns through all our days;
3. Then shall we join the hosts that cry, "O Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord Most High!"

Your Spir - it send with light di - vine, and let your truth with - in us shine.
in - crease our faith and light our minds; and set us free from doubt that blinds.
and in the light of that blest place we then shall see you face to face.

CHORALE PRELUDE on "Herr Jesu Christ, dich zu uns wend"

Leader When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. [ACTS 2:1-4]

Church **When the Most High confounded tongues of men at Babel, He divided the nations.**

When He dispensed the tongues of fire, He called us to unity. Thus we glorify all-holy Spirit.

Leader Our worldly towers of pride will fall – one little word shall fell them. Our spiritual towers are built on faith, hope, and love, on Wisdom, Word, and power of the Eternal, on creeds and teachings of the Church; these shall not fall but stand as towers of glory and beacons of light.

***CHORALE**

LIEBSTER JESU, WIR SIND HIER

1. Bless - ed___ Je - sus, at Your word we are gath - ered all to hear You.
 2. Glo - rious___ Lord, Your - self im - part! Light of light, from God pro - ceed - ing,
 Let our___ hearts and souls be stirred now to seek and love and fear You.
 O - pen___ now our ears and heart, help us by Your Spi - rit's plead - ing.
 By Your teach - ings true and___ ho - ly, drawn from earth to love You sole - ly.
 Hear the cry that we are___ rais - ing; hear, and bless our prayers and prais - ing.

CHORALE PRELUDE on “Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier”

(please stand for the Gospel)

☩ THE HOLY GOSPEL ☩

John 20:19-23

Al - le - lu - i - a, Al - le - lu - i - a, Al - le - lu - i - a.

Then, the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jewish authorities, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, “Peace be with you.” When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. So Jesus said to them again, “Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you.” And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

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Leader I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions: And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit. And I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke. The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and terrible day of the Lord come. [JOEL 2:27-31]
 You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light, for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth, finding out what is acceptable to the Lord. And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them. For it is shameful even to speak of those things which are done by them in secret. But all things that are exposed are made manifest by the light, for whatever makes manifest is light. Therefore He says: "Awake, you who sleep, arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light." [EPHESIANS 5:8-14]

Church Rejoice, Ark of life! Rejoice, fiery Throne! Rejoice, luminous Lamp!

Leader Great and most high God, You alone are immortal, abiding in unapproachable light. In wisdom You created the world, filled it with indescribable cosmic wonders, and set the universe to obey your laws. You created us in your likeness and in your image, a perfect jewel. A good parent, you made us leave your peaceful kingdom and face the consequences of our disunity with you. Being the protector of your children, you inclined the heavens and descended for the salvation of humankind and paid with your life for our freedom from slavery to Satan.

Church **Blessed are You, O Christ our God, who made the fisherman all-wise, by sending down upon them the Holy Spirit, and through them, drawing all the world into Your net.**

Leader Christ, our true God, emptied himself, leaving his Father to assume our mortal nature and deify it. He ascended into heaven to sit at the right hand of our God and Father. He sent the Holy Spirit, co-eternal divine and of equal power and glory, upon His holy disciples and Apostles, thus illuminating them, and through them the whole universe. He filled his earthly kingdom with glorious, illustrious, divine heralds of truth, wisdom, and beauty, and gave Spirit-bearing Christians to be leaders, healers, and teachers in his churches. May Christ, our healer and savior, have mercy on us and save us in his goodness.

***CHORALE**

SCHÖPFERGEIST, HEILIGE LICHT

1. Cre - a - tor Spir - it, by whose aid the world's foun - da - tions first were laid.
 2. Come, and thy sa - cred unc - tion bring to sanc - ti - fy us while we sing.
 3. The Sav - ior Son be glo - ri - fied, who for man - kind's re - demp - tion died.

come vis - it ev - ery hum - ble mind, come pour thy joys on hu - man - kind.
 Thrice ho - ly Name, thrice ho - ly fire, our hearts with heaven - ly love in - spire.
 and e - qual ad - o - ra - tion be, e - ter - nal Par - a - clete, to thee.

Refrain
 Come, Ho - ly Light, our Guide di - vine, and cause the Word of life to shine.

PASSACAGLIA AND FUGUE

Leader The Scripture of the Creation has been told. The Story of the Incarnation has been heard. The Truth of the Re-Creation has been revealed. Therefore, understand this: the mystery of our faith is old and new, corruptible and incorruptible, mortal and immortal, temporal and eternal. It is old as it concerns the Law, but new as it concerns the Gospel; corruptible because of Man, incorruptible because of God; mortal because of Jesus' burial in the earth, immortal because of Christ's resurrection from the dead; temporal as it concerns the world, eternal because of the Holy Spirit that permeates the whole Creation. So it is with eternal things; as it is with things on earth, so it is with the things in heaven. For indeed the Lord's salvation in his truth were prefigured in the Creation, and the Incarnation was proclaimed in advance by the Law. The Creation is like a preliminary sketch; the Law is the writing of an analogy; the Gospel is the narrative and fulfillment of the Re-Creation, and the Church is the repository of this Wisdom. Hear now the confirmation of this mystery:

(please stand)

I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last. I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify to you these things in the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the Bright and Morning Star. And the Spirit and the Bride say, "Come!" And let him who hears say, "Come!" And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the Water of Life freely. He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming quickly."

Church **Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus!**

Leader The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.