

THE PLAYERS

Lily Afshar, *guitar*
Ginger Statom, *soprano*
Lenora Morrow, *organ*
Gabriel Statom, *organ*
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BACH VESPERS

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

OPENING PRAYER FOR LIGHT

Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Almighty God, we give You thanks for surrounding us,
as daylight fades, with the brightness of the vesper light;
and as we implore 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.**

THE MUSIC

SELECTIONS FROM BWV 1007, *arranged by Lily Afshar for guitar*

Prelude
Allemande
Gigue

CHORALE, “NUN FREUT EUCH, LIEBEN CHRISTEN GMEIN”

Dear Christians, one and all, rejoice with exultation springing,
And with united heart and voice and holy rapture singing,
Proclaim the wonders God has done, how His right arm the victory won; most dearly it has cost Him.

He said to His beloved Son: 'tis time to have compassion.
Then go, bright Jewel of My crown, and bring to man salvation;
From sin and sorrow set him free, slay bitter death for him that he may live with Thee forever.

To man Christ said: Hold fast to Me, I am thy Rock and Castle;
Thy Ransom I Myself will be, for thee I strive and wrestle;
For I am with thee, I am thine, and evermore thou shalt be Mine: The Foe shall not divide us.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Ephesians 1:3-14

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CONCERTO IN D MINOR AFTER VIVALDI, BWV 596

Andante-Grave
Fugue
Largo e spiccato
Finale

SELECTIONS FROM BWV 998

Prelude
Allegro

CHORALE “FREU DICH SEHR, O MEINE SEELE”

O be glad, my soul, be cheerful, now forget thy grief, thy pain. Jesus calls thee, be not fearful, thou shalt life in heaven obtain.
Jesus bids thee to depart from life's cares and ills which smart, to enjoy eternal pleasure which we mortals cannot measure.

O be glad, my soul, be cheerful, now forget thy grief, thy pain. Jesus calls thee, be not fearful, thou shalt life in heaven obtain.
Endless is all joy in heaven, richest blessings there are given; there with angels pure and holy thou shalt sing, extol God's glory.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 17

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Thanks be to God.

SARABANDE, BWV 995

ALLEMANDE, BWV 1009

SILENT MEDITATION/PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:
For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

CHORALE “ES WOLLE GOTT UNS GN 'A' DIG SEIN”

May God bestow on us His grace, with blessings rich provide us,
And my the brightness of His face to life eternal guide us
That we His saving health may know, His gracious will and pleasure,
And also to the heathen show Christ's riches without measure and unto God convert them.

Thine over all shall be the praise and thanks of every nation,
And all the world with joy shall raise, the voice of exultation;
For Thou shalt judge the earth, O Lord, nor suffer sin to flourish;
Thy people's pasture is Thy Word their souls to feed and nourish, in righteous paths to keep them.

Oh, let the people praise Thy worth, in all good works increasing;
The land shall plenteous fruit bring forth, Thy Word is rich in blessing.
May God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit bless us!
Let all the world praise Him alone, let solemn awe possess us. Now let our hearts say, Amen.

CLOSING LITANY

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.