Calvary Episcopal: Choral Evensong, February 28, 2021

O gracious Light, Lord Jesus Christ

1 O gracious Light, Lord Jesus Christ,

in you the Father’s glory shone.

Immortal, holy, blest is he,

and blest are you, his holy Son.

2 Now sunset comes, but light shines forth,

the lamps are lit to pierce the night.

Praise Father, Son, and Spirit: God

who dwells in the eternal light.

3 Worthy are you of endless praise,

O Son of God, Life-giving Lord;

wherefore you are through all the earth

and in the highest heaven adored.

*Words: Greek, 3rd cent.; tr. F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984); para. of O Gracious Light*

*Music: The Eighth Tune, Thomas Tallis (1505?-1585); adapt. Hymnal 1982*

*Meter: LM*

Christ is made the sure foundation

1 Christ is made the sure foundation,

Christ the head and cornerstone,

chosen of the Lord, and precious,

binding all the Church in one;

holy Zion’s help for ever,

and her confidence alone.

2 All that dedicated city,

dearly loved of God on high,

in exultant jubilation

pours perpetual melody;

God the One in Three adoring

in glad hymns eternally.

3 To this temple, where we call thee,

come, O Lord of Hosts, today;

with thy wonted loving-kindness

hear thy servants as they pray,

and thy fullest benediction

shed within its walls alway.

4 Here vouchsafe to all thy servants

what they ask of thee to gain;

what they gain from thee, for ever

with the blessèd to retain,

and hereafter in thy glory

evermore with thee to reign.

*Words: Latin, ca. 7th cent.; tr. Hymns Ancient and Modern, 1861, after John Mason Neale (1818-1856), alt.*

*Music: Westminster Abbey, Henry Purcell (1659-1695), adapt; desc. James Gillespie (b. 1929)*

*Meter: 87. 87. 87*