

September 30, 2018

The Church's Dedication of Hymnals and Robes to the Glory of God

*For remembered music sounding when the last note fades away
and our hearts are left abounding with new confidence to pray,
for the preludes that re-center each distracted, fussing soul
so the peace of God may enter and restore and make us whole,*

*for the hymns of adoration that unite us in one voice
as we join the whole creation and together we rejoice,
for laments and psalms of sorrow that release our needed tears
and that help us reach tomorrow and to look beyond our fears,*

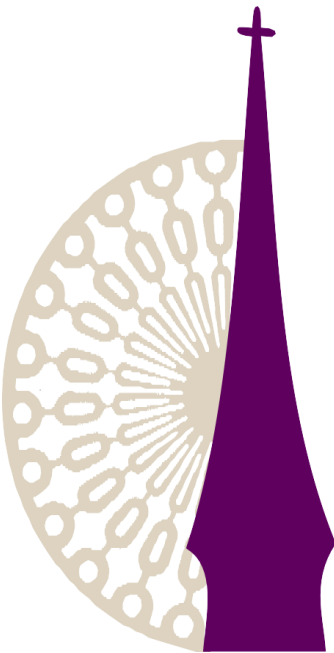
*for the carols waking wonder at the birth of Christ our Lord,
for a tombstone split asunder by an alleluia chord,
for the Spirit's sudden coming when an anthem lifts our heart,
for the angels we hear humming while we play or sing our part,*

*for the beauty, for the glory, for the church alive with praise,
for the singing of the story that redeems our silent days—
God, our thanks are never ending while our spirits pray and long
to create, as you're intending, that new world we glimpse through song.*

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The Church In Worship

SINGING ON THE JOURNEY TO WHOLENESS

PRELUDE

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Mrs. Fran Wilson

arr. Mark Hayes

This hymn is found at 319 in the hymnal.

WELCOME AND FRAMING OF WORSHIP

Dr. Andy Roby and Dr. Paul Richardson

WORSHIP GOD

† HYMN 307

All Creatures of Our God and King

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Stanza 1: all in parts

Stanza 2: treble voices unison

Stanza 3: bass voices, unison

Stanza 4: OMIT

Stanza 5: all unison

setting by Anna Laura Page

HYMN 506

When the Morning Stars Together

HOLY MANNA

Stanza 1: all in unison

Stanza 2: all in parts, unaccompanied

Stanza 3: in two-part canon, unaccompanied

Stanza 4: all in unison

COMMENTARY

Created to Worship and Sing

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† HYMN 309

When, in Our Music, God Is Glorified

ENGELBERG

Stanza 1: choir

Stanza 2: all

Stanza 3: treble voices

Stanza 4: bass voices

Stanza 5: all

PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR THE ROBES

See Bulletin Insert

Mrs. Bonnie Porter

SHARE CHRIST

† HYMN 624

The Lily of the Valley

SALVATIONIST

Stanza 1: bass voices, all join on the refrain

Stanza 2: treble voices, all join on the refrain

Stanza 3: all in parts, refrain unaccompanied

HYMN 275

Who Is My Mother, Who Is My Brother

KINDRED

Stanza 1: solo voices, with all joining on “round Jesus Christ”

Stanza 2: solo voices, with all joining on “round Jesus Christ”

Stanza 3: choir, with all joining on “round Jesus Christ”

Stanza 4: all in unison

COMMENTARY

Created to Share and Sing

Dr. Richardson

WORDS FOR CONTEMPLATION

Dr. Brad Smith, Rev. Abbi Mullens, Dr. Roby

Like the Colors of the Rainbow

John Thornburg, 2014

HYMN 662

The Mission God Has Given

Spoken

Stanza 1: lines 1 and 2 read by solo reader, lines 3 and 4 read by right/organ side

