

**Hymns, Lessons, Gradual: 20 Trinity 2021**

**# 376**

**1. Rock of Ages**, cleft for me,  
Let me hide myself in Thee;  
Let the water and the blood  
From Thy riven side which flowed  
Be of sin the double cure,  
Cleanse me from its guilt and power.

2. Not the labors of my hands  
Can fulfil Thy Law's demands;  
Could my zeal no respite know,  
Could my tears forever flow,  
All for sin could not atone;  
Thou must save, and Thou alone.

3. Nothing in my hand I bring,  
Simply to Thy cross I cling;  
Naked, come to Thee for dress;  
Helpless, look to Thee for grace;  
Foul, I to the fountain fly,--  
Wash me, Savior, or I die!

4. While I draw this fleeting breath,  
When mine eyelids close in death,  
When I soar to worlds unknown,  
See Thee on Thy judgment-throne,  
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,  
Let me hide myself in Thee! Amen.

LESSON: ISAIAH 65.1-2

I am sought of *them that* asked not *for me*; I am found of *them that* sought me not: I said, Behold me, behold me, unto a nation *that* was not called by my name. 2 I have spread out my hands all the day unto a rebellious people, which walketh in a way *that was* not good, after their own thoughts.

EPISTLE: EPHESIANS 5:15-21

15 See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, 16 Redeeming the time, because the days are evil. 17 Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is. 18 And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit; 19 Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; 20 Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ; 21 Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.

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The eyes of all wait upon Thee O Lord: and Thou givest

them their meat in due season. Thou openest Thine hand: and satisfiest the desire of every living thing. Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Out of the depths have I cried unto Thee, O Lord: Lord, hear my voice. Hallelujah.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 22:1-14

1 And Jesus answered and spake unto them again by parables, and said, 2 The kingdom of heaven is like unto a certain king, which made a marriage for his son, 3 And sent forth his servants to call them that were bidden to the wedding: and they would not come. 4 Again, he sent forth other servants, saying, Tell them which are bidden, Behold, I have prepared my dinner: my oxen and my fatlings are killed, and all things are ready: come unto the marriage. 5 But they made light of it, and went their ways, one to his farm, another to his merchandise: 6 And the remnant took his servants, and entreated them spitefully, and slew them. 7 But when the king heard thereof, he was wroth: and he sent forth his armies, and destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city. 8 Then saith he to his servants, The wedding is ready, but they which were bidden were not worthy. 9 Go ye therefore into the highways, and as many as ye shall find, bid to the marriage. 10 So those servants went out into the highways, and gathered together all as many as they found, both bad and good: and the wedding was furnished with guests. 11 And when the king came in to see the guests, he saw there a man which had not on a wedding garment: 12 And he saith unto him, Friend, how camest thou in hither not having a wedding garment? And he was speechless. 13 Then said the king to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. 14 For many are called, but few are chosen.

**# 279**

**1. Today Thy mercy calls us**

To wash away our sin.  
However great our trespass,  
Whatever we have been,  
However long from mercy  
Our hearts have turned away,  
Thy precious blood can cleanse us  
And make us white today.

2. Today Thy gate is open,  
And all who enter in  
Shall find a Father's welcome  
And pardon for their sin.  
The past shall be forgotten,  
A present joy be given,  
A future grace be promised,  
A glorious crown in heaven.

3. Today our Father calls us,  
His Holy Spirit waits;

His blessed angels gather  
Around the heavenly gates.  
No question will be asked us  
How often we have come;  
Although we oft have wandered,  
It is our Father's home.

4. O all-embracing Mercy,  
O ever-open Door,  
What should we do without Thee  
When heart and eye run o'er?  
When all things seem against us,  
To drive us to despair,  
We know one gate is open,  
One ear will hear our prayer. Amen.

### # 304

#### **1. An awe-full mystery is here**

To challenge faith and waken fear:  
The Savior comes as food divine,  
Concealed in earthly bread and wine.

2. This world is loveless, -- but above,  
What wondrous boundlessness of love!  
The king of Glory stoops to me  
My spirit's life and strength to be.

3. In consecrated wine and bread  
No eye perceives the mystery dread;  
But Jesus' words are strong and clear:  
"My body and My blood are here."

4. How dull are all the powers of sense  
Employed on proofs of love immense!  
The richest food remains unseen,  
And highest gifts appear -- how mean!

5. But here we have no boon on earth,  
And faith alone discerns its worth:  
The Word, not sense, must be our guide,  
And faith assure, since sight's denied.

6. Lord, show us still that Thou art good  
And grant us evermore this food.  
Give faith to every wavering soul  
And make each wounded spirit whole. Amen.

### # 644 Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.