Calvary Hymns December 5, 2021

Processional (Opening) 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*

Sequence Hymn 67 Comfort, comfort ye my people

1 Comfort, comfort ye my people,

speak ye peace, thus saith our God;

comfort those who sit in darkness

mourning ’neath their sorrows’ load.

Speak ye to Jerusalem

of the peace that waits for them;

tell her that her sins I cover,

and her warfare now is over.

2 Hark, the voice of one that crieth

in the desert far and near,

calling us to new repentance

since the kingdom now is here.

Oh, that warning cry obey!

Now prepare for God a way;

let the valleys rise to meet him

and the hills bow down to greet him.

3 Make ye straight what long was crooked,

make the rougher places plain;

let your hearts be true and humble,

as befits his holy reign.

For the glory of the Lord

now o’er earth is shed abroad;

and all flesh shall see the token

that the word is never broken.

*Words: Johann G. Olearius (1611-1684); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt.*

*Music: Psalm 42, melody and bass Claude Goudimel (1514-1572); harm. Hymnal 1982*

*Meter: 87. 87. 77. 88*

Communion 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*

Recessional (Closing) Hymn 462 The Lord will come and not be slow

1 The Lord will come and not be slow,

his footsteps cannot err;

before him righteousness shall go,

his royal harbinger.

2 Truth from the earth, like to a flower,

shall bud and blossom show;

and justice, from her heavenly bower,

look down on us below.

3 Rise, God, judge thou the earth in might,

this wicked earth redress;

for thou art he who shalt by right

the nations all possess.

4 The nations all whom thou hast made

shall come, and all shall frame

to bow them low before thee, Lord,

and glorify thy Name.

5 For great thou art, and wonders great

by thy strong hand are done:

thou in thy everlasting seat

remainest God alone.

*Words: John Milton (1608-1674), alt.*

*Music: York, melody from The CL Psalmes of David, 1615; adapt. The Whole Booke of Psalmes, 1621; harm, John Milton, Sr. (1563?-1647)*

*Meter: CM*