

Hymns – February 11, 2024

***Hymn: God is love: come heaven, adoring, No. 314**

1. God is Love: let heav'n 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 heav'ns above,
God who breathes through all creation,
God is Love, eternal love.

2. 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
wings with pain the heart of God.

3. 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.

***Hymn: We have come at Christ's own bidding, No. 187**

1. 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.

2. Light breaks in upon our darkness;
splendor 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.

3. 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.

***Hymn: Arise, shine out, your light has come, No. 179**

1. Arise, shine out, your light has come,
unfolding city of our dreams.

On distant hills a glory gleams:
the new creation has begun.

2. Above earth's valleys, thick with night,
high on your walls the dawn appears,
and history shall dry its tears,
as nations stream towards your light.

3. From walls surpassing time and space,
unnumbered gates, like open hands,
shall gather gifts from all the lands,
and welcome all the human race.

4. The sounds of violence shall cease,
as dwellings of salvation rise,
to sparkle in eternal skies
from avenues of praise and peace.

5. The dancing air shall glow with light
and sun and moon give up their place,
when love shines out of every face:
our good, our glory, our delight.