Calvary Church Hymns April 18, 2021

Opening Hymn 182

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing

1 Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.

His cross stands empty to the sky.

Let streets and homes with praises ring.

His love in death shall never die.

2 Christ is alive! No longer bound

to distant years in Palestine,

he comes to claim the here and now

and conquer every place and time.

3 Not throned above, remotely high,

untouched, unmoved by human pains,

but daily, in the midst of life,

our Savior with the Father reigns.

4 In every insult, rift, and war

where color, scorn or wealth divide,

he suffers still, yet loves the more,

and lives, though ever crucified.

5 Christ is alive! His Spirit burns

through this and every future age,

till all creation lives and learns

his joy, his justice, love, and praise.

*Words: Brian A. Wren (b. 1936), rev.*

*Music: Truro, melody from Psalmodia Evangelica, Part II, 1789; harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872), alt.*

*Meter: LM*

Sequence (Gospel) Hymn 184

Christ the Lord is risen again

1 Christ the Lord is risen again!

Christ has broken every chain!

Now through all the world it rings

that the Lamb is King of kings.

Alleluia!

*Refrain Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

*Christ, our Paschal Lamb indeed,*

*Christ, today your people feed.*

*Alleluia!*

2 He who gave for us his life,

who for us endured the strife,

takes our sin and guilt away

that with angels we may say:

Alleluia!

*Refrain*

3 He who bore all pain and loss

comfortless upon the cross

is exalted now to save,

wresting victory from the grave.

Alleluia!

*Refrain*

*Words: Michael Weisse (1480-1534); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt.*

*Music: Christ ist erstanden, melody from Geistliche Lieder, 1533; harm. after Hans Leo Hassler (1564-1612)*

*Meter: 77. 77. 4 with Refrain*

Hymn at Communion 487

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life

1 Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:

such a way as gives us breath;

such a truth as ends all strife;

such a life as killeth death.

2 Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength:

such a light as shows a feast;

such a feast as mends in length;

such a strength as makes his guest.

3 Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:

such a joy as none can move;

such a love as none can part;

such a heart as joys in love.

*Words: George Herbert (1593-1633)*

*Music: The Call, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)*

*Meter: 77. 77*

Closing Hymn 180

He is risen, he is risen

1 He is risen, he is risen!

Tell it out with joyful voice:

he has burst his three days’ prison;

let the whole wide earth rejoice:

death is conquered, we are free,

Christ has won the victory.

2 Come, ye sad and fearful-hearted,

with glad smile and radiant brow!

Death’s long shadows have departed;

Jesus’ woes are over now,

and the passion that he bore-

sin and pain can vex no more.

3 Come, with high and holy hymning,

hail our Lord’s triumphant day;

not one darksome cloud is dimming

yonder glorious morning ray,

breaking o’er the purple east,

symbol of our Easter feast.

4 He is risen, he is risen!

He hath opened heaven’s gate:

we are free from sin’s dark prison,

risen to a holier state;

and a brighter Easter beam

on our longing eyes shall stream.

*Words: Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895), alt.*

*Music: Unser Herrscher, Joachim Neander (1650-1680)*

*Meter: 87. 87. 77*