



Last Sunday after Trinity

♪ Hymn (99) ♪

Hail to the Lord's Anointed,
great David's greater Son!
Hail, in the time appointed,
His reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression,
to set the captive free;
to take away transgression,
and rule in equity.

He comes with succour speedy
to those who suffer wrong;
to help the poor and needy,
and bid the weak be strong;
to give them songs for sighing,
their darkness turn to light,
whose souls, condemned and dying,
were precious in His sight.

He shall come down like showers
upon the fruitful earth,
and love, joy, hope, like flowers,
spring in His path to birth:
before Him on the mountains
shall peace, the herald, go;
and righteousness in fountains
from hill to valley flow.

Kings shall bow down before Him
and gold and incense bring;
all nations shall adore Him,
His praise all people sing:
to Him shall prayer unceasing
and daily vows ascend;
His kingdom still increasing,
a kingdom without end.

O'er every foe victorious,
He on His throne shall rest;
from age to age more glorious,
all-blessing and all-blest:
the tide of time shall never
His covenant remove;
His name shall stand for ever;
His changeless name of Love.

James Montgomery (1771-1854) based on Psalm 72

♪ Hymn (746) ♪

O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home:

Under the shadow of Thy throne,
Thy saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is Thine arm alone,
and our defence is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received her frame,
from everlasting Thou art God,
to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in Thy sight
are like an evening gone;
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all its sons away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be Thou our guard while troubles last,
and our eternal home.

Isaac Watts (1674-1748) based on Psalm 90

♪ Hymn (CAHON 429) ♪

Love is his word, love is his way,
feasting with all, fasting alone,
living and dying, rising again,
love, only love, is his way.

Refrain:

*Richer than gold is the love of my Lord,
better than splendour and wealth.*

Love is his way, love is his mark,
sharing his last Passover feast,
Christ at his table, host to the twelve,
love, only love, is his mark:

Refrain

Love is his mark, love is his sign,
bread for our strength, wine for our joy,
"This is my body, this is my blood" -
love, only love, is his sign:

Refrain

Love is his sign, love is his news,
'Do this,' he said, 'lest you forget
all my deep sorrow, all my dear blood' -
love, only love, is his news:

Refrain

Love is his news, love is his name,
we are his own, chosen and called,
family, brethren, cousins and kin,
love, only love, is his name:

Refrain

Love is his name, love is his law,
hear his command, all who are his
'Love one another, I have loved you'
love, only love, is his law.

Refrain

Love is his law, love is his word:
love of the Lord, Father and Word,
love of the Spirit, God ever one,
love, only love, is his word:

Refrain

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♪ **Chant (CAHON 950)** ♪

Within our darkest night,
You kindle the fire that never dies away,
That never dies away.

(Repeat)

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♪ **Hymn (661)** ♪

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord,
holy is the Lord God Almighty.
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord,
holy is the Lord God Almighty:
who was, and is, and is to come;
holy, holy, holy is the Lord.

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus is the Lord,
Jesus is the Lord God almighty.
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus is the Lord,
Jesus is the Lord God almighty:
who was, and is, and is to come;
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus is the Lord.

Worthy, worthy, worthy is the Lord,
worthy is the Lord God Almighty.
Worthy, worthy, worthy is the Lord,
worthy is the Lord God Almighty:
who was, and is, and is to come;
worthy, worthy, worthy is the Lord.

Glory, glory, glory to the Lord,
glory to the Lord God almighty.
Glory, glory, glory to the Lord,
glory to the Lord God almighty:
who was, and is, and is to come;
glory, glory, glory to the Lord.

Unknown

♪ **Hymn (814)** ♪

Thy hand, O God, has guided
Thy flock, from age to age;
the wondrous tale is written,
full clear, on every page;
our fathers owned Thy goodness,
and we their deeds record;
and both of this bear witness;
one Church, one faith, one Lord.

Thy heralds brought glad tidings
to greatest, as to least;
they bade men rise, and hasten
to share the great King's feast;

and this was all their teaching,
in every deed and word,
to all alike proclaiming
one Church, one faith, one Lord.

When shadows thick were falling,
and all seemed sunk in night,
Thou, Lord, didst send Thy servants,
Thy chosen sons of light.
On them and on Thy people
Thy plenteous grace was poured,
and this was still their message:
one Church, one faith, one Lord.

Through many a day of darkness,
through many a scene of strife,
the faithful few fought bravely,
to guard the nation's life.
Their Gospel of redemption,
sin pardoned, man restored,
was all in this enfolded:
one Church, one faith, one Lord.

And we, shall we be faithless?
Shall hearts fail, hands hang down?
Shall we evade the conflict,
and cast away our crown?
Not so: in God's deep counsels
some better thing is stored;
we will maintain, unflinching,
one Church, one faith, one Lord.

Thy mercy will not fail us,
nor leave Thy work undone;
with Thy right hand to help us,
the victory shall be won;
and then, by men and angels,
Thy name shall be adored,
and this shall be their anthem:
one Church, one faith, one Lord.

Edward Hayes Plumptre (1821-1891)

First Reading

Deuteronomy 34.1–12

Lord showed him the whole land:
Gilead as far as Dan, ²all Naphtali, the
land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the
land of Judah as far as the Western Sea,
³the Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the
valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees
—as far as Zoar. ⁴The Lord said to him,
‘This is the land of which I swore to
Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying,
“‘I will give it to your descendants”; I
have let you see it with your eyes, but
you shall not cross over there.’ ⁵Then
Moses, the servant of the Lord, died
there in the land of Moab, at the Lord's
command. ⁶He was buried in a valley in
the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor,
but no one knows his burial place to
this day. ⁷Moses was one hundred and
twenty years old when he died; his sight
was unimpaired and his vigour had not
abated. ⁸The Israelites wept for Moses
in the plains of Moab for thirty days;
then the period of mourning for Moses
was ended.

⁹Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit
of wisdom, because Moses had laid his
hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed
him, doing as the Lord had commanded
Moses.

¹⁰Never since has there arisen a
prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the
Lord knew face to face. ¹¹He was
unequalled for all the signs and wonders
that the Lord sent him to perform in
the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and
all his servants and his entire land, ¹²and
for all the mighty deeds and all the
terrifying displays of power that Moses
performed in the sight of all Israel.

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 2.1–8

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, ²but though we had already suffered and been shamefully maltreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. ³For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, ⁴but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. ⁵As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; ⁶nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, ⁷though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. ⁸So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

Gospel

Matthew 22.34–end

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, ³⁵and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶“Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” ³⁷He said to him, “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’” ³⁸This is the greatest and first commandment. ³⁹And a second is like it: “‘You shall love

your neighbour as yourself.’” ⁴⁰On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.’

⁴¹Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: ⁴²“What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?” They said to him, ‘The son of David.’ ⁴³He said to them, ‘How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, ⁴⁴“The Lord said to my Lord, ‘Sit at my right hand,

until I put your enemies under your feet’ ”?

⁴⁵If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?” ⁴⁶No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

The Collect

Blessed Lord,
who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning:
help us so to hear them,
to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them
that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word,
we may embrace and for ever hold fast
the hope of everlasting life,
which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion Prayer

God of all grace,
your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of his life
and the word of his kingdom:
renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your true and living bread;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.