

O for a thousand tongues to sing

My great Redeemer's praise,
My great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of His grace! x3

Jesus! the name that charms our fears,
That bids our sorrows cease;
That bids our sorrows cease;
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,
'Tis life and health and peace! x3

He breaks the power of cancelled sin,
He sets the prisoner free;
He sets the prisoner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean;
His blood availed for me! x3

He speaks, and, listening to His voice,
New life the dead receive,
New life the dead receive,
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice,
The humble poor believe! x3

My gracious Master, and my God,
Assist me to proclaim,
Assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad,
The honours of Thy name! x3

Charles Wesley

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

SUMMARY OF THE LAW

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: The first commandment is this: 'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

All: Amen.

Greet/Notices

Bible Reading : Amos 3: 1-15

3 Hear this word the LORD has spoken against you, O people of Israel-against the whole family I brought up out of Egypt:

²"You only have I chosen
of all the families of the earth;
therefore I will punish you
for all your sins."

³Do two walk together
unless they have agreed to do so?

⁴Does a lion roar in the thicket
when he has no prey?

Does he growl in his den
when he has caught nothing?

⁵Does a bird fall into a trap on the
ground

where no snare has been set?
Does a trap spring up from the earth
when there is nothing to catch?

⁶When a trumpet sounds in a city,
do not the people tremble?

When disaster comes to a city,
has not the LORD caused it?

⁷Surely the Sovereign LORD does nothing
without revealing his plan
to his servants the prophets.

⁸The lion has roared—
who will not fear?

The Sovereign LORD has spoken—
who can but prophesy?

⁹Proclaim to the fortresses of Ashdod
and to the fortresses of Egypt:

"Assemble yourselves on the
mountains of Samaria;
see the great unrest within her
and the oppression among her
people."

¹⁰"They do not know how to do right,"
declares the LORD,
"who hoard plunder and loot in their
fortresses."

¹¹Therefore this is what the Sovereign
LORD says:

"An enemy will overrun the land;
he will pull down your strongholds
and plunder your fortresses."

¹²This is what the LORD says:

"As a shepherd saves from the lion's
mouth
only two leg bones or a piece of an
ear,
so will the Israelites be saved,
those who sit in Samaria
on the edge of their beds
and in Damascus on their couches."

¹³"Hear this and testify against the
house of Jacob," declares the LORD, the
LORD God Almighty.

¹⁴"On the day I punish Israel for her sins,
I will destroy the altars of Bethel;
the horns of the altar will be cut off
and fall to the ground.

¹⁵I will tear down the winter house
along with the summer house;
the houses adorned with ivory will be
destroyed
and the mansions will be
demolished,"

declares the LORD.

Amos 7: 10-17

¹⁰Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel sent a message
to Jeroboam king of Israel: "Amos is raising a
conspiracy against you in the very heart of Israel. The
land cannot bear all his words. ¹¹For this is what Amos
is saying:

"Jeroboam will die by the sword, and Israel will
surely go into exile, away from their native land."

¹²Then Amaziah said to Amos, "Get out, you seer!
Go back to the land of Judah. Earn your bread there
and do your prophesying there. ¹³Don't prophesy
anymore at Bethel, because this is the king's sanctuary
and the temple of the kingdom."

¹⁴Amos answered Amaziah, "I was neither a prophet
nor a prophet's son, but I was a shepherd, and I also
took care of sycamore-fig trees. ¹⁵But the LORD took
me from tending the flock and said to me, 'Go,
prophesy to my people Israel.' ¹⁶Now then, hear the
word of the LORD. You say,

"Do not prophesy against Israel,
and stop preaching against the house
of Isaac.'

¹⁷"Therefore this is what the Lord says:

"Your wife will become a prostitute in
the city,
and your sons and daughters will fall
by the sword.

Your land will be measured and divided
up,
and you yourself will die in a pagan
country.

And Israel will certainly go into exile,
away from their native land.' "

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All: We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from
heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the
dead,

and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and
glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of
sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

With a prayer You fed the hungry,
With a cry You stilled the storm;
With a look You had compassion
On the desperate and forlorn.
With a touch You healed the leper,
With a shout You raised the dead;
With a word, expelled the demons;
With a blessing broke the bread.

*Love incarnate, love divine!
Captivate this heart of mine,
Till all I do speaks of You.*

As a sheep before the shearer,
You were silent in Your pain;
You endured humiliation
At the hands of those You'd made.
And as hell unleashed its fury,
You were lifted on a tree,
Crying, 'Father God, forgive them,
Place their punishment on me'.

