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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

RESPONSES

*Girdler*

OFFICE HYMN (NEH 346)



City of God, how broad and far  
outspread thy walls sublime!  
the true thy chartered freemen are  
of every age and clime.

One holy Church, one army strong,  
one steadfast, high intent;  
one working band, one harvest-song,  
one King omnipotent.

How purely hath thy speech come down  
from man's primaeval youth!  
How grandly hath thine empire grown  
of freedom, love, and truth!

How gleam thy watch-fires through the night  
with never-fainting ray!  
How rise thy towers, serene and bright,  
to meet the dawning day!

In vain the surge's angry shock,  
in vain the drifting sands:  
unharm'd upon the eternal Rock  
the eternal city stands.

*Samuel Johnson (1822–82)*

## PSALM 81. 8-16

I proved thee also: at the waters of strife. Hear, O my people, and I will assure thee, O Israel: if thou wilt hearken unto me, there shall no strange god be in thee: neither shalt thou worship any other god. I am the Lord thy God, who brought thee out of the land of Egypt: open thy mouth wide, and I shall fill it. But my people would not hear my voice: and Israel would not obey me. So I gave them up unto their own hearts' lusts: and let them follow their own imaginations. O that my people would have hearkened unto me: for if Israel had walked in my ways, I should soon have put down their enemies: and turned my hand against their adversaries. The haters of the Lord should have been found liars: but their time should have endured for ever.

*STAND*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

## CANTICLES

*Dyson in F*

## ANTHEM

There must be a beginning of any great matter,  
but the continuing unto the end  
until it be thoroughly finished  
yields the true glory.

The greatest things are accomplished,  
and the greatest achievements are won,  
by toil and by striving uninterrupted,  
toil as well of the body as of the spirit.

*Peter Aston (1938–2013)*

## HYMN (406)

Lord, teach us how to pray aright  
with reverence and with fear;  
though dust and ashes in thy sight,  
we may, we must draw near.

We perish if we cease from prayer;  
O grant us power to pray;  
and when to meet thee we prepare,  
Lord, meet us by the way.

God of all grace, we come to thee  
with broken contrite hearts;  
give, what thine eye delights to see,  
truth in the inward parts;

faith in the only sacrifice  
that can for sin atone;  
to cast our hopes, to fix our eyes,  
on Christ, on Christ alone;

patience to watch, and wait, and weep,  
though mercy long delay;  
courage our fainting souls to keep,  
and trust thee though thou slay.

Give these, and then thy will be done;  
thus, strengthened with all might,  
we, through thy Spirit and thy Son,  
shall pray, and pray aright.

*James Montgomery (1771–1854)*

## VISION

*We aspire to be*

*"... citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone."  
Ephesians 2:19-20*

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