

Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity
September 19, 2021

PROCESSIONAL HYMN **301** Immortal, invisible, God only wise

St. Denio

1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise, / In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, / Almighty, victorious, thy great Name we praise.
2. Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light, / Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above / Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.
3. To all life thou givest, to both great and small; / In all life thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish, like leaves on the tree, / Then wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.
4. Great Father of glory, pure Father of light, / Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
All laud we would render: O help us to see / 'Tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

Walter Chalmers Smith, 1867; Music: Welsh Melody, adapted 1839.

COMMUNION HYMN **376** Come down, O Love Divine

Down Ampney

1. Come down, O Love divine / Seek thou this soul of mine,
And visit it with thine own ardor 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.
3. And so the yearning strong, / With which the soul will long,
Shall far outpass the power of human telling;
For none can guess its grace, / Till he become the place
Wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.

Words: Bianco Da Siena, d. 1434; trans. R. F. Littledale, 1867, Music: R. Vaughan Williams, 1906.