I will feed the poor and hungry,
I will stand up for the truth,
I will take my cross and follow
To the corners of the earth.
And I ask that You so fill me
With Your Peace, Your Power, Your Breath,
That I never love my life so much
To shrink from facing death.

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Sermon

O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
Vast, unmeasured, boundless free.
Rolling as a mighty ocean,
In its fullness over me.
Underneath me, all around me
Is the current of Thy love.
Leading onward, leading homeward,
To my glorious rest above.
O the deep, deep love,
Vast, unmeasured, boundless free.
O the deep, deep love,
In its fullness over me.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
Spread His praise from shore to shore.
How He loveth, ever loveth,
Changeth never, never more.
How He watches o'er His loved ones,
Died to call them all His own.
How for them He intercedeth,
Watches over them from the throne.
O the deep, deep love,

Spread His praise from shore to shore.
O the deep, deep love,
Changeth never, never more.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
Love of every love the best.
'Tis an ocean vast of blessing,
'Tis a haven sweet of rest.
O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
'Tis a heaven of heavens to me.
And it lifts me up to glory,
For it lifts me up to Thee.
O the deep, deep love,
Love of every love the best.
O the deep, deep love,
'Tis a haven sweet of rest.

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Prayers

COMMUNION CONFESSION

All: Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all people, we acknowledge and lament our many sins and the wickedness we have committed time after time, by thought, word and deed against your divine majesty. We have provoked your righteous anger and your indignation against us. We earnestly repent, and are deeply sorry for these our wrongdoings; the memory of them weighs us down, the burden of them is too great for us to bear. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father. For your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that from this time forward we may always serve and please you in newness of life, to the honour and glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with heartfelt repentance and true faith turn to him: have mercy on *us*, pardon and deliver *us* from all *our* sins, confirm and strengthen *us* in all goodness, and bring *us* to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Preface

Lift up your hearts.
All: We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All: It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy, at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise, holy Father, heavenly King, almighty and eternal God. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you, and *saying*:

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Prayer of Humble Access

We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us.
Amen.

The Prayer of Consecration

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who, in your tender mercy, gave your only Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there by his one oblation of himself once offered a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice, oblation and satisfaction for the sins of the whole world; he instituted, and in his holy gospel commanded us to continue, a perpetual memory of his precious death until he comes again. Hear us, merciful Father, we humbly pray, and grant that we receiving these gifts of your creation, this bread and this wine, according to your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed body and blood; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me. In the same way, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying: Drink this, all of you, this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

All: Amen.

Here is love vast as the ocean,
Loving kindness as the flood,
When the Prince of life, our ransom
Shed for us his precious blood.
Who his love will not remember;

Who can cease to sing his praise?
He can never be forgotten
Throughout heaven's eternal days.

On the mount of crucifixion,
Fountains opened deep and wide;
Through the floodgates of God's mercy
Flowed a vast and gracious tide.
Grace and love, like mighty rivers,
Poured incessant from above;
And heaven's peace and perfect justice
Kissed a guilty world in love.

Through the years of human darkness
Shone the lamp the prophets trimmed,
Making known redemption's story
Of the love of God undimmed.
Christ for every tongue and nation!
All must come beneath his sway;
His the everlasting kingdom
That shall never pass away.

When the stars shall fall from heaven,
And the sun turn black as night,
When the skies recede and vanish,
And the elements ignite.
Then the Son of Man in glory,
Coming as the morning Star,
Shall return to claim his loved ones,
Gathered in from near and far.

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When peace like a river attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea-billows roll;
Whatever my lot, You have taught me to say,
'It is well, it is well with my soul.'

*It is well with my soul,
It is well,
It is well with my soul.*

Though Satan should buffet,
If trials should come,
Let this blessed assurance control:
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
And has shed His own blood for my soul.

My sin - O the bliss of this glorious thought -
My sin, not in part, but the whole
Is nailed to His cross, and I bear it no more;
Praise the Lord,
Praise the Lord, O my soul.
For me be it Christ,
Be it Christ hence to live!
If Jordan above me shall roll,
No pang shall be mine, for in death as in life
You will whisper Your peace to my soul.

But Lord, it's for You,
for Your coming we wait;
the sky, not the grave, is our goal:
O trump of the angel!
O voice of the Lord!
Blessed hope! blessed rest of my soul.

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Blessing

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