

CANTATA VESPERS

Sat. 17th October 5pm

So leget nun ab von euch - Telemann

Cantata featuring baroque flutes and strings
Amy Thomas, Sarah Court
and Koli Jayatunge, soloists



*Put off your former life, children
of vanity...silver, purple and jewels are easy prey for time*

Service with retiring collection

51 Victoria St. Hamilton

Leading the service today: Amy Thomas, Sarah Court and Koli Jayatunge, soloists; Kathryn Orbell and Matthew Burns, baroque flutes; Catherine Polglase, violin; Alison Salmons, viola; Helen Brinkman, cello; Rachael Griffiths-Hughes, organ; Rev'd Wendy Tyrell

Next cantata vespers: 5pm Saturday 21st November 2026

OPENING

PRELUDE : Rondo from Quintet no. 1 in D major – Bernardo Porta (1758-1829)

Let my prayer be set forth in thy sight as incense, the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice. Psalm 141:2

We stand to sing

THE OPENING HYMN

Latin hymn, ca. 9th century
Trans. by John Cosin, 1627

Plainsong melody, Mechlin form
As in *Pilgrim Hymnal*, 1958

Unison



1. Come, Ho - ly Ghost, our souls in - spire And light-en with ce -
2. Thy bless - ed unc - tion from a - bove Is com-fort, life, and
3. A - noint and cheer our soil - ed face With the a - bun - dance
4. Teach us to know the Fa - ther, Son, And thee, of both, to

les - tial fire; Thou the a - noint - ing Spir - it art
fire of love; En - a - ble with per - pet - ual light
of thy grace; Keep far our foes, give peace at home;
be but One; That through the ag - es all a - long

After last stanza

Who dost thy seven - fold gifts im - part.
The dull-ness of our blind - ed sight.
Where thou art guide no ill can come.
This may be our end - less song: Praise to thy e -

ter - nal mer - it, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it. A - men.

Words: Latin, ninth century; trans. John Cosin, 162

THE BLESSING OF LIGHT

Please sit or kneel



The Lord is my light and my sal-va-tion: **my God shall make my dark-ness to be bright.**



The light and peace of Je - sus Christ be al-ways with you: **and al - so with you.**



Ble - ssed be you Lord God, cre a - tor of day and night; **to you be praise and glo ry for e ver.**

As darkness falls, you renew your promise to reveal among us the light of your presence. By the light of Christ your living word, dispel the darkness of our hearts that we may walk as children of light, and sing your praise throughout the world. **Amen**

Almighty God, we give you thanks for surrounding us, as daylight fades, with the brightness of the vesper light; and we implore you of your great mercy that, as you enfold us with the radiance of this light, so you would shine into our hearts the brightness of your Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Please stand for the **HYMN OF LIGHT**

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major, 4/4 time. It consists of seven systems of staves, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are printed below the vocal lines. The score includes measure numbers 3, 6, 8, 13, 17, and 21. The music features various musical notations including treble and bass clefs, key signatures, time signatures, notes, rests, and dynamic markings.

Hail, gladdening Light of his pure glo - ry poured. Who is the Immortal Fa - ther, Heaven - ly Blest,
Ho - li - est of Ho - lies, Je - sus Christ, our
Lord. Now we are come to the sun's hour of rest. The lights of eve - ning round us shine.
We hymn the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it Di - vine.
Worthiest art Thou at all timesto be sung With un - de - fil - ed tongue.
Son of our God, giv - er of life, A - lone;
There - fore in all the world Thy glo - ries, Lord, they own. A - men

Words: Greek; trans. John Keble, 1834

INVITATORY AND PSALTER

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. **Amen.**

Blessed are you, God of compassion and mercy, to you be praise and glory for ever.

In the darkness of our sin, your light breaks forth like the dawn and your healing springs up for deliverance. As we rejoice in the gift of your saving help, sustain us with your bountiful Spirit and open our lips to sing your praise: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God for ever.

Please join in singing

PSALM 118

CHANT: George Ebony



¹Give thanks to the Lord, for /he is /good; *his /mercy. en/dures for /ever.

²Let Israel /now pro/claim, *"His /mercy. en/dures for /ever."

