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BECG: Hymns and Readings for Sunday 31 May 2020 via ZOOM

Hymn 1. 672 Thine be the Glory

TUNE: MACCABAEUS. G.F. Handel (1685–1759)

1. Thine be the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son,
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won;
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave clothes where thy body lay.

Refrain: Thine be the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son,
endless is the vict'ry, thou o'er death hast won

2. Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom.
Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph
sing,
for her Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting.

Refrain: Thine be the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son,
endless is the vict'ry, thou o'er death hast won.

3. No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of Life!
Life is naught without thee: aid us in our strife.
Make us more than conqu'rors through thy
deathless love:
Bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.

Refrain: Thine be the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son,
endless is the vict'ry, thou o'er death hast won

[Hear it on <https://youtu.be/IXzmiNE-yLA>]



Readings¹

9. First Reading: Numbers 11. 24–30

²⁴ So Moses went out and told the people what the LORD had said. He assembled seventy of the leaders and placed them round the Tent. ²⁵ Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him. He took some of the spirit he had given to Moses and gave it to the seventy leaders. When the spirit came on them, they began to shout like prophets, but not for long.

²⁶ Two of the seventy leaders, Eldad and Medad, had stayed in the camp and had not gone out to the Tent. There in the camp the spirit came on them, and they too began to shout like prophets. ²⁷ A young man ran out to tell Moses what Eldad and Medad were doing.

²⁸ Then Joshua son of Nun, who had been Moses' helper since he was a young man, spoke up and said to Moses, 'Stop them, sir!'

²⁹ Moses answered, 'Are you concerned about my interests? I wish that the LORD would give his Spirit to all his people and make all of them shout like prophets!' ³⁰ Then Moses and the seventy leaders of Israel went back to camp.



¹ The following readings are taken from the *Good News Bible* but readers are free to read from any version of the Bible.

Psalm 104. 25–34

²⁵ There is the ocean, large and wide,
where countless creatures live,
large and small alike.

²⁶ The ships sail on it, and in it plays Leviathan,
that sea monster which you made.

²⁷ All of them depend on you
to give them food when they need it.

²⁸ You give it to them, and they eat it;
you provide food, and they are satisfied.

²⁹ When you turn away, they are afraid;
when you take away your breath, they die
and go back to the dust from which they came.

³⁰ But when you give them breath, they are
created; you give new life to the earth.

³¹ May the glory of the LORD last for ever!
May the LORD be happy with what he has made!

³² He looks at the earth, and it trembles;
he touches the mountains, and they pour out
smoke.

³³ I will sing to the LORD all my life;
as long as I live I will sing praises to my God.

³⁴ May he be pleased with my song,
for my gladness comes from him.



10 Epistle: Acts 2.1–21

The Coming of the Holy Spirit

¹ When the day of Pentecost came, all the
believers were gathered together in one place.

² Suddenly there was a noise from the sky which
sounded like a strong wind blowing, and it filled
the whole house where they were sitting.

³ Then they saw what looked like tongues of fire
which spread out and touched each person there.

⁴ They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and
began to talk in other languages, as the Spirit
enabled them to speak.

⁵ There were Jews living in Jerusalem, religious
people who had come from every country in the
world.

⁶ When they heard this noise, a large crowd
gathered. They were all excited, because each
one of them heard the believers speaking in his or
her own language. ⁷ In amazement and wonder
they exclaimed, ‘These people who are talking
like this are Galileans!’ ⁸ How is it, then, that all of
us hear them speaking in our own native
languages? ⁹ We are from Parthia, Media, and
Elam; from Mesopotamia, Judea, and
Cappadocia; from Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ from
Phrygia and Pamphylia, from Egypt and the
regions of Libya near Cyrene. Some of us are from
Rome, ¹¹ both Jews and Gentiles converted to
Judaism, and some of us are from Crete and
Arabia — yet all of us hear them speaking in our
own languages about the great things that God
has done!’

¹² Amazed and confused, they kept asking each
other, ‘What does this mean?’

¹³ But others made fun of the believers, saying,
‘These people are drunk!’

Peter's Message

¹⁴ Then Peter stood up with the other eleven
apostles and in a loud voice began to speak to the
crowd: ‘Fellow-Jews and all of you who live in
Jerusalem, listen to me and let me tell you what
this means. ¹⁵ These people are not drunk, as you
suppose; it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶
Instead, this is what the prophet Joel spoke
about:

¹⁷ ‘This is what I will do in the last days, God says:
I will pour out my Spirit on everyone.
Your sons and daughters will proclaim my
message;
your young men will see visions,
and your old men will have dreams.

¹⁸ Yes, even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will proclaim my message.

¹⁹ I will perform miracles in the sky above and wonders on the earth below.

There will be blood, fire, and thick smoke;

²⁰ the sun will be darkened, and the moon will turn red as blood, before the great and glorious Day of the Lord comes. ²¹ And then, whoever calls out to the Lord for help will be saved.'



Hymn 2. 114 Come down, O Love divine (v.1, 2, 4)

TUNE: DOWN AMPNEY

1. 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.

2. 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.

4. And so the yearning strong,
with which the soul will long,
shall far outpass the pow'r of human telling;
nor can we guess its grace,
till we become the place
wherein the Holy Spirit makes its dwelling.

[Hear on <https://youtu.be/6HPKL1wOVXk> sung by the choir of King's College, Cambridge]



11 Gospel: John 20.19-23

Jesus Appears to his Disciples

¹⁹ It was late that Sunday evening, and the disciples were gathered together behind locked doors, because they were afraid of the Jewish authorities. Then Jesus came and stood among them. 'Peace be with you,' he said.

²⁰ After saying this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy at seeing the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father sent me, so I send you.' ²² Then he breathed on them and said, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive people's sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.'

12 Sermon. [Host to record and end.]

14 Intercessions. [Host to record and end.]

Instead of Hymn 3. Music by J.S. Bach. Provided by Paul Starkey [Host to mute all but Paul]



Hymn 4. 666 The Spirit lives to set us free

Pre-recorded with words on screen:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dnt4ST8HGQA>

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