**Hymns of Praise**

**Sunday May 8, 2022**

**#253**

Come, ye faithful, raise the strain

of triumphant gladness;

God hath brought forth Israel

into joy from sadness,

loosed from Pharaoh’s bitter yoke

Jacob’s sons and daughters,

led them with unmoistened foot

through the Red Sea waters.

‘Tis the spring of souls today;

Christ hath burst his prison,

and from three days’ sleep in death

as a sun has risen;

all the winter of our sins,

long and dark, is flying

from his light, to whom we give

laud and praise undying.

Hallelujah! Now we cry

to our King immortal,

who triumphant burst the bars

of a tomb’s dark portal;

hallelujah! With the Son,

God and Father praising;

hallelujah! Yet again

to the Spirit raising.

*Words: Greek, John of Damascus (c.696-754); translation, John Mason Neale (1818-66)*

*Music: Gesangbuch der Brüder (Johann Horn), Nürnberg 1544*

*Tune: Ave Virgo Virginum*

**#521**

Child of blessing, child of promise,

baptized with the Spirit’s sign,

with this water God has sealed you

unto love and grace divine.

Child of love, our love’s expression,

love’s creation, loved indeed!

Fresh from God, refresh our spirits,

into joy and laughter lead.

Child of joy, our dearest treasure,

God’s you are; from God you came.

Back to God we humbly give you;

live as one who bears Christ’s name.

Child of God, your loving Parent,

learn to know whose child you are;

grow to laugh and sing and worship,

trust and love God more than all.

*Words: Ronald S. Cole-Turner (b. 1948)*

*Music:Psalmodia Sacra, oder Andächtige und Schöne Gesänge 1715*

*Tune: Stuttgart*

**#830 – Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

praise him all creatures here below;

praise him above, ye heavenly host;

praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

*Words: Thomas Ken (1637-1711).*

*Music: Genevan Psalter 1551.*

*Tune: Old 100th*

**#481**

Blest be the tie that binds
our hearts in Christian love;
the fellowship of kindred minds
is like to that above.

Before our Maker's throne
we pour our ardent prayers;
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
our comforts and our cares.

We share each other's woes,
each other's burdens bear,
and often for each other flows
the sympathizing tear.

When we asunder part,
it gives us keenest pain,
but we shall still be joined in heart,
and hope to meet again.

The glorious hope revives
our courage on the way:
in perfect friendship we shall live
in God's eternal day.

*Words: John Fawcett (1740-1817)*

*Music: Johan Georg Nägeli (1773-1836)*

*Tune: Dennis*

**#314**

God is love: come heaven, adoring;

God is love: come earth, rejoice.

Come creation, voices soaring,

sing exulting with one voice.

God who laid the earth’s foundation

God who spread the heavens above,

God who breathes through all creation

God is love, eternal love.

God is love, whose arms enfolding

all the world in one embrace,

with unfailing grasp are holding

every child of every race,

and when human hearts are breaking

under sorrow’s iron rod,

all the sorrow, all the aching

wrings with pain the heart of God.

God is love, and though with blindness

sin afflicts all human life,

God’s eternal loving kindness

guides us through all earthly strife.

Sin and death and hell shall never

o’er us final triumph gain;

God is love: so love forever

o’er the universe must reign.

*Words: Timothy Rees C.R. (1874-1939)*

*Music: Cyril Vincent Taylor (1907-1991)*

*Tune: Abbot’s Leigh*