Calvary Episcopal: January 10, 2021 hymns

Opening Hymn 139 When Jesus went to Jordan’s stream

1 When Jesus went to Jordan’s stream

his Father’s will obeying,

and was baptized by John, there came

a voice from heaven saying,

“This is my dear belovèd Son

upon whom rests my favor.”

And till God’s will is fully done

he will not bend or waver,

for he is Christ the Savior.

2 The Holy Spirit then was shown,

a dove on him descending;

the Triune God is thus made known

in Christ as love unending.

He taught, he healed, he raised the dead,

yet, in his great endeavor

to save us, his own blood was shed;

but death could hold him never.

He rose, and lives for ever.

3 He came by water and by blood

to heal our lost condition;

he cleanses, reconciles to God,

and gives the Great Commission.

Then let us not heed worldly lies

nor rest upon our merit,

but trust in Christ who will baptize

with water and the Spirit

that we may life inherit.

*Words: Martin Luther (1483-1546); para. F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984), rev.*

*Music: Christ unser Herr zum Jordan kam, melody from Geystliche gesangk Buchleyn, 1524; harm. Lucas Osiander (1534-1604)*

*Meter: 87. 87. 87. 877*

Gospel (Sequence) Hymn 121 Christ, when for us you were baptized

1 Christ, when for us you were baptized,

God’s Spirit on you came,

as peaceful as a dove and yet

as urgent as a flame.

2 God called you his belovèd Son,

called you his servant true,

sent you his kingdom to proclaim,

his holy will to do.

3 Straightway and steadfast until death

you then obeyed his call

freely as Son of Man to serve

and give your life for all.

4 Baptize us with your Spirit, Lord,

your cross on us be signed,

that, likewise in God’s service we

may perfect freedom find.

*Words: F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984), rev.*

*Music: Caithness, melody from The Psalmes of David in Prose and Meeter, 1635; harm. The English Hymnal, 1906*

*Meter: CM*

Closing Hymn 120 The sinless one to Jordan came

1 The sinless one to Jordan came,

and in the river shared our stain;

God’s righteousness he thus fulfilled,

and chose the path his Father willed.

2 Uprising from the waters there,

the Father’s voice did then declare

that Christ, the Son of God, had come

to lead his scattered people home.

3 Above him see the heavenly Dove,

the sign of God the Father’s love,

now by the Holy Spirit shed

upon the Son’s anointed head.

4 How blest that mission then begun

to heal and save a race undone!

Straight to the wilderness he goes

to wrestle with his people’s foes.

5 O Christ, may we baptized from sin,

go forth with you a world to win:

grant us the Holy Spirit’s power

to shield us in temptation’s hour.

6 On you may all your people feed,

and know you are the Bread indeed,

who gives eternal life to those

that with you died, and with you rose.

*Words: G. B. Timms (b. 1910), alt.*

*Music: Solemnis haec festivitas, melody from Graduale, 1685; harm. Arthur Hutchings (b. 1906)*

*Meter: LM*