

Third Sunday before Lent – Sunday 17 February 2019

11:00am Holy Communion

Opening Hymn

25 – Alleluia, Alleluia, hearts to heaven and voices raise

Gloria



1. Glory be to God in heaven,
and to all on earth, his peace;
Lord and Father, King in glory,
gifts of praise in us release,
so our worship and thanksgiving
from our hearts will never cease.

2. Christ incarnate, sent by Father
to redeem, renew, restore;
risen Lamb, in glory seated,
hear our prayers, Lord, we implore.
Now to Father, Son and Spirit
be all glory evermore.

Words: John Richards (1843-1901) Music: Regent Square, Henry Thomas Smart (1813-1879) (Mission Praise – 175)

Gradual Hymn*



1. Beauty for brokenness,
hope for despair,
Lord, in your suffering world
this is our prayer.
Bread for the children,
justice, joy, peace,
sunrise to sunset
your kingdom increase!

2. Shelter for fragile lives,
cures for their ills,
work for the craftsmen,
trade for their skills.
Land for the dispossessed,
rights for the weak,
voices to plead the cause
of those who can't speak.

*God of the poor,
friend of the weak,
give us compassion, we pray,
melt our cold hearts,
let tears fall like rain.
Come, change our love from a spark
to a flame.*

3. Refuge from cruel wars,
havens from fear,
cities for sanctuary,
freedoms to share.
Peace to the killing fields,
scorched earth to green,
Christ for the bitterness,
his cross for the pain.

4. Rest for the ravaged earth,
oceans and streams,
plundered and poisoned,
our future, our dreams.
Lord, end our madness,
carelessness, greed;
make us content with
the things that we need.

God of the poor ...

5. Lighten our darkness,
breathe on this flame,
until your justice
burns brightly again;
until the nations
learn of your ways,
seek your salvation
and bring you their praise.

God of the poor ...

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Offertory Hymn*

311 – Lord Jesus Christ, you have come to us

Final Hymn*



1. Heav'n shall not wait for the poor to lose their patience,
the scorned to smile, the despised to find a friend:
Jesus is Lord; he has championed the unwanted;
in him injustice confronts its timely end.
2. Heav'n shall not wait for the rich to share their fortunes,
the proud to fall, the élite to tend the least:
Jesus is Lord; he has shown his master's privilege –
to kneel and wash servants' feet before they feast.
3. Heav'n shall not wait for the dawn of great ideas,
thoughts of compassion divorced from cries of pain:
Jesus is Lord; he has married word and action;
his cross and company make his purpose plain.
4. Heav'n shall not wait for our legalised obedience,
defined by statute, to strict conventions bound:
Jesus is Lord; he has hallmarked true allegiance –
goodness appears where his grace is sought and found.
5. Heav'n shall not wait for triumphant hallelujahs,
when earth has passed and we reach another shore:
Jesus is Lord in our present imperfection;
his pow'r and love are for now and then for evermore.

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