Calvary Episcopal: January 17, 2021 hymns

Opening Hymn 324 Let all mortal flesh keep silence

1 Let all mortal flesh keep silence,

and with fear and trembling stand;

ponder nothing earthly-minded,

for with blessing in his hand

Christ our God to earth descendeth,

our full homage to demand.

2 King of kings, yet born of Mary,

as of old on earth he stood,

Lord of lords in human vesture,

in the Body and the Blood

he will give to all the faithful

his own self for heavenly food.

3 Rank on rank the host of heaven

spreads its vanguard on the way,

as the Light of Light descendeth

from the realms of endless day,

that the powers of hell may vanish

as the darkness clears away.

4 At his feet the six-winged seraph;

cherubim with sleepless eye

veil their faces to the Presence,

as with ceaseless voice they cry,

“Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, Lord Most High!”

*Words: Liturgy of St. James; para. Gerard Moultrie (1829-1885)*

*Music: Picardy, French carol, 17th cent.; melody from Chansons populaires des Provinces de France, 1860; harm. after The English Hymnal, 1906*

*Meter: 87. 87. 87*

Gospel (Sequence) Hymn 126 The people who in darkness walked

1 The people who in darkness walked

have seen a glorious light;

on them broke forth the heavenly dawn

who dwelt in death and night.

2 To hail thy rising, Sun of life,

the gathering nations come,

joyous as when the reapers bear

their harvest treasures home.

3 To us the promised Child is born,

to us the Son is given;

him shall the tribes of earth obey,

and all the hosts of heaven.

4 His name shall be the Prince of Peace

for evermore adored,

the Wonderful, the Counselor,

the mighty God and Lord.

5 His power increasing still shall spread,

his reign no end shall know;

justice shall guard his throne above,

and peace abound below.

*Words: John Morison (1749-1798), alt.; para. of Isaiah 9:2-7*

*Music: Dundee, melody The CL Psalmes of Davis, 1615; harm. Thomas Ravenscroft (1592-1635?), alt.*

*Meter: CM*

Closing Hymn 535 Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim

1 Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim,

and publish abroad his wonderful Name;

the Name all-victorious of Jesus extol:

his kingdom is glorious; he rules over all.

2 God ruleth on high, almighty to save;

and still he is nigh: his presence we have.

The great congregation his triumph shall sing,

ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.

3 Salvation to God who sits on the throne!

Let all cry aloud, and honor the Son.

The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,

fall down on their faces, and worship the Lamb.

4 Then let us adore, and give him his right:

All glory and power, all wisdom and might,

and honor and blessing, with angels above,

and thanks never-ceasing and infinite love.

*Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt.*

*Music: Paderborn, melody from Catolisch-Paderbornisches Gesang-buch, 1765; harm. Sydney Hugo Nicholson (1875-1947)*

*Meter: 10 10. 11 11*