

Bach 45th Year

Grace Lutheran Church ■ River Forest, Illinois
Sunday afternoons ■ Prelude at 3:45 p.m.

Cantata Vespers 2015–2016



January 3, 2016

Ehre sei dir, Gott, gesungen (BWV 248.5)

Praises to you, God, be sung

Welcome to Grace Lutheran Church

We are glad that you have joined us for this afternoon's Bach Cantata Vespers.

For those who have trouble hearing, sound enhancement units are available in the back of the church and may be obtained from an usher.

Please silence all cell phones and pagers.

Recording or photography of any kind during the service is strictly forbidden.

Second Sunday of Christmas
January 3, 2016 † 4:00 p.m.

EVENING PRAYER



PRELUDE

Concerto for Organ in B-flat, Op. 4, No. 2

George Frideric Handel
(1685–1759)

Tempo ordinario, e staccato
Allegro
Adagio, e staccato
Allegro, ma non presto

We stand, facing the candle as we sing.

SERVICE OF LIGHT



The people who walked
in darkness have seen

a great light.

**The light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness has not over- come it.**



Those who dwelt in the land
of deep darkness, on them has light shined.

**We have beheld Christ's glory,
glory as of the only Son from the Father.**



For to us a child
is born, to us a Son is giv - en.

**In him was life,
and the life was the light of all.**



☐ Joy-ous light of glo - ry: ☑ of the im - mor - tal Fa - ther;

heav - en - ly, ho - ly, bless - ed Je - sus Christ.

We have come to the set - ting of the sun, and we look to the eve - ning light.

We sing to God, the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it: You are wor - thy of

be - ing praised with pure voic - es for - ev - er. O Son of God,

O Giv - er of life: The u - ni - verse pro - claims your glo - ry.

☐ The Lord be with you. ☑ And al - so with you.

☐ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. ☑ It is right to give him thanks and praise.

☐ Blessed are you, O Lord our God, king of the universe, who led your people

Israel by a pil - lar of cloud by day and a pil - lar of fire by night:

Enlighten our darkness by the light of your Christ; may his Word be a lamp
to our feet and a light to our path; for you are mer - ci - ful,
and you love your whole cre - a - tion, and we, your crea - tures, glo - ri - fy you,
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it. **☒** A - men

✠ PSALMODY ✠

We sit.

PSALM 141

*Women sing parts marked **I**. Men sing parts marked **II**. All sing parts marked **☒**.*

☒ Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense;
the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.
I O Lord, I call to you; come to me quick - ly; hear my voice when I cry to you.
II Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense;
the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

I Set a watch be-fore my mouth, O Lord, and guard the door of my lips.

II Let not my heart in-cline to an - y e - vil thing; let me not be oc - cu -

pied in wick - ed - ness with e - vil - do - ers. I But my eyes are

turned to you, Lord God; in you I take ref - uge. Strip me not of my life.

II Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;

I as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

☐ Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense;

the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

Silence for meditation is observed, then:

PSALM PRAYER

- ☐ Let the incense of our repentant prayer ascend before you, O Lord, and let your lovingkindness descend upon us, that with purified minds we may sing your praises with the Church on earth and the whole heavenly host, and may glorify you forever and ever.
- ☐ Amen.

MOTET: Nun lob, mein Seel, den Herren

Michael Praetorius
(1571–1621)

Nun lob mein Seel den Herren,

Now praise, my soul, the Lord,

Was in mir ist, den Namen sein.

All that is in me praise his name!

Sein Wohlthat thut er mehren,

He adds to his acts of kindness,

Bergi es nicht, o Herze mein.

Do not forget this, oh my heart!

Hat dir dein Snd vergeben,

He has forgiven you your sins,

Und heilt dein Schwachheit gro,

And healed your great weakness.

Errett dein armes Leben,

He rescues your poor life,

Nimmt dich in seinen Schoo,

He takes you into his bosom,

Mit reichem Trost beschttet,

Pours down just consolation,

Verjngt dem Adler gleich.

Renews you like the eagle,

Der Kng schafft Recht, behtet,

The king acts justly, protects

Die Leidenden im Reich.

