Hymns and readings for 10th January 2020

10.30 Holy Communion

Genesis 1.1-5

Acts 19.1-7

Mark 1.4-11

Come down, O love divine,  
seek thou this soul of mine,  
and visit it with thine own ardour glowing;  
O comforter, draw near,  
within my heart appear,  
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.  
  
O let it freely burn,  
till earthly passions turn  
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;  
and let thy glorious light  
shine ever on my sight,  
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.  
  
Let holy charity   
mine outward vesture be,  
and lowliness become mine inner clothing:  
true lowliness of heart,  
which takes the humbler part,  
and o’er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.  
  
And so the yearning strong,  
with which the soul will long,  
shall far outpass the power of human telling;  
for none can guess its grace,  
till he become the place  
wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.

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Thou, whose almighty word  
chaos and darkness heard,  
and took their flight;  
hear us, we humbly pray,  
and where the gospel-day  
sheds not its glorious ray,  
let there be light!  
  
Thou, who didst come to bring  
on thy redeeming wing  
healing and sight,  
health to the sick in mind,  
sight to the inly blind,  
O now to all mankind  
let there be light!  
  
Spirit of truth and love,  
life-giving, holy dove,  
speed forth thy flight;  
move on the water’s face,  
bearing the lamp of grace,  
and in earth’s darkest place  
let there be light!  
  
Holy and blessed three,  
glorious Trinity,  
wisdom, love, might;  
boundless as ocean’s tide  
rolling in fullest pride,  
through the earth far and wide  
let there be light!

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Just as I am, without one plea  
but that thy blood was shed for me,  
and that thou bidst me come to thee,  
O lamb of God, I come,  
  
Just as I am, though tossed about  
with many a conflict, many a doubt,  
fightings and fears within, without,  
O lamb of God, I come.  
  
Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;  
sight, riches, healing of the mind,  
yea, all I need, in thee to find,  
O lamb of God, I come.  
  
Just as I am, thou wilt receive,  
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve:  
because thy promise I believe,  
O lamb of God, I come.  
  
Just as I am (thy love unknown  
has broken every barrier down),  
now to be thine, yea, thine alone,  
O lamb of God, I come.  
  
Just as I am, of that free love  
the breadth, length, depth, and height to prove,  
here for a season, then above,  
O lamb of God, I come.

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Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,  
naught be all else to me, save that thou art;  
thou my best thought in the day and the night,  
waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.  
  
Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word,  
I ever with thee, and thou with me Lord;  
thou my great Father, and I thy true heir;  
thou in me dwelling, and I in thy care.  
  
Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight;  
be thou my armour, and be thou my might;  
thou my soul’s shelter, and thou my strong tower:  
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.  
  
Riches I heed not, nor all the world’s praise:  
thou mine inheritance now and always;  
thou and thou only the first in my heart:  
high King of heaven, my treasure thou art.  
  
High King of heaven, when battle is done,  
grant heaven’s joys to me, O bright heav’n’s sun;  
Chris of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be thou my vision, O ruler of all

6.30 Evensong

Psalm 46

Isaiah 42.1-9

Ephesians 2.1-10