Stanza 2: lines 1 and 2 read by left/piano side, lines 3 and 4 read by all

Stanza 3: lines 1 and 2 read by choir, lines 3 and 4 read by all

HYMN 74

There Is a Balm in Gilead

BALM IN GILEAD

All on refrains, solo voices on stanzas

SERVE OTHERS

HYMN 478

God Is Calling through the Whisper

W ZLOBIÉ LÉZY

Stanza 1: choir trebles

Stanza 2: choir trebles

Stanza 3: all

COMMENTARY

Created to Serve and Sing

Dr. Richardson

HYMN 654

Sing the God of Love Creating

COAL SHED

Stanza 1: solo voice

Stanza 2: bass voices

Stanza 3: treble voices

Stanza 4: all

† HYMN 545

In the Bulb

PROMISE

Stanza 1: all

Stanza 2: choir

Stanza 3: all

SPECIAL PRESENTATION TO THE BYRUM FAMILY

Dr. Roby, Dr. Smith, Rev. Mullens

† LITANY OF DEDICATION FOR THE HYMNALS See Bulletin Insert Mrs. Kelly Graham, Mr. David Gordon

Mrs. Allyson Rehm, Ministers

† Hymn

The Walls Now Are Ringing

ASH GROVE

(Left/Piano Side) The walls now are ringing as we join in singing;
our heart songs are bringing thanksgiving and praise.

(Right/Organ side) We worship together, one God, now, forever,
as we all endeavor to live in God's ways.

(Choir) Our soul's exploration seeks God's revelation,
our heart's adoration to God we now give.

(All) Creator before us, Redeemer, restore us;
lead, Spirit, before us each moment we live.

(Left/Piano Side) God's music is healing and covenant-sealing,
love's purpose revealing, it dwells in our ears.

(Right/Organ side) Such love is upholding, our souls ever molding,
its power unfolding erases our fears.

(Choir) Toward God we are reaching; embracing Christ's teaching;
hate's walls we are breaching with Spirit as guide.

(All) With music transcending, our voices are blending,
God's kingdom extending: In love we abide.

(All) With music compelling our voices are swelling,
our story we're telling to all who will hear.
The gifts of creation, redemption, salvation,
in this congregation are what we hold dear.
God's music surrounds us, it lifts us, it grounds us,
its grandeur astounds us as harmonies blend.
Creation is pounding with echoes abounding,
all instruments sounding God's song without end.

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† SENDING OUT AND BLESSING

Dr. Smith

*Through tears and laughter, grief and joy, enlarge our trust and care;
so bind us in community that we may risk and dare.*

*Be with us when we gather here to worship, sing, and pray,
then send us forth in power and faith to live the words we say.*

Carl P. Daw, 1990, from Hymn 286, third stanza

† POSTLUDE

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

Dr. Catherine Garner

by ST. ANNE

This hymn is found at 566 in the hymnal

† *All who are able, please stand.*

*Soloists in order of presentation: Bridget Fex, Sarah Holt, Rachel Wilson, Brad Smith, Lauren Walsh
Guest musicians serving tonight: Mr. Keith Williams, trumpet, and Mrs. Alison Mossey-Ponzi, flute*

Welcome to Dr. Paul A. Richardson, who facilitated the planning of this service and helps to lead us tonight. A recognized scholar in the fields of hymnology, church music and worship, Dr. Richardson served on the music faculty of Samford University, Birmingham, Alabama, from 1995 until 2014. Recently, he returned with his wife Susan to his native Commonwealth of Virginia. Before his Samford tenure, he was professor and chair of doctoral studies in the School of Church Music at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, where he was one of Andy Roby's professors. He is a past president of The Hymn Society in the United States and Canada. He has authored and edited a number of books and articles, and served as the Chair of the Format and Organization Committee that assisted in producing *Celebrating Grace Hymnal*.

The Braille Circulating Library, Richmond, Virginia, has provided to Ms. Vicki Brown the gift of a complete braille edition of *Celebrating Grace Hymnal*. We express our gratitude for this generous gift.



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