

Processional Hymn No. 567: Heralds of Christ

- 1: Heralds of Christ, who bear the King's commands,
immortal tidings in your mortal hands,
pass on and carry swift the news you bring;
make straight, make straight the highway of the King.
- 2: Through desert ways, dark fen, and deep morass,
through jungles, sluggish seas, and mountain pass,
build now the road, and falter not, nor stay;
prepare across the earth the King's highway.
- 3: Lord, give us faith and strength the road to build,
to see the promise of the day fulfilled,
when war shall be no more, and strife shall cease
upon the highway of the Prince of Peace.

Communion Hymns:

No. 214: Savior of the Nations, Come

- 1: Savior of the nations, come; Virgin's
Son, here make thy home! Marvel now, O
heaven and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.
- 2: Not by human flesh and blood; by the
Spirit of our God was the Word of
God made flesh, woman's offspring, pure and fresh.
- 3: Wondrous birth! O wondrous Child of the
Virgin undefiled! Human and divine
in one, eager now his race to run!
- 4: God the Father is his source, back to
God he runs his course; down to death and
hell descends, God's high throne he reascends.
- 5: Now thy manger's halo bright hallows
night with newborn light; let no night this
light subdue, let our faith shine ever new.

Hymn No. 203: Hail to the Lord's Anointed

- 1: 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.
- 2: He comes with succor 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, are precious in his sight.
- 3: He shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth;
love, joy, and 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.
- 4: To him shall prayer unceasing and daily vows ascend;
his kingdom still increasing, a kingdom without end.
The tide of time shall never his covenant remove;
his name shall stand forever; that name to us is love.

No. 216: Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

- 1: Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung!
Of Jesse's lineage coming, as those of old have sung.
It came, a floweret bright, amid the cold of winter,
when half spent was the night.
- 2: Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the Rose I have in mind;
with Mary we beheld it, the Virgin Mother kind.
To show God's love aright, she bore to us a Savior,
when half spent was the night.
- 3: O Flower, whose fragrance tender with sweetness fills the air,
dispel in glorious splendor the darkness everywhere.
True man yet very God, from sin and death now save us,
and share our every load.

Recessional Hymn No. 196: Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

1: Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

2: Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a King,
born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne.