

October 21st, 2021

Choral Prelude: Cecilia McDowall – A Prayer of St. Columba

Be thou a bright flame before us,
Be thou a guiding star above us,
Be thou a smooth path below us,
And be a kindly shepherd behind us,
Today, tonight, and for ever.

Drive us from all temptation and danger,
Surround us on the sea of unrighteousness,
And in the narrows, crooks, and straits.
Keep thou our coracle, keep it always,
Today, tonight, and forever.

vv. 1, 5

1 The flam - ing ban - ners of our King ad - vance through
 2 A Ro - man sol - dier drew a spear to mix his
 3 The crowd would have been sat - is - fied to see a
 4 With what strange light the rough trunk shone, its pur - ple
 5 The best are shamed be - fore that wood; the worst gain

(Accompaniment optional)

1 his self - of - fer - ing. He lived to rob death
 2 blood with wa - ter clear. That blood re - tains its
 3 pro - phet cru - ci - fied. They stum - bled on a
 4 limbs a roy - al throne, its load a roy - al
 5 pow - er to be good. O grant, most bless - ed

1 of its sting; he died e - ter - nal life to bring.
 2 liv - ing power; the wa - ter cleans - es to this hour.
 3 mys - ter - y: Mes - si - ah reign - ing from a tree.
 4 trea - sur - y: the ran - som of a world set free.
 5 Trin - i - ty, that all may share the vic - to - ry.

Alternative tune: *Vexilla Regis prodeunt* (equalist rhythm), 162.

Words: Venantius Honorius Fortunatus (540?-600?); para. John Webster Grant (b. 1919)

Music: *Vexilla Regis prodeunt*, plainsong, Mode 1, Rome MS., 12th cent.;
 ver. Schola Antiqua, 1983; acc. David Hurd (b. 1950)♩ = 100
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Descant

5 Crown him the Lord of heaven, en - throned a - bove;

1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne; Hark!
 2 Crown him the Son of God be - fore the worlds be - gan, and
 3 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave, and
 4 Crown him of lords the Lord, who o - ver all doth reign, who
 5 Crown him the Lord of heaven, en - throned in worlds a - bove; crown

crown him to whom is given, the won - drous name of Love.

1 how the heaven - ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own; a -
 2 ye, who tread where he hath trod, crown him the Son of man; who
 3 rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save; his
 4 once on earth, the in - car - nate Word, for ran - somed sin - ners slain, now
 5 him the King, to whom is given, the won - drous name of Love. Crown

Crown him with man-y crowns, as thrones be-fore him

1 wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee, and
 2 ev - ery grief hath known that wrings the hu - man breast, and
 3 glo - ries now we sing who died, and rose on high, who
 4 lives in realms of light, where saints with an - gels sing their
 5 him with man - y crowns, as thrones be - fore him fall, crown

fall, crown him, ye kings, for he is King of all.

1 hail him as thy match - less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 2 takes and bears them for his own, that all in him may rest.
 3 died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
 4 songs be - fore him day and night, their God, Re - deem - er, King.
 5 him, ye kings, with man - y crown, for he is King of all.

Words: Matthew Bridges (1800-1894)

Music: *Diademata*, George Job Elvey (1816-1893); desc. Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

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