

Hymns for the Sixth Sunday of Easter May 22, 2022

Opening Hymn: CP 2 When Morning Gilds the Skies

When morning gilds the skies,
my heart awaking cries:
"May Jesus Christ be praised!"
Alike at work and prayer
to Jesus I repair:
"May Jesus Christ be praised!"

Whene'er the sweet church bell
peals over hill and dell,
may Jesus Christ be praised!
O hark to what it sings,
as joyously it rings,
may Jesus Christ be praised!

In heaven's eternal bliss
the loveliest strain is this:
may Jesus Christ be praised!
The powers of darkness fear
when this sweet chant they hear:
may Jesus Christ be praised!

To God, the Word, on high
the hosts of angels cry:
"May Jesus Christ be praised!"
Let mortals, too, upraise
their voice in hymns of praise:
"May Jesus Christ be praised!"

Let earth's wide circle round
in joyful notes resound:
"May Jesus Christ be praised!"
Let air and sea and sky
from depth to height reply:
"May Jesus Christ be praised!"

Be this, while life is mine,
my canticle divine:
may Jesus Christ be praised!
Be this the eternal song
through ages all on:
may Jesus Christ be praised!

Gradual Hymn: CP 486
Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion;
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation;
enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty, to deliver,
let us all thy grace receive;
suddenly return, and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then, thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee,
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love and praise.

Offertory Hymn: CP 330
O Praise Ye the Lord

O praise ye the Lord! Give praise in the height;
rejoice in God's Word, ye angels of light;
ye heavens, adore him by whom ye were made,
and worship before him in brightness arrayed.

O praise ye the Lord! Give praise upon earth;
in tuneful accord, give thanks for new birth;
praise God who hath brought you all grace from above,
praise God who hath taught you the pathways of love.

O praise ye the Lord, all things that give sound;
each jubilant chord re-echo around;
loud organs, God's glory proclaim in deep tone,
and sweet harp, the story of what God hath done.

O praise ye the Lord! Thanksgiving and song
be ever outpoured all ages along;
for love in creation, for heaven restored,
for grace of salvation, O praise ye the Lord!

Hymn during Communion Only a Shadow

The love I have for you, my Lord,
is only a shadow of your love for me;
only a shadow of your love for me,
your deep abiding love.

My own belief in you, my Lord,
is only a shadow of your faith in me,
only a shadow of your faith in me,
your deep and lasting faith.

My life is in your hands,
my life is in your hands,
my love for you will grow, my God;
your light in me will shine.

The dream I have today, my Lord,
is only a shadow of your dreams for me
only a shadow of all that will be
if I but follow you.

The joy I feel today, my Lord,
is only a shadow of your joys for me;
only a shadow of your joys for me
when we meet face to face.

Closing Hymn: CP 418
Draw the Circle Wide

Refrain: Draw the circle wide.
Draw it wider still.
Let this be our song, `no one stands alone,
standing side by side,
draw the circle wide.

God the still-point of the circle,
'round whom all creation turns;
nothing lost, but held forever,
in God's gracious arms. *Refrain*

Let our hearts touch far horizons,
so encompass great and small;
let our loving know no borders,
faithful to God's call. *Refrain*

Let the dreams we dream be larger,
than we've ever dreamed before;
let the dreams of Christ be in us,
open every door. *Refrain*