Calvary Hymns December 19, 2021

Processional Hymn 56 O come, O come, Emmanuel

1 O come, O come, Emmanuel,

and ransom captive Israel,

that mourns in lonely exile here

until the Son of God appear.

*Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel*

*shall come to thee, O Israel!*

2 O come, thou Wisdom from on high,

who orderest all things mightily;

to us the path of knowledge show,

and teach us in her ways to go.

*Refrain*

3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might,

who to thy tribes on Sinai’s height

in ancient times didst give the law,

in cloud, and majesty, and awe.

*Refrain*

4 O come, thou Branch of Jesse’s tree,

free them from Satan’s tyranny

that trust thy mighty power to save,

and give them victory o’er the grave.

*Refrain*

5 O come, thou Key of David, come,

and open wide our heavenly home;

make safe the way that leads on high,

and close the path to misery.

*Refrain*

6 O come, thou Dayspring from on high,

and cheer us by thy drawing nigh;

disperse the gloomy clouds of night,

and death’s dark shadow put to flight.

*Refrain*

7 O come, Desire of nations, bind

in one the hearts of all mankind;

bid thou our sad divisions cease,

and be thyself our King of Peace.

*Refrain*

8 O come, O come, Emmanuel,

and ransom captive Israel,

that mourns in lonely exile here

until the Son of God appear.

*Refrain*

*Words: Latin, ca. 9th cent.; ver. Hymnal 1940, alt. Music: Veni, veni, Emmanuel, plainsong, Mode 1, Processionale, 15th cent.; adapt. Thomas Helmore (1811-1890); acc. Richard Proulx (b. 1937)*

Sequence Hymn 265 The angel Gabriel from heaven came

1 The angel Gabriel from heaven came,

his wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame;

“All hail,” said he, “thou lowly maiden Mary,

most highly favored lady,” Gloria!

2 “For know a blessèd Mother thou shalt be,

all generations laud and honor thee,

thy Son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold,

most highly favored lady,” Gloria!

3 Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head,

“To me be as it pleaseth God,” she said,

“my soul shall laud and magnify his holy Name.”

Most highly favored lady, Gloria!

4 Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ, was born

in Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn,

and Christian folk throughout the world will ever say-

“Most highly favored lady,” Gloria!

*Words: Basque carol; para. Sabine Baring-Gould (1834-1924)*

*Music: Gabriel’s Message, Basque carol; harm. Edgar Pettman (1865-1943)*

*Meter: 10 10. 12 10*

Hymn at Communion 258 Virgin-born, we bow before thee

1 Virgin-born, we bow before thee:

blessèd was the womb that bore thee;

Mary, Mother meek and mild,

blessèd was she in her child.

Blessèd was the breast that fed thee;

Blessèd was the hand that led thee;

blessèd was the parent’s eye

that watched thy slumbering infancy.

2 Blessèd she by all creation,

who brought forth the world’s salvation,

and blessèd they, for ever blest,

who love thee most and serve thee best.

Virgin-born, we bow before thee;

blessèd was the womb that bore thee;

Mary, Mother meek and mild,

blessèd was she in her Child.

*Words: Reginald Heber (1783-1826)*

*Music: Psalm 86, Claude Goudimel (1514-1572), alt.*

*Meter: 88. 77. D*

Recessional Hymn 267 Praise we the Lord this day

1 Praise we the Lord this day,

this day so long foretold,

whose promise shone with cheering ray

on waiting saints of old.

2 The prophet gave the sign

for faithful folk to read:

a virgin born of David’s line

shall bear the promised seed.

3 Ask not how this should be,

but worship and adore,

like her whom heaven’s Majesty

came down to shadow o’er.

4 She meekly bowed her head

to hear the gracious word,

Mary, the pure and lowly maid,

the favored of the Lord.

5 Most blest shall be her name

in all the Church on earth,

through whom that wondrous mercy came,

the incarnate Savior’s birth.

*Words: Anon., Hymns for Festivals and Saints’ Days of the Church of England, 1846, alt.*

*Music: St. George, Henry John Gauntlett (1805-1876)*

*Meter: SM*