Calvary Episcopal: December 6, 2020 Hymns

Opening 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*

Gospel (Sequence) Hymn #65 Prepare the way, O Zion

1 Prepare the way, O Zion,

your Christ is drawing near!

Let every hill and valley

a level way appear.

Greet One who comes in glory,

foretold in sacred story.

Oh, blest is Christ that came

in God’s most holy Name.

2 He brings God’s rule, O Zion;

he comes from heaven above.

His rule is peace and freedom,

and justice, truth, and love.

Lift high your praise resounding,

for grace and joy abounding.

Oh, blest is Christ that came

in God’s most holy Name

3 Fling wide your gates, O Zion;

your Savior’s rule embrace.

His tidings of salvation

proclaim in every place.

All lands will bow before him,

their voices will adore him.

Oh, blest is Christ that came

in God’s most holy Name

*Words: Frans Mikael Franzen (1772-1847); tr. composite; adapt. Charles P. Price (1920-1999)*

*Music: Bereden väg för Herran, melody from Then Swenska Psalmboken, 1697; harm. Koralbok för Svenska Kyrkan, 1939, alt.*

*Meter: 76. 76. 77 with Refrain*

Closing Hymn #76 On Jordan’s bank the Baptist’s cry

1 On Jordan’s bank the Baptist’s cry

announces that the Lord is nigh;

awake and hearken, for he brings

glad tidings of the King of kings.

2 Then cleansed be every breast from sin;

make straight the way for God within,

and let each heart prepare a home

where such a mighty guest may come.

3 For thou art our salvation, Lord,

our refuge, and our great reward;

without thy grace we waste away

like flowers that wither and decay.

4 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand,

and bid the fallen sinner stand;

shine forth, and let thy light restore

earth’s own true loveliness once more.

5 All praise, eternal Son, to thee,

whose advent doth thy people free;

whom with the Father we adore

and Holy Spirit evermore.

*Words: Charles Coffin (1676-1749); tr. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944), after John Chandler (1806-1876); alt.*

*Music: Winchester New, melody from Musicalishes Hand-Buch, 1690; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889), alt.*

*Meter: LM*