³Let the house of Aaron /now pro/claim, *"His /mercy. en/dures for /ever."

⁴Let those who fear the Lord /now pro/claim, *"His /mercy. en/dures for /ever."

⁵I called to the Lord in /my dis/tress; *the Lord /answered. by /setting. me /free.

⁶The Lord is at my side, therefore I /will not /fear; *what can /any.one /do to/ me?

⁷The Lord is at my /side to /help me; *I will triumph /over /those who /hate me.

⁸It is better to re/ly on. the /Lord *than to put /any /trust in/ flesh.

⁹It is better to re/ly on. the /Lord *than to put /any /trust in /rulers.

Glory be to the Father and /to the /Son: and/ to the /Holy /Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and /ever /shall be; world without/ end. A/-men

WORD

We sit to hear **THE FIRST READING: EPHESIANS 5: 15-21**

For of this you can be sure: No immoral, impure or greedy person—such a person is an idolater—has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of such things God’s wrath comes on those who are disobedient. Therefore do not be partners with them.

For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) and find out what pleases the Lord. Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them. It is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret. But everything exposed by the light becomes visible—and everything that is illuminated becomes a light. This is why it is said:

“Wake up, sleeper,
rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.”

Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord’s will is. Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Instructions for Christian Households

Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

Here ends the first Lesson

Thanks be to God

We stand to sing

Magnificat

tone I 1

My soul doth magni-fy the Lord, And my spirit hath rejoic-ed in God my
Saviour. 2. For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaid-en:
3. for, behold, from henceforth all ge-nérations shall call me bless-ed.
4. For he that is mighty hath mag-ni-fi-ed me; and ho-ly is his name.
5. And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all genera-tions.
6. He hath shewed strength with his arm; he hath scatter-ed the proud
in the i-ma-gi-nation of their hearts. 7. He hath put down the mighty
from their seat, and hath ex-alted the humble and meek. 8. He hath
fill-ed the hungry with good things; and the rich he hath sent empty
a-way. 9. He, remembering his mercy, hath holpen his servant Isra-el
As he promised to our forefathers, Abraham, and his seed for ev-er.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was
in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

We sit to hear

THE SECOND READING: MATTHEW 22: 1-14

Jesus spoke to them again in parables, saying: “The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his servants to those who had been invited to the banquet to tell them to come, but they refused to come.

“Then he sent some more servants and said, ‘Tell those who have been invited that I have prepared my dinner: My oxen and fattened cattle have been butchered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet.’

“But they paid no attention and went off—one to his field, another to his business. The rest seized his servants, mistreated them and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his army and destroyed those murderers and burned their city.

“Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding banquet is ready, but those I invited did not deserve to come. So go to the street corners and invite to the banquet anyone you find.’ So the servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find, the bad as well as the good, and the wedding hall was filled with guests.

“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing wedding clothes. He asked, ‘How did you get in here without wedding clothes, friend?’ The man was speechless.

“Then the king told the attendants, ‘Tie him hand and foot, and throw him outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

“For many are invited, but few are chosen.”

Here ends the second Lesson

Thanks be to God

THE CANTATA

1. **Chorus:** Therefore, in accordance with your former way of life, put off the old self, which has been corrupted by its deceitful desires. But be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

2. **Recitative:** How on earth can the world take any pleasure in clinging so readily to the filthy garment of sin? It is stained, full of abominations and filth; and whoever wears it will never come to taste the bread of life, nor the good things God has set before them on His table of grace; and yet they refuse to cast it aside, thus forfeiting, through their own fault, God's favour and all His blessings, and gaining only the underworld.
3. **Aria:** Faith is the fairest garment in which one pleases God. Whoever adorns themselves with it will be refreshed by Him with the sweet nourishment of bliss, both here and in the world to come.
4. **Recitative:** Away with you, then! O black robe of sin, in which one resembles the Devil; I do not like you; for whoever chooses you forgets his well-being and his bliss, strays from the path of life that can lead to Heaven, and rushes headlong into his own ruin. My adornment shall be the blood of my Jesus, my purple shall be His wounds, and His holiness my treasure of pearls and my jewellery; faith alone clothes me in this; in this robe of honour, both God and angels are good to me; there is nothing else that can condemn me.
5. **Aria:** Clothe yourselves in velvet and silk, ye children of vanity! Gold, silver, purple and jewellery are but a fleeting prey of time: I will choose the Saviour's bloody wounds as the adornment of my soul, so that I may find joy here and there.
6. **Chorale:** v. 1 Jesus, thou noble Bridegroom, my greatest adornment on this earth, in thee alone do I find my delight, far above all golden treasures.
v. 2 Keep my heart steadfast in faith, that I may live and die for thee alone; Jesus, my comfort, hear my longing! Oh my Saviour, if only I were with thee.