Those who suffer in his kingdom.

Paraphrase of Psalm 103 by Johann Gramman, 1487–1541

Silence for meditation is observed, then:

COLLECT

- ☒ Lord, you have compassion for the sinner, as a father has compassion for his children.
Heal the weakness of your people and save us from everlasting death,
that with the saints and angels we may praise and glorify you,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever.
- ☒ **Amen.**

The offering is gathered.

OFFERING/VOLUNTARY

Herr Christ, der einig Gottes Sohn

Heinrich Scheidemann
(1595–1663)

*The offering assists in defraying costs of the Bach Cantata Vespers ministry.
Your generosity is appreciated.*

We stand.

HYMN: The Only Son from Heaven

Concertato by Michael D. Costello
(b. 1979)



1 The on - ly Son from heav - en, fore - told by an - cient seers,
2 Oh, time of God ap - point - ed, oh, bright and ho - ly morn!
Choir 3 A - wak - en, Lord, our spir - it to know and love you more,
4 O Fa - ther, here be - fore you with God the Ho - ly Ghost,



by God the Fa - ther giv - en, in hu - man form ap - pears.
He comes, the king a - noint - ed, the Christ, the vir - gin - born,
in faith to stand un - shak - en, in spir - it to a - dore,
and Je - sus, we a - dore you, O pride of an - gel - host:



No sphere his light con - fin - ing, no star so bright - ly
grim death to van - quish for us, to o - pen heav'n be -
that we, through this world mov - ing, each glimpse of heav - en
be - fore you mor - tals low - ly cry, "Ho - ly, ho - ly,



shin - ing as he, our Morn - ing Star.
fore us and bring us life a - gain.
prov - ing, may reap its full - ness there.
ho - ly, O bless - ed Trin - i - ty!"

✠ WORD ✠

We sit.

READING: 1 Peter 4:12–19

¹²Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you. ¹⁵But let none of you suffer as a murderer, a thief, a criminal, or even as a mischief maker. ¹⁶Yet if any of you suffers as a Christian, do not consider it a disgrace, but glorify God because you bear this name. ¹⁷For the time has come for judgment to begin with the household of God; if it begins with us, what will be the end for those who do not obey the gospel of God?

¹⁸And

“If it is hard for the righteous to be saved,
what will become of the ungodly and the sinners?”

¹⁹Therefore, let those suffering in accordance with God's will entrust themselves to a faithful Creator, while continuing to do good.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

READING: Matthew 2:13–23

¹³Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.” ¹⁴Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, ¹⁵and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, “Out of Egypt I have called my son.”

¹⁶When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. ¹⁷Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah:

¹⁸“A voice was heard in Ramah,

wailing and loud lamentation,

Rachel weeping for her children;

she refused to be consoled, because they are no more.”

¹⁹When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, ²⁰Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead. ²¹Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. ²²But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. ²³There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, “He will be called a Nazorean.”

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

CANTATA: Ehre sei dir, Gott, gesungen, BWV 248.5
(Praises to you, God, be sung)

J. S. Bach

A translation of the cantata text is printed on page 29 of the Christmas Oratorio booklet.

Silence is observed, then:

- ☐ In many and various ways God spoke to his people of old by the prophets.
 ☑ **But now in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son.**

We stand.

MAGNIFICAT



☑ My soul pro-claims the great-ness of the Lord; my spir- it re-joic- es in
 God my Sav-ior, for he has looked with fa- vor on his low- ly ser- vant.
 From this day all gen- er - a - tions will call me bless- ed.
 The Al- might- y has done great things for me, and ho- ly is his name.
 He has mer- cy on those who fear him in ev- 'ry gen- er - a - tion.
 He has shown the strength of his arm; he has scat- tered the
 proud in their con- ceit. He has cast down the might- y from their thrones,



✠ PRAYERS ✠

LITANY



☐ In peace, let us pray to the Lord. ☑ Lord, have mer - cy.

After each petition:

☐ ...let us pray to the Lord.



☑ Lord, have mer - cy.

The litany continues:

☐ For the faithful who have gone before us and are at rest, let us give thanks to the Lord.



