

Hymns for February 27, 2022

The Last Sunday after Epiphany

Opening Hymn: CP 560

God, Whose Almighty Word

God, whose almighty Word
chaos and darkness heard,
and took their flight:
hear us, we humbly pray,
and where the gospel-day
sheds not its glorious ray,
let there be light!

Saviour, who came to bring
on your redeeming wing
healing and sight,
health to the sick in mind,
sight to the inly blind:
now to all humankind
let there be light!

Spirit of truth and love,
life giving, holy Dove,
speed on your flight!
Move on the water's face
bearing the lamp of grace,
and, in earth's darkest place
let there be light!

Gracious and holy Three,
glorious Trinity,
wisdom, love, might!
boundless as ocean's tide
rolling in fullest pride:
through the world, far and wide
let there be light!

Gradual Hymn: CP 166
We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding

We have come at Christ's own bidding
to this high and holy place,
where we wait with hope and longing
for some token of God's grace.
Here we pray for new assurance
that our faith is not in vain,
searching like those first disciples
for a sign both clear and plain.

Light breaks in upon our darkness,
splendour bathes the flesh-joined Word,
Moses and Elijah marvel
as the heavenly voice is heard.
Eyes and hearts behold with wonder
how the law and prophets meet:
Christ, with garments drenched in brightness,
stands transfigured and complete.

Strengthened by this glimpse of glory,
fearful lest our faith decline,
we like Peter find it tempting
to remain and build a shrine.
But true worship gives us courage
to proclaim what we profess,
that our daily lives may prove us
people of the God we bless.

Offertory Hymn: CP 655
Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling

Holy Spirit, ever dwelling
in the holiest realms of light;
Holy Spirit, ever brooding
o'er a world of gloom and night;
Holy Spirit, ever raising
those of earth to thrones on high;
living, life-imparting Spirit,
you we praise and magnify.

Holy Spirit, ever living
as the church's very life;
Holy Spirit, ever striving
through us in a ceaseless strife;
Holy Spirit, ever forming
in the church the mind of Christ:
you we praise with endless worship
for your gifts and fruits unpriced.

Holy Spirit, ever working
through the church's ministry,
quickenings, strengthening, and absolving,
setting captive sinners free:
Holy Spirit, ever binding
age to age and soul to soul
in communion never ending,
you we worship and extol.

Hymn during Communion: CP 76
Thee We Adore, O Hidden Saviour, Thee

Thee we adore, O hidden Saviour, thee,
who in thy sacrament dost deign to be;
both flesh and spirit at thy presence fail,
yet here thy presence we devoutly hail.

O blest memorial of our dying Lord,
who living bread to us doth here afford,
O may our souls forever feed on thee,
and thou, O Christ, forever precious be.

Fountain of goodness, Jesus, Lord and God,
cleanse us, unclean, with thy most cleansing blood;
increase our faith and love, that we may know
the hope and peace which from thy presence flow.

O Christ, whom now beneath a veil we see,
may what we thirst for soon our portion be:
to gaze on thee unveiled and see thy face,
the vision of thy glory and thy grace.

Closing Hymn: CP 619
Fairest Lord Jesus

Fairest Lord Jesus,
ruler of all nature,
O thou the Godhead's human son:
thee will I cherish,
thee will I honour,
thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows,
fairer still the woodlands,
robed in the blooming garb of spring:
Jesus is fairer,
Jesus is purer
who makes the troubled heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine,
fairer still the moonlight,
and fair the twinkling, starry host;
Jesus shines brighter,
Jesus shines purer
than all the angels heaven can boast.

All fairest beauty,
heavenly and earthly,
wondrously Jesus,
is found in thee;
none can be nearer,
fairer, or dearer
than thou, my Saviour, art to me.