Calvary Church Hymns May 23, 2021

Opening Hymn 225 Lo, in the likeness of fire, on those who await his appearing

*Refrain*

*Hail thee, festival day!*

*blest day that art hallowed for ever,*

*day when the Holy Ghost*

*shone in the world with God’s grace.*

1 Lo, in the likeness of fire, on those who await his appearing,

he whom the Lord foretold suddenly, swiftly, descends:

*Refrain*

2 Forth from the Father he comes with sevenfold mystical offering,

pouring on all human so infinite riches of God:

*Refrain*

3 Hark! for in myriad tongues Christ’s own, his chosen apostles,

preach to the ends of the earth Christ and his wonderful works:

*Refrain*

4 Praise to the Spirit of Life, all praise to the fount of our being,

light that dost lighten all, life that in all dost abide:

*Refrain*

*Words: Venantius Honorius Fortunatus (540?-600?); tr. English Hymnal, 1906, alt.*

*Music: Salve festa dies, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)*

*Meter: Irr.*

Sequence Hymn 516 Come down, O Love divine

1 Come down, O Love divine,

seek thou this soul of mine,

and visit it with thine own ardor glowing;

O Comforter, draw near,

within my heart appear,

and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

2 O let it freely burn,

till earthly passions turn

to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;

and let thy glorious light

shine ever on my sight,

and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

3 And so the yearning strong,

with which the soul will long,

shall far outpass the power of human telling;

for none can guess its grace,

till Love create a place

wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.

*Words: Bianco da Siena (d. 1434?); tr. Richard Frederick Littledale (1833-1890), alt.*

*Music: Down Ampney, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)*

*Meter: 66. 11. D*

Hymn at Communion 504 Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire

1 Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire,

and lighten with celestial fire.

2 Thou the anointing Spirit art,

who dost thy sevenfold gifts impart.

3 Thy blessèd unction from above

is comfort, life, and fire of love.

4 Enable with perpetual light

the dullness of our blinded sight.

5 Anoint and cheer our soiled face

with the abundance of thy grace.

6 Keep far our foes, give peace at home:

where thou art guide, no ill can come.

7 Teach us to know the Father, Son,

and thee, of both, to be but One,

8 that through the ages all along,

this may be our endless song:

9 praise to thy eternal merit,

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*Words: Latin, 9th cent.; tr. John Cosin (1594-1672); para. of Veni Creator Spiritus*

*Music: Veni Creator Spiritus, plainsong, Mode 8; acc. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944)*

*Meter: LM*

Closing Hymn 573 Father eternal, Ruler of creation

1 Father eternal, Ruler of creation,

Spirit of life, which moved ere form was made,

through the thick darkness covering every nation,

light to our blindness, O be thou our aid:

*Refrain*

*thy kingdom come, O Lord,*

*thy will be done.*

2 Races and peoples, lo, we stand divided,

and, sharing not our griefs, no joy can share;

by wars and tumults love is mocked, derided;

his saving cross no nation yet will bear:

*Refrain*

3 Envious of heart, blind-eyed, with tongues confounded,

nation by nation still goes unforgiven,

in wrath and fear, by jealousies surrounded,

building proud towers which shall not reach to heaven:

*Refrain*

4 Lust of possession worketh desolations;

there is no meekness in the powers of earth;

led by no star, the rulers of the nations

still fail to bring us to the blissful birth:

*Refrain*

5 How shall we love thee, holy hidden Being,

if we love not the world which thou hast made?

Bind us in thine own love for better seeing

thy Word made flesh, and in a manger laid:

*Refrain*

*Words: Laurence Housman (1865-1959), alt.*

*Music: Langham, Geoffrey Turton Shaw (1879-1943)*

*Meter: 11 10. 11 10. 10*