☑ Al - le - lu - ia.

The litany concludes:

☐ Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Silence is kept, then:

☐ Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ, our Lord.



☑ To you, O Lord.

☐ O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works: Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments; and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God forever.

☑ Amen.

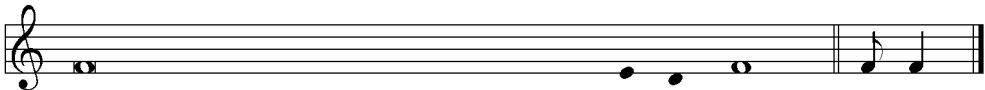
LORD'S PRAYER

- Ⓛ Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- Ⓒ **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

BENEDICAMUS DOMINO & BENEDICTION



Ⓛ Let us bless the Lord. Ⓒ Thanks be to God.



Ⓛ The almighty and merciful Lord,
the Father, † the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and pre-serve you. Ⓒ A-men



HYMN: Your Little Ones, Dear Lord



1 Your lit - tle ones, dear Lord, are we, and
 2 With songs we has - ten you to greet, and
 3 Oh, draw us whol - ly to you, Lord, and
 4 Un - til at last we too pro - claim, with



come your low - ly bed to see; en - light - en ev - 'ry
 kiss the ground be - fore your feet. Oh, bless - ed hour, oh,
 to us all your grace ac - cord; true faith and love to
 all your saints, your glo - rious name; in par - a - dise our



soul and mind, that we the way to you may find.
 sweet - est night that gave you birth, our soul's de - light.
 us im - part, that we may hold you in our heart.
 songs re - new, and praise you as the an - gels do.

Text: Hans A. Brorson, 1694–1764; tr. Harriet Krauth Spaeth, 1845–1925, alt.
 Music: HER KOMMER DINE ARME SMÅ, Johann A. P. Schulz, 1747–1800



DISMISSAL

☞ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

☞ **Thanks be to God!**

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Audition to sing with the choir or travel with us as we tour England and visit Leipzig in August 2016.



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including itinerary, pricing,
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Dec. 25–Jan. 6

BWV 248

Weihnachts-Oratorium *Christmas Oratorio*

Presented in worship at the following dates and times:

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|-----------------------------|--|
| December 25, 10 a.m. | Jauchzet, frohlocket, auf, preiset die Tage |
| December 26, 7 p.m. | Und es waren Hirten in derselben Gegend |
| December 27, 4 p.m. | Herrscher des Himmels, erhöere das Lallen |
| January 1, 10 a.m. | Fallt mit Danken, fallt mit Loben |
| January 3, 4 p.m. | Ehre sei dir, Gott, gesungen |
| January 6, 7 p.m. | Herr, wenn die stolzen Feinde schnauben |

January 31

BWV 125

Mit Fried und Freud ich fahr dahin *In peace and joy I now depart*

Kevin L. Strickland, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Chicago, Ill., homilist
Michael D. Costello, Grace Lutheran Church and School, River Forest, Ill., organist
Kapelle, Concordia University Chicago, guest choir; Charles P. Brown, director

February 28

BWV 199

Mein Herze schwimmt im Blut *My heart swims in blood*

Rebekah Weant Costello, St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Itasca, Ill., homilist
A. Corelli: Sonata in B-flat Major, Op. 1, No. 5; J. C. Graupner: Concerto for Bassoon in G Major, GWV 328

March 20

BWV 182

Himmelskönig, sei willkommen *King of heaven, welcome*

James L. Brooks, Harmony Community Church, Lawndale, Chicago, Ill., homilist
G. P. Telemann: Overture in A minor, TWV 55:a2

April 24

BWV 86

Wahrlich, wahrlich, ich sage euch *Truly, truly, I say to you*

David S. Yeago, Trinity School for Ministry, Ambridge, Penn., homilist
Steven Wentz, Concordia University Chicago, organist

May 22

BWV 129

Gelobet sei der Herr, mein Gott *Praised be the Lord, my God*

E. Jon Benson, St. John Lutheran Church, Council Bluffs, Iowa, homilist
J. S. Bach: Brandenburg Concerto No. 5 in D Major, BWV 1050

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