

Sunday 2 May 2021

Gathering Hymn *((Isaac Watts [1674-1748])*

I sing the almighty power of God
that made the mountains rise,
that spread the flowing seas abroad
and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained
the sun to rule the day;
the moon shines full at God's command
and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord
that filled the earth with food;
that formed the creatures with a word
and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how your wonders are displayed,
where-e'er I turn my eye;
if I survey the ground I tread,
or gaze upon the sky!

There's not a plant or flower below
but makes your glories known;
and clouds arise, and tempests blow,
by order from your throne;
while all that borrows life from you
is ever in your care,
and everywhere that I may be,
O, God, be present there.

Offertory Hymn *(Anonymous, based on John 13:34-35)*

***A new Commandment I give unto you,
that you love one another as I have loved you,
that you love one another as I have loved you.***

By this shall all know you are my disciples,
if you have love one for another.
By this shall all know that you are my disciples,
if you have love one for another.

Communion Hymn

(John 15:1-2,4-5; para. by James Quinn, SJ, 1919-2010)

I am the holy vine,
which God my Father tends.
Each branch that yields no fruit
my Father cuts away.
Each fruitful branch
he prunes with care
to make it yield
abundant fruit.

If you abide in me,
I will in you abide.
Each branch to yield its fruit
must with the vine be one.
So you shall fail
to yield your fruit
if you are not
with me one vine.

I am the fruitful vine,
and you my branches are.
If you abide in me,
I will in you abide.
So shall you yield
much fruit, but none
if you remain
apart from me.

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Final Hymn *(Luke Connaughton[1919-79])*

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

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

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.

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.

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.

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