

MP Lent wk 4

Sunday 30 March 2014

Lead kindly light, amid th' encircling gloom lead thou me on;
The night is dark, and I am far from home, lead thou me on.
Keep thou my feet: I do not ask to see the distant scene;
one step enough for me.

I was not ever thus, nor prayed that thou shouldst lead me on:
I loved to choose and see my path: but now lead thou me on.
I loved the garish day, and spite of fears, pride ruled my will:
remember not past years.

So long thy power hath blest me, sure it still will lead me on
O'er moor and fen, o'er crag and torrent, till the night is gone:
And with the morn those angel faces smile
which I have loved long since, and lost awhile

Let us pray
God of the promise to Abraham, and of the Covenant with Moses,
you have triumphed in the raising of Christ from the dead.
Let us and all your people be filled with hope
as we recount your mighty deeds and thank you
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Psalm 117: This day was made by the Lord. We rejoice and are glad.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end;
Let the sons of Israel say; his love has no end.
This day was made by the Lord, we rejoice and are glad.

The Lord's right hand has triumphed, his right hand raised me up.
I shall not die I shall live and recount his deeds.
This day was made by the Lord, we rejoice and are glad.

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes.
This day was made by the Lord, we rejoice and are glad.

Glory to the Father, glory to the Son
glory to the Holy Spirit both now and for ever. Amen.
This day was made by the Lord, we rejoice and are glad.

Short reading Nehemiah 8:9,10

This day is sacred to the Lord your God. Do not be mournful, do not weep. For this day is sacred to our Lord. Do not be sad: the joy of the Lord is your stronghold.

Canticle Benedictus

Intercessions

God's treasury of gifts is infinite. Through Jesus Christ, his ever-living Son who intercedes for us, let us give him glory as we pray: – *Kindle in us the fire of your love.*

God of compassion, may we be full of kind actions today:

may everyone experience our humanity. – *Kindle in us the fire of your love.*

With the ark you saved Noah from the waters of the flood:

with the waters of baptism, save those who are soon to be baptized.

– *Kindle in us the fire of your love.*

May we be fed not by bread alone

but by every word that comes from your mouth. – *Kindle in us the fire of your love.*

Give us the courage to make up every quarrel and rejoice in your gifts of peace, concord and love. – *Kindle in us the fire of your love.*

Our Father, who art in heaven...

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a vocal line (treble clef) and piano accompaniment (grand staff). The lyrics for the first system are: "Love is of God; in love his love is". The second system also has a vocal line and piano accompaniment. The lyrics for the second system are: "known; in those who love the love of God is shown." The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

Lord God, in your surpassing wisdom you reconcile us to yourself through your Word. Grant that your Christian people may come with faith and joy to celebrate Easter. We make our prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

May the Lord bless us and keep us from all harm; and may he lead us to eternal life. **AMEN**