GATHERING

Organ Prelude

*Introit

Invitatory on O Filii et Filiae

*Processional Hymn 317 (stanzas 1-5)

O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing

*Opening Sentence

Leader: Light and peace in Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

*Collect for Light

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

PROCLAMATION

Old Testament Lesson—Song of Songs 1:1-8,15-17

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Exultate Deo

Exultate Deo, adjutori nostro, jubilate Deo Jacob. Sumite psalmum et date tympanum, psalterium jucundum cum cithara. Bucinate in neomenia tuba insigni die solemnitatis vestrae.

Sing Joyfully unto God our strength. Sing loud unto the God of Jacob. Take the song and bring forth the timbrel, the pleasant harp, and the viol. Blow the trumpet in the new moon, even in the time appointed, and at our feast day. For this is a statute for Israel and a law of the God of Jacob.

—Psalm 81:1-3
New Testament Lesson—James 2:14-26
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Ah, you are beautiful, my love; ah, you are beautiful; your eyes are doves. Ah, you are beautiful, my beloved, truly lovely. Our couch is green; the beams of our house are cedar, our rafters are pine. I am a rose of Sharon, a lily of the valleys. As a lily among brambles, so is my love among maidens. He brought me to the banqueting house, and his intention toward me was love. Sustain me with raisins, refresh me with apples; for I am faint with love.

—Song of Solomon 1:15-2:2, 2:4-5

*Gospel Lesson—John 15:12-27 (congregation stands)
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSE

*Suffrages on O FILII ET FILIAE
(The congregation sings the responses on the opposite page)

Prayers (congregation seated)
The Lord’s Prayer

SENDING FORTH

*Recessional Hymn 306
The Strife Is O’er, the Battle Done VICTORY

*Benediction

*Choral Dismissal
Nunc Dimittis on O FILII ET FILIAE

Postlude

You are welcome to stay for the organ postlude.
Should you need to leave, please do so quietly and respectfully.