

Hymns for 10.30am Holy Communion – Sunday 27 November 2022

247 – Hark! a herald voice is calling

Hark! a herald voice is calling:
'Christ is nigh!' it seems to say;
'Cast away the dreams of darkness,
O ye children of the day!'

Startled at the solemn warning,
let the earth-bound soul arise;
Christ, her sun, all sloth dispelling,
shines upon the morning skies.

Lo, the Lamb, so long expected,
comes with pardon down from heav'n,
let us haste, with tears of sorrow,
one and all to be forgiv'n.

So when next he comes with glory,
wrapping all the earth in fear,
may he then, as our defender,
on the clouds of heav'n appear.

Honour, glory, virtue, merit,
to the Father and the Son,
with the co-eternal Spirit,
while unending ages run.

Vox clara ecce intonate 6th century, tr. Edwards Caswall (1814-1878)

Light of the World

Light of the world,
You stepped down into darkness
Opened my eyes let me see,
Beauty that made this heart adore You,
Hope of a life spent with You

So here I am to worship,
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
You're altogether lovely,
Altogether worthy,
Altogether wonderful to me

King of all days,
Oh so highly exalted,
Glorious in heaven above;
Humbly You came.
To the earth You created
All for love's sake, became poor

So here I am to worship,
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
You're altogether lovely,
Altogether worthy,
Altogether wonderful to me

And I'll never know how much it cost,
To see my sin upon that cross
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Tim Hughes Thankyou Music, Song no 3266032

690 – Wake, O wake!

Wake, O wake! With tidings thrilling
the watchmen all the air are filling:
arise, Jerusalem, arise!
Midnight strikes! no more delaying,
'The hour has come!'
we hear them saying.
Where are ye all, ye maidens wise?
The Bridegroom comes in sight,
raise high your torches bright!
Alleluia!
The wedding song
swells loud and strong:
go forth and join the festal throng.

Sion hear the watchmen shouting,
her heart leaps up with joy undoubting,
she stands and waits with eager eyes;
see her Friend from heav'n descending,
adorned with truth
and grace unending!
her light burns clear, her star doth rise.
Now come, thou precious Crown,
Lord Jesu, God's own son!
Hosanna!
Let us prepare to follow there,
where in thy supper we may share.

Ev'ry soul in thee rejoices;
from earthly and angelic voices
be glory giv'n to thee alone!
Now the gates of pearl receive us,
thy presence never more
shall leave us,
we stand with angels round thy throne.
Earth cannot give below
the bliss thou dost bestow.
Alleluia!
Grant us to raise,
to length of days,
the triumph-chorus of thy praise.

Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608) trans. Francis Crawford Burkitt (1864-1935) alt.

How lovely on the mountains

How lovely on the mountains are the feet of him
Who brings good news, good news
Announcing peace, proclaiming news of happiness,
Our God reigns, our God reigns

Our God reigns, our God reigns,
Our God reigns, our God reigns

You watchman lift your voices joyfully as one,
Shout for your King, your King.
See eye to eye the Lord restoring Zion:
Our God reigns, our God reigns

Our God reigns, our God reigns,
Our God reigns, our God reigns

Waste places of Jerusalem break forth with joy,
We are redeemed, redeemed.
The Lord has saved and comforted his people:
Our God reigns, our God reigns

Our God reigns, our God reigns,
Our God reigns, our God reigns

Ends of the earth, see the salvation of our God
Jesus is Lord, is Lord
Before the nations he has bared his holy arm:
Our God reigns, our God reigns

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