



Lyrics and Prayers:
Transfiguration Sunday, February 19, 2023
Ralph Connor Memorial United Church, Canmore
Worshiping at Rundle Memorial United Church, Banff



Opening Litany with Heritage Hymn: Voices United #341

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

~German hymn, 1677 – Silesian Folk Melody, 1842~
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Children may proceed to ‘Kids’ Connection” and Toddler Care in the final verse of this hymn. They will return to the Sanctuary before the end of the service.

*1. Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature,
O thou of God to earth come down:
thee will I cherish, thee will I honour,
thou my soul's glory, joy and crown.*

Surrounded by these beloved Mountains, we
sing of our mountain-top experiences.

We have hope in the source of transformation:
Jesus of Nazareth, Jesus the Christ.

We bring our blessings and praise,
in the dazzling light of Christ's mercy.

*2. Fair are the meadows,
fairer still the woodlands,
robed in the blooming garb of spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
who makes the troubled heart to sing.*

We are amazed by the intricacy of nature,
pointers to God's presence and power.

We are companions with all of God's creatures,
fellow-travelers on Holy paths.

We delight in the world God has made,
and accept our responsibility to protect it.

*3. Fair is the sunshine,
fairer still the moonlight,
and fair the twinkling, starry host;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
than all the angels heaven can boast.*

Even the stars speak of God's glory,
and the limits of our understanding.

Bring us, O God, to a place of awe,
living each day in wonder.

Hear our praise in this hour,
a living gift to the author of life!

*4. All fairest beauty,
heavenly and earthly,
wondrously, Jesus, is found in thee;
none can be nearer, fairer or dearer
than thou, my Saviour, art to me.*

-end-

Chant: (*seated*) Voices United #264
“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”
Verses 1 & 3

~Walter Chalmers Smith – Welsh Folk Song~

1. Immortal, invisible,
God only wise,
In light inaccessible
hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the
Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious,
Thy great name we praise.

3. To all, life Thou givest,
to both great and small;
In all life Thou livest,
the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish
like leaves on the tree,
Then wither and perish,
but naught changeth Thee.

-end-

Hymn: More Voices #42
“Praise God for This Holy Ground”

~John L. Bell~

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1. Praise God for this holy ground,
place and people, sight and sound.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! God's
goodness is eternal.

**2. Praise God in whose word we find
food for body, soul and mind.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
God's goodness is eternal.**

3. Praise God who
through Christ makes known
all are loved and called God's own.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
God's goodness is eternal.

4. Praise God's Spirit who befriends,
Raises, humbles, breaks and mends.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
God's goodness is eternal.

5. Though praise ends, praise is begun
where God's will is gladly done.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
God's goodness is eternal.

-end-

Offertory Hymn: More Voices #115

“Behold, Behold, I Make All Things New”

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**Behold, behold, I make all things new
beginning with you
and starting from today.**

**Behold, behold, I make all things new,
my promise is true,
for I am Christ the way. -end-**

Heritage Hymn: Voices United #222

“Come, Let Us Sing”

~Jim Strathee, 1976~

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**1. Come, let us sing to the Lord our song,
we have stood silently too long.
Surely the Lord deserves our praise
so joyfully thank God for our days.**

**2. O Thirsty soul, come drink at the well;
God's living waters will never fail.
Surely the Lord will help you to stand,
strengthened and comforted by God's hand.**

**3. You dwell among us and cause us to pray,
and walk with each other following your way;
Our precious brothers and sisters will grow
in the fulfilling love they know.**

4. Deserts shall bloom and mountains shall sing
to the desire of all living things;
Come all you creatures, high and low,
let your praises endlessly flow.

-end-

Sung Amen: Voices United # 974

~Jim Strathdee~

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Amen! Amen! Hallelujah, Amen!

Amen! Amen! Hallelujah, Amen!

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