

COME THOU ALMIGHTY KING

Come, thou almighty King,
help us thy name to sing, help us to praise!
Father all glorious, o'er all victorious,
come and reign over us, Ancient of Days!

Come, thou incarnate Word,
gird on thy mighty sword, our prayer attend!
Come, and thy people bless, and give thy word success,
Spirit of holiness, on us descend!

Come, holy Comforter,
thy sacred witness bear in this glad hour.
Thou who almighty art, now rule in every heart,
and ne'er from us depart, Spirit of power!

To thee, great One in Three,
eternal praises be, hence, evermore.
Thy sovereign majesty may we in glory see,
and to eternity love and adore!

CALL TO WORSHIP

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;
sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise.
**All the earth worships you; they sing praises to you,
sing praises to your name.**
—Psalm 66:1-2, 4, NRSV—

THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION

The church's one foundation, is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is his new creation, by water and the Word
From heaven he came and sought her, to be his holy bride;
With his own blood he bought her and for her life he died

Elect from every nation yet one o'er all the earth;
Her charter of salvation One Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy name she blesses partakes one holy food
And to one hope she presses with every grace endued

Though with a scornful wonder we see her sore oppressed
By schisms rent asunder by heresies distressed
Yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song

Mid toil and tribulation and tumult of her war
She waits the consummation of peace forevermore;
Till, with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest
And the great church victorious shall be the church at rest

Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we
Like them, the meek and lowly on high may dwell with thee

COME YE SOULS BY SIN AFFLICTED

Come ye souls by, sin afflicted,
Bowed with fruitless, sorrow down;
By the broken, law convicted,
Through the cross, behold the crown;
Look to Jesus; Look to Jesus; Look to Jesus;
Mercy flows through Him alone.

Take His easy, yoke and wear it;
Love will make your, obedience sweet;
Christ will give you, strength to bear it,
While His grace, shall guide your feet
Safe to glory, Safe to glory, Safe to glory,
Where His ransomed captives meet.

Blessed are the, eyes that see Him,
Blest the ears that, hear His voice;
Blessed are the, souls that trust Him,
And in Him, alone rejoice;
His commandments, His commandments, His commandments
Then become their happy choice.

Sweet as home to, pilgrims weary,
Light to newly, opened eyes,
Like full springs in, deserts dreary,
Is the rest, the cross supplies;
All who taste it, All who taste it, All who taste it
Shall to rest immortal rise.

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Q20. Are all people then saved through Christ just as they were lost through Adam?

A. No. Only those are saved who through true faith are grafted into Christ and accept all his benefits.

Q21. What is true faith?

A. True faith is not only a sure knowledge by which I hold as true all that God has revealed to us in Scripture; it is also a wholehearted trust, which the Holy Spirit creates in me by the gospel, that God has freely granted, not only to others but to me also, forgiveness of sins, eternal righteousness, and salvation. These are gifts of sheer grace, granted solely by Christ's merit.

Q22. What then must a Christian believe?

A. All that is promised us in the gospel, a summary of which is taught us in the articles of our universal and undisputed Christian faith.

Q23. What are these articles?

A. I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Most gracious and most merciful God, we confess to you and to one another that time after time we have entered your presence with countless prayers but with hearts that have been closed to your grace. We have lifted our hands to you in praise, but our feet have still walked in the ways of evil. We have rehearsed your commandments but have refused to see your face in the needs of our neighbor. We pray, Lord, that you forgive our lack of faith and pardon our acts of injustice. Grant us the healing that comes from your presence and the cleansing of your all-powerful Word, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

I will cleanse them from all the guilt of their sin against me, and I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.

—Ezekiel 36:25-26, NRSV—

THERE IS A FOUNTAIN FILLED WITH BLOOD

There is fountain filled with blood
drawn from Emmanuel's veins;
And sinners plunged beneath that flood
Lose all their guilty stains. (x3)
And sinners plunged beneath that flood,
Lose all their guilty stains.

The dying thief rejoiced to see that fountain in his day;
And there may I, though vile as he,
Wash all my sins away. (x3)
And there may I, though vile as he,
Wash all my sins away.

Dear dying Lamb, Thy precious blood
shall never lose its power
'Til all the ransomed church of God
Be saved to sin no more. (x3)
'Til all the ransomed church of God,
Be saved to sin no more.

THERE IS A FOUNTAIN FILLED WITH BLOOD cont.

E'er since, by faith, I saw the stream
Thy flowing wounds supply,
Redeeming love has been my theme,
And shall be 'til I die. (x3)
Redeeming love has been my theme,
And shall be 'til I die.

SERMON

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.

COMMUNION

TO CHRIST THE LORD

To Christ the Lord let every tongue
Its noblest tribute bring
When He's the subject of the song
Who can refuse to sing?
Survey the beauties of His face
And on His glories dwell
Think of the wonder of His grace
And all His triumphs tell

Majestic sweetness sits enthroned
Upon His awful brow
His head with radiant glories crowned
His lips with grace overflow
No mortal can with Him compare
Among the sons of men
Fairer He is than all the fair
That fill the Heavenly train

He saw me plunged in deep distress
He fled to my relief
For me He bore the shameful cross
And carried all my grief
His hand a thousand blessings pours
Upon my guilty head
His presence gilds my darkest hours
And guards my sleeping bed

To Him I owe my life and breath
And all the joys I have
He makes me triumph over death
And saves me from the grave
To Heaven the place of His abode
He brings my weary feet
Shows me the glories of my God
And makes my joy complete

TO CHRIST THE LORD cont.

Since from His bounty I receive
Such proofs of love divine
Had I a thousand hearts to give
Lord, they should all be Thine
A thousand men could not compose
A worthy song to bring
Yet Your love is a melody
Our hearts can't help but sing!