Calvary Hymns June 20, 2021

Opening Hymn 379 God is Love, let heaven adore him

1 God is Love, let heaven adore him;

God is Love, let earth rejoice;

let creation sing before him

and exalt him with one voice.

God who laid the earth’s foundation,

God who spread the heaven above,

God who breathes through all creation:

God is Love, eternal Love.

2 God is Love; and Love enfolds us,

all the world in one embrace:

with unfailing grasp God holds us,

every child of every race.

And when human hearts are breaking

under sorrow’s iron rod,

then we find that selfsame aching

deep within the heart of God.

3 God is Love; and though with blindness

sin afflicts all human life,

God’s eternal loving-kindness

guides us through our earthly strife.

Sin and death and hell shall never

o’er us final triumph gain;

God is Love, so Love for ever

o’er the universe must reign.

*Words: Timothy Rees (1874-1939), alt.*

*Music: Abbot’s Leigh, Cyril Vincent Taylor (1907-1991)*

*Meter: 87. 87. D*

Sequence Hymn 699 Jesus, Lover of my soul

1 Jesus, Lover of my soul,

let me to thy bosom fly,

while the nearer waters roll,

while the tempest still is high:

hide me, O my Savior, hide,

till the storm of life be past;

safe into the haven guide,

O receive my soul at last.

2 Other refuge have I none,

hangs my helpless soul on thee;

leave, ah! leave me not alone,

still support and comfort me!

All my trust on thee is stayed;

all my help from thee I bring;

cover my defenseless head

with the shadow of thy wing.

3 Plenteous grace with thee is found,

grace to cleanse from every sin;

let the healing streams abound,

make and keep me pure within.

Thou of life the fountain art,

freely let me take of thee:

spring thou up within my heart,

rise to all eternity.

*Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1783), alt.*

*Music: Aberystwyth, Joseph Parry (1841-1903)*

*Meter: 77. 77. D*

Hymn at Communion 314 Humbly I adore thee, Verity unseen

1 Humbly I adore thee, Verity unseen,

who thy glory hidest ’neath these shadows mean;

lo, to thee surrendered, my whole heart is bowed,

tranced as it beholds thee, shrined within the cloud.

2 Taste and touch and vision to discern thee fail;

faith, that comes by hearing, pierces through the veil.

I believe whate’er the Son of God hath told;

what the Truth hath spoken, that for truth I hold.

3 O memorial wondrous of the Lord’s own death;

living Bread that givest all thy creatures breath,

grant my spirit ever by thy life may live,

to my taste thy sweetness never-failing give.

4 Jesus, whom now hidden, I by faith behold,

what my soul doth long for, that thy word foretold:

face to face thy splendor, I at last shall see,

in the glorious vision, blessed Lord, of thee.

*Words: Att. Thomas Aquinas (1225?-1274); sts. 1-3, tr. Hymnal 1940; st. 4, tr. Hymnal 1982*

*Music: Adoro devote, French church melody, Mode 5, Processionale, 1697; acc. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944), alt.*

*Meter: 11 11. 11 11*

Closing Hymn 579 Almighty Father, strong to save

1 Almighty Father, strong to save,

whose arm hath bound the restless wave,

who bidd’st the mighty ocean deep

its own appointed limits keep:

O hear us when we cry to thee

for those in peril on the sea.

2 O Christ, the Lord of hill and plain

o’er which our traffic runs amain

by mountain pass or valley low;

wherever, Lord, thy people go,

protect them by thy guarding hand

from every peril on the land.

3 O Spirit, whom the Father sent

to spread abroad the firmament;

O Wind of heaven, by thy might

save all who dare the eagle’s flight,

and keep them by thy watchful care

from every peril in the air.

4 O Trinity of love and power,

our people shield in danger’s hour;

from rock and tempest, fire and foe,

protect them wheresoe’re they go;

thus evermore shall rise to thee

glad praise from space, air, land, and sea.

*Words: Sts. 1 and 4, William Whiting (1825-1878), alt.; sts. 2-3, Robert Nelson Spencer (1877-1961), alt.*

*Music: Melita, John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876)*

*Meter: 88. 88. 88*