

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.**

ADAGIO FROM BRANDENBURG CONCERTO NO. 1, BWV 1049

SCRIPTURE LESSON

I Corinthians 13:1-13

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SELECTIONS FROM ORCHESTRAL SUITE NO. 4 IN D MAJOR, BWV 1069

CLOSING LITANY

Let us go forth into the world,
Rejoicing in the Spirit.
Thanks be to God.

THE PLAYERS

Gabriel Statom, *conductor, harpsichord*
Samuel Metzger and Molly Johnson, *organ*
Sophie Blatt, *mezzo-soprano*
Long Long Kang and Daniel Gilbert, *violin*
Beth Luscombe, *viola*
Griffin Brown, *cello*
Shelly Sublett, Nate Nix, Tara West, *oboe*



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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

SINFONIA FROM BWV 196
PRELUDE IN G MAJOR, BWV 568

SCRIPTURE LESSON

I Corinthians 3:4-11
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Thanks be to God.

CANTATA BWV 35 - "GEIST UND SEELE WIRD VERWIRRET"
Written for the Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

PART ONE

1. Sinfonia

2. Aria

Spirit and soul become confused
When they contemplate You, my God.
For the miracles that they know
And that people exultantly describe,
Has made them deaf and dumb.

3. Recitative

I am amazed; for everything we can see must fill us with awe.
If I consider You, dearest Son of God,
then flee my reason and understanding away.
You make it so that even a miracle is a poor thing compared to You.
You are in name, deed, and title preeminently wonderful,
no wondrous thing on this earth is like You.
You give hearing to the deaf, speech back to the dumb,
indeed, even more, at a word You open the lids of the blind.
These, these are miracles, and their power
is inexpressible even to the choir of angels.

4. Aria

God has made everything well. His love, his faithfulness is renewed for us daily.
When fear and grief oppress us, He has sent us lavish comfort,
since He watches over us daily. God has made everything well.

PART TWO

5. Sinfonia

6. Recitative

Ah, powerful God, let me think upon this continually,
then I can let You sink pleasantly into my soul.
Let Your sweet Hephata appease my totally obstinate heart;
Ah, only place your gracious finger upon my ears,
otherwise I would be already lost.
Touch my tongue as well with Your strong hand,
so that I might praise these miraculous signs in holy devotion
and reveal myself as Your heir and child.

7. Aria

I wish to live with God alone,
Ah, if only the time were already here
To raise a joyful Hallelujah with all the angels.
My dearest Jesus, lift the sorrowful yoke of suffering
And soon in Your hands let me end my tormented life.