Calvary Hymns October 17, 2021

Opening Hymn 492 Sing, ye faithful, sing with gladness

1 Sing, ye faithful, sing with gladness,

wake your noblest, sweetest strain,

with the praises of your Savior

let his house resound again;

him let all your music honor,

and your songs exalt his reign.

2 Sing how he came forth from heaven,

bowed himself to Bethlehem’s cave,

stooped to wear the servant’s vesture,

bore the pain, the cross, the grave,

passed within the gates of darkness,

thence his banished ones to save.

3 So, he tasted death for mortals,

he, of humankind the head,

sinless one, among the sinful,

Prince of life, among the dead;

thus he wrought the full redemption,

and the captor captive led.

4 Now on high, yet ever with us,

from his Father’s throne the Son

rules and guides the world he ransomed,

till the appointed work be done,

till he see, renewed and perfect,

all things gathered into one.

*Words: John Ellerton (1826-1893), alt.*

*Music: Finnian, Christopher Dearnley (b. 1930)*

*Meter: 87. 87. 87*

Sequence Hymn 455 O Love of God, how strong and true

1 O Love of God, how strong and true,

eternal and year ever new;

uncomprehended and unbought,

beyond all knowledge and all thought.

2 O wide-embracing, wondrous Love,

we read thee in the sky above;

we read thee in the earth below,

in seas that swell and streams that flow.

3 We read thee best in him who came

to bear for us the cross of shame,

sent by the Father from on high,

our life to live, our death to die.

4 We read thy power to bless and save

e’en in the darkness of the grave;

still more in resurrection light

we read the fullness of thy might.

*Words: Horatius Bonar (1808-1889)*

*Music: Dunedin, Vernon Griffiths (b. 1894)*

Closing Hymn 530 Spread, O spread, thou mighty word

1 Spread, O spread, thou mighty word,

spread the kingdom of the Lord,

that to earth’s remotest bound

all may heed the joyful sound;

2 word of how the Father’s will

made the world, and keeps it, still;

how his only Son he gave,

earth from sin and death to save;

3 word of how the Savior’s love

earth’s sore burden doth remove;

how forever, in its need,

through his death the world is freed;

4 word of how the Spirit came

bringing peace in Jesus’ name;

how his never-failing love

guides us on to heaven above.

5 Word of life, most pure and strong,

word for which the nations long,

spread abroad, until from night

all the world awakes to light.

*Words: Jonathan Friedrich Bahnmaier (1774-1841); tr. Arthur William Farlander (1898-1952) and Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944), alt. St. 4, F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984)*

*Music: Gott sei Dank, melody from Geistreiches Gesangbuch, 1704; adapt. and harm. William Henry Havergel (1793-1870)*

*Meter: 77. 77*