Calvary Hymns May 9, 2021

Opening Hymn 291 We plow the fields, and scatter

1 We plow the fields, and scatter

the good seed on the land,

but it is fed and watered

by God’s almighty hand;

he sends the snow in winter,

the warmth to swell the grain,

the breezes and the sunshine,

and soft refreshing rain.

Refrain

All good gifts around us

are sent from heaven above;

then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord

for all his love.

2 He only is the Maker

of all things near and far;

he paints the wayside flower,

he lights the evening star;

the winds and waves obey him,

by him the birds are fed;

much more to us, his children,

he gives our daily bread.

Refrain

3 We thank thee, then, O Father,

for all things bright and good,

the seedtime and the harvest,

our life, our health, our food:

the gifts we have to offer

are what thy love imparts,

but chiefly thou desirest

our humble thankful hearts.

Refrain

*Words: Matthias Claudius (1740-1815); tr. Jane Montgomery Campbell (1817-1878), alt.*

*Music: Wir Pflugen, Johann Abraham Peter Schulz (1747-1800)*

*Meter: 76. 76. D with Refrain*

Sequence Hymn 705 As those of old their first fruits brought

1 As those of old their first fruits brought

of vineyard, flock, and field

to God, the giver of all good,

the source of bounteous yield;

so we today our first fruits bring,

the wealth of this good land,

of farm and market, shop and home,

of mind, and heart, and hand.

2 A world in need now summons us

to labor, love, and give;

to make our life an offering

to God that all may live;

the Church of Christ is calling us

to make the dream come true:

a world redeemed by Christ-like love;

all life in Christ made new.

3 With gratitude and humble trust

we bring our best to thee

to serve thy cause and share thy love

with all humanity.

O thou who gavest us thyself

in Jesus Christ thy Son,

help us to give ourselves each day

until life’s work is done.

*Words: Frank von Christierson (1900-1996), alt.*

*Music: Forest Green, English melody; adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)*

*Meter: CMD*

Hymn at Communion 342 O Bread of Life

1 O Bread of Life, for sinners broken,

of God’s own love his dearest token,

we hear the words so gently spoken,

“Do this for me, in my remembrance.”

2 For all we seek your grace sustaining;

your love shines though your strength is waning,

thus by your death our life obtaining.

“Come unto me, you heavy laden.”

3 Now may your life to us descending

enter our live, all veils thus rending,

Emmanuel, our joy unending.

“I am with you, this day and ever.”

*Words: Timothy Ting Fang Lew (1892-1947; tr. Frank W. Price (1895-1974), alt.*

*Music: Sheng en, melody Su Yin-Lan (20th cent.)*

Closing Hymn 412 Earth and all stars

1 Earth and all stars,

loud rushing planets,

sing to the Lord a new song!

O victory,

loud shouting army,

sing to the Lord a new song!

Refrain

He hath done marvelous things.

I, too, will praise him with a new song!

2 Hail, wind, and rain,

loud blowing snowstorms,

sing to the Lord a new song!

Flowers and trees,

loud rustling dry leaves,

sing to the Lord a new song!

Refrain

3 Trumpet and pipes,

loud clashing cymbals,

sing to the Lord a new song!

Harp, lute, and lyre,

loud humming cellos,

sing to the Lord a new song!

Refrain

4 Engines and steel,

loud pounding hammers,

sing to the Lord a new song!

Limestone and beams,

loud building workers,

sing to the Lord a new song!

Refrain

5 Classrooms and labs,

loud boiling test-tubes,

sing to the Lord a new song!

Athlete and band,

loud cheering people,

sing to the Lord a new song!

Refrain

6 Knowledge and truth,

loud sounding wisdom,

sing to the Lord a new song!

Daughter and son,

loud praying members,

sing to the Lord a new song!

Refrain

*Words: Herbert F. Brokering (b. 1926)*

*Music: Earth and All Stars, David N. Johnson (1922-1987)*

*Meter: 45. 7. D with Refrain*