A Service of Jazz Evensong

Sunday, October 26 2008    4:00 p.m.
Featuring Cindy Scott, vocalist, accompanied by Brian Seeger, guitarist, Tommy Sciple, bass, and Geoff Clapp, drums

Entrance of the Light
Jazz Bidding Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer

Glory to You, O God Almighty, glory to You this night.
O Heavenly King, Comforter, Spirit of Truth and Light, Who is everywhere present and who fills all things, You are the Giver and Protector of all life: Come and dwell within us, cleanse us of all impurity, and save our souls, O Gracious One. Holy and Mighty God, have mercy on these your servants who listen this hour and fill our ears with joyful and soulful sounds of artful creation. May we be inspired to become the dancers of your word and the singers of your truth. May we internalize the rhythms of creation and externalize the passionate message of your life through shining confidence in worship, prayer, faith, and the desire to be one with you and the Holy Spirit. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

Our Father, Who art in Heaven…

Opening Musical Selection

HYMN OF LIGHT (The “Phos hilaron”)

O gracious Light, pure brightness of our everlasting God in heaven.
O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed.
Now as we come to the setting of the sun, and our eyes behold the vespers light,
We sing your praises, O God, most holy and blessed Trinity.
You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices,
O Son of God, O Giver of Life, and to be glorified through all the worlds.

[ADAPTED BY TIMOTHY J. CROUCH FROM THE WORK OF CHARLES MORTIMER GULBERT]

Opening Hymn of Praise - The Vesper Hymn, # 545

Thanksgiving for the Light of Christ (Unison)

Blessed are you, Sovereign God, our light and our life;
to you be glory and praise forever!
When we turned away to darkness and chaos,
like a mother you would not forsake us.
You cried out like a woman in labor
and rejoiced to bring forth a new people.
Your living Word brings light out of darkness
and daily your Spirit renews the face of the earth,
bending our wills to the gentle rule of your love.
All thanks and praise to you,
Most holy and blessed Trinity,
One God, now and forever. Amen.

Psalm 103

Scripture Reading / Lesson from Old Testament

Musical Meditation
The Gloria (unison)
Glory to God, Love abounding before all ages;
Glory to God, Love shown forth in the self-emptying of Jesus Christ;
Glory to God, Love poured out through the gift of the Spirit, who fashions and renews the face of the earth;
Glory to the holy and blessed Trinity! All things abiding in Love, Love abiding in all things. As it is now, ever was, and ever shall be for endless ages. Amen.
[David N. Power]

Hymn # 543 “Abide With Me” verses 1 + 2 only

Psalm 150

Hymn # 43 “All Praise to Thee” (verses 1 and 4 only)

Musical Selection

A Prayer for Peace
 Most holy God, the source of all good desires, all right judgements, and all just works; Give to us, your servants, that unchanging peace which the world cannot give, so that our minds may be fixed on the doing of your will, and the fear of our enemies having been removed, we may pass our time in rest and quietness; Through the mercies of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.
[Gelasian Sacramentary, 8th Century]

Closing Hymn “Day is Done” (see handout)

Musical Selection

Words of Benediction
 The Lord Jesus Christ be near you to defend you, within you to refresh you, around you to preserve you, before you to guide you, behind you to justify you, above you to bless you, who lives and reigns with the Almighty and with the Holy Spirit, one God, holy and blessed Trinity, who is now, ever was, and ever shall be to endless ages! Let us bless the Lord. Thanks be to God!