Calvary Episcopal: December 20, 2020 Hymns

Opening Hymn #56 O come, O come, Emmanuel

1 O come, O come, Emmanuel,

and ransom captive Israel,

that mourns in lonely exile here

until the Son of God appear.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel

shall come to thee, O Israel!

2 O come, thou Wisdom from on high,

who orderest all things mightily;

to us the path of knowledge show,

and teach us in her ways to go.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel

shall come to thee, O Israel!

3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might,

who to thy tribes on Sinai’s height

in ancient times didst give the law,

in cloud, and majesty, and awe.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel

shall come to thee, O Israel!

4 O come, thou Branch of Jesse’s tree,

free them from Satan’s tyranny

that trust thy mighty power to save,

and give them victory o’er the grave.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel

shall come to thee, O Israel!

5 O come, thou Key of David, come,

and open wide our heavenly home;

make safe the way that leads on high,

and close the path to misery.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel

shall come to thee, O Israel!

6 O come, thou Dayspring from on high,

and cheer us by thy drawing nigh;

disperse the gloomy clouds of night,

and death’s dark shadow put to flight.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel

shall come to thee, O Israel!

*Words: Latin, ca. 9th cent.; ver. Hymnal 1940, alt.*

*Music: Veni, veni, Emmanuel, plainsong, Mode 1, Processionale, 15th cent.; adapt. Thomas Helmore (1811-1890); acc. Richard Proulx (b. 1937)*

*Meter: LM with Refrain*

Gospel (Sequence) Hymn #54 Savior of the nations, come

1 Savior of the nations, come!

Virgin’s Son, make here your home.

Marvel now, both heaven and earth,

that the Lord chose such a birth.

2 Wondrous birth! Oh, wondrous child

of the Virgin undefiled!

Mighty God and Mary’s son,

eager now his race to run!

3 Thus on earth the Word appears,

gracing his created spheres;

hence to death and hell descends,

then the heavenly throne ascends.

4 Come, O Father’s saving Son,

who o’er sin the victory won.

Boundless shall your kingdom be;

grant that we its glories see.

*Words: Martin Luther (1483-1546) after Ambrose of Milan (340-397); tr. William M. Reynolds (1812-1876) and James Waring McCrady (b. 1938)*

*Music: Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, melody from Erfurt Enchiridia, 1524; harm. Melchior Vulpius (1560?-1616)*

*Meter: 77. 77*

Closing Hymn #66 Come, thou long-expected Jesus

1 Come, thou long-expected Jesus,

born to set thy people free;

from our fears and sins release us,

let us find our rest in thee.

2 Israel’s strength and consolation,

hope of all the earth thou art:

dear desire of every nation,

joy of every longing heart.

3 Born thy people to deliver,

born a child, and yet a king,

born to reign in us for ever,

now thy gracious kingdom bring.

4 By thine own eternal Spirit

rule in all our hearts alone;

by thine all-sufficient merit

raise us to thy glorious throne.

*Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)*

*Music: Stuttgart, melody from Psalmodia Sacra, oder Andächtige und Schöne Gesange, 1715; adapt. and harm. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870), alt.*

*Meter: 87. 87*