Response

Eternal spirit flow through our being and open our lips;
That our mouths may proclaim your praise.

In response to tonight's cantata let us now stand and affirm our faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

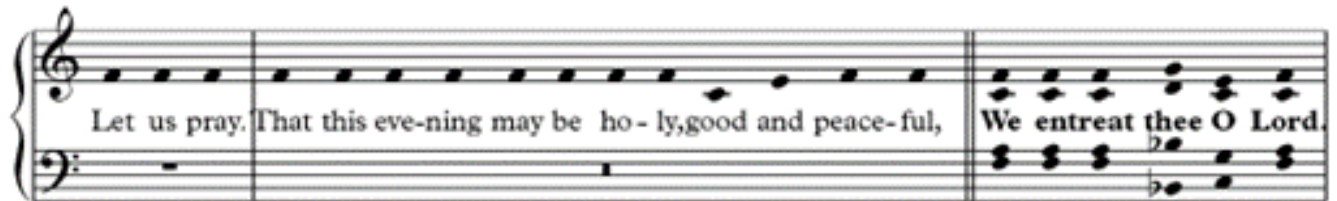
**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born
of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the
holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection
of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS

We sit or kneel

The Lord be with you.
And also with you

THE LITANY FOR PEACE



That thy holy angels may lead us in paths of peace and goodwill **We entreat...**

That we may be pardoned and forgiven our sins and offences, **We entreat...**

That there may be peace to thy Church and to the whole world, **We entreat...**

That we may depart this life in thy faith and fear, and not be condemned before the great judgement seat of Christ, **We entreat...**

That we may be bound together by the Holy Spirit in the communion of all thy saints, entrusting one another and all our life to Christ, **We entreat...**

Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, The power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

O God, the source of eternal light: Shed forth thine unending day upon us who watch for thee, that our lips may praise thee, our lives may bless thee, and our worship on the morrow may give thee glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of our fathers, creator of the changes of day and night, giving rest to the weary, renewing the strength of those who are spent, bestowing upon us occasions of song in the evening. As you have protected us in the day that is past, so be with us in the coming night; keep us from every sin, every evil, and every fear; for you are our light and salvation, and the strength of our life. To you be glory for endless ages. **Amen.**

THE BLESSING

We stand to sing **THE CLOSING HYMN**

Johann Crüger, 1598-1662

Schmücke Dich
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1. Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness,
 Leave the gloomy haunts of sadness;
 come into the daylight's splendour,
 There with joy thy praises render
 Unto him whose grace unbounded
 Hath this wondrous banquet founded:
 High o'er all the heavens he reigneth,
 Yet to dwell with thee he deigneth.
2. Sun, who all my life dost brighten,
 Light, who dost my soul enlighten,
 Joy, the sweetest heart e'er knoweth,
 Fount, whence all my being floweth,
 At the feet I cry, my Maker,
 Let me be a fit partaker
 Of this blessed food from heaven,
 For our good, thy glory, given.
3. Jesus, Bread of Life, I pray thee,
 Let me gladly here obey thee;
 Never to my hurt invited,
 Be thy love with love requited:
 From this banquet let me measure,
 Lord, how vast and deep its treasure;
 Through the gifts thou here dost give me,
 As thy guest in heav'n receive me.

POSTLUDE: Chorale Prelude on Schmücke dich – G. P. Telemann

The prayers and liturgy for tonight's service come from the Book of Common Prayer, as available at www.bcponline

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