

NIGHT SONG

The Second Sunday in Lent
First Church in Cambridge
March 4, 2012

OPENING

Chant: Reminiscere miserationum tuarum, Domine

Remember your mercies, Lord, and your love which is from all eternity. Do not let our enemies triumph over us; deliver us, O God of Israel, from all our tribulations. Unto you, O Lord, have I lifted up my soul; O my God I trust in you, let me not be put to shame. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Motet: O Lord, Increase My Faith by Henry Loosemore

O Lord, increase my faith, strengthen me and confirm me in Thy true faith. Endue me with wisdom, charity, chastity, and patience in all my adversity, sweet Jesus say Amen.

Opening Versicles

Motet: Purge Me, O Lord, From All my Sin by Thomas Tallis

Purge me, O Lord, from all my sin, and save Thou me by faith from ill, that I may rest and dwell with Thee upon Thy holy blessed hill. And that done, grant that with true heart I may without hypocrisy affirm the truth, detract no man, but do all things with equity.

Opening Versicles (concluded)

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 121 Levavi oculos, Tone 1.7

alternating with Anglican chant by Daryl Bichel

Chant: Tibi dixit cor meum

My heart declared to you: "Your commandments have I sought; I shall ever seek your countenance, O Lord; do not turn your face from me." The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

Lesson: Matthew 6:19-21

Office Hymn: Te lucis ante terminum

To Thee, before the close of day Creator of the world, we pray that with Thy wonted favor, Thou wouldst be our Guard and Keeper now.

From all ill dreams defend our eyes, from nightly fears and fantasies: tread under foot our ghostly foe, that no pollution we may know.

O Father, that we ask be done through Jesus Christ Thine only Son, who, with the Holy Ghost and Thee, shall live and reign eternally. Amen.

PRAYERS

Responsory: Into your hands

Kyrie from Missa Sine Nomine by G.P. da Palestrina

Lord's Prayer and Collect

Canticle: Guide us waking O Lord

CLOSING

Motet: Ave, dulcissima Maria by Carlo Gesualdo

Hail, sweetest Maria, true hope and life, sweet comfort! O Maria,
flower of virgins, pray for us to Jesus.

Blessing and Collect

*The Lydian plainchant setting of the service music was composed by
Daryl Bichel, Artistic Director for Night Song.*

WELCOME!

Thank you for your presence. May Night Song speak inwardly to you, and help you reach for the divine in this world.

Your Offering

Your offering will directly support Night Song. A check payable to First Church in Cambridge is a tax-deductible contribution. You may opt to contribute on-line. Go to <http://www.firstchurchcambridge.org/>, click on "Contribute," and then select "How to contribute on-line." Indicate your contribution as a gift directed to Night Song.

Night Song

For further information about Night Song and to add your name to our e-mail reminder list, go to www.nightsong.org. To inquire about singing in a Night Song choral group contact Daryl Bichel at 617.312.8328 or darylbichel@aol.com.

Canticum vespertinum

Cantus: Harriet Bridges and Julie Shapiro (cantor)
Altus: Martha Heddon and Michael Terranova
Tenor: Luca Daniel and Daniel Rosensweig
Bassus: Daryl Bichel and John Nesby

Thurifer: Bruce McLay
Piano: Ben Schwendener
Sax and Bass Neil Leonard
Clarinet:

Next Week

Beneficia lucis will sing Gregorian chant and motets by Byrd, Morales, and Palestrina. The instrumentalist will be cellist Michal Shein.

Icons

An icon is a religious work of art, most often a painting that typically depicts a holy being or object. Icons have been seen both as religious objects of veneration or worship and simply ornamental objects, depending on the tenets of given religious entities. Our icons depict Jesus and Mary.