

Sunday @ Seven April 2025
Too big an ask?

Welcome

All people that on earth do dwell,
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
Him serve with mirth, His praise forth tell;
come ye before Him and rejoice.

The Lord, ye know, is God indeed:
without our aid He did us make:
we are His folk, He doth us feed;
and for His sheep He doth us take.

O enter then His gates with praise,
approach with joy His courts unto;
praise, laud, and bless His name always,
for it is seemly so to do.

For why? The Lord our God is good;
His mercy is for ever sure;
His truth at all times firmly stood,
and shall from age to age endure.

To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
the God whom heaven and earth adore,
from men and the angel-host
be praise and glory evermore.

We pray together -

Father, giver of light and power,
We praise you;
Jesus, light of the world,
We acknowledge you;
Holy Spirit, presence of God within us,
We open our hearts to receive you.
Amen.

As the deer pants for the water,
so my soul longs after You.
You alone are my heart's desire
and I long to worship You.
*You alone are my strength, my shield,
to You alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire
and I long to worship You.*

I want You more than gold or silver,
only You can satisfy.

You alone are the real joy-giver
and the apple of my eye.

You alone are my strength,

You're my Friend and You are my Brother,
even though You are a King.

I love You more than any other,
so much more than anything.

You alone are my strength,

***Bible reading – John 3: 1 – 12 – Nicodemus
seeks some confirmation from Jesus.***

I'll go in the strength of the Lord,
In paths He has marked for my feet;
I'll follow the light of His Word,
Nor shrink from the dangers I meet.
His presence my steps shall attend;
His fullness my wants shall supply;
On Him, till my journey shall end,
My unwavering faith shall rely.

*I'll go, I'll go in the strength,
I'll go in the strength of the Lord;
I'll go, I'll go in the strength,
I'll go in the strength of the Lord.*

I'll go in the strength of the Lord
To work He appoints me to do;
In joy which His smile doth afford
My soul shall her vigour renew.
His wisdom shall guard me from harm,
His power my sufficiency prove;
I'll trust His omnipotent arm,
And prove His unchangeable love.

I'll go, I'll go in the strength.....

I'll go in the strength of the Lord
To conflicts which faith will require;
His grace as my shield and reward,
My courage and zeal shall inspire.
Since He gives the word of command
To meet and encounter the foe,
With His sword of truth in my hand,
To suffer and triumph I'll go.

I'll go, I'll go in the strength.....

***Bible reading – Luke 19: 1 – 10 - Zacchaeus
climbs a tree to see Jesus.***

Be bold, be strong,
for the Lord your God is with you;
be bold be strong,
for the Lord your God is with you!
I am not afraid - no, no, no!
I am not dismayed,
For I'm walking in faith and victory,
Come on and walk in faith and victory,
For the Lord your God is with you.

***Bible reading – Mark 10: 17-22 - too big an
ask for a very wealthy man.***

I want to walk with Jesus Christ,
all the days I live of this life on earth;
to give to Him complete control
of body and of soul.
*Follow Him, follow Him,
yield your life to Him –
He has conquered death,
He is King of kings;
accept the joy which He gives to those
who yield their lives to Him.*

I want to learn to speak to Him,
to pray to Him, confess my sin,
to open my life and let Him in,
for joy will then be mine.
Follow Him, follow Him.....

I want to learn to speak of Him –
my life must show that He lives in me;
my deeds, my thoughts,
my words must speak
all of His love for me.
Follow Him, follow Him.....

I want to learn to read His word,
for this is how I know the way
to live my life as pleases Him,
in holiness and joy.
Follow Him, follow Him.....

O Holy Spirit of the Lord,
enter now into this heart of mine;
take full control of my selfish will
and make me wholly Thine!
Follow Him, follow Him.....

***Too big an ask? - A chance encounter helps to
answer the question.***

Fight the good fight with all thy might;
Christ is thy strength, and Christ thy right;
lay hold on life and it shall be
thy joy and crown eternally.

Run the straight race through God's good grace,
lift up thine eyes and seek his face;
life with its way before us lies;
Christ is the path and Christ the prize.

Cast care aside, lean on thy guide;
his boundless mercy will provide;
trust, and thy trusting soul shall prove
Christ is its life, and Christ its love.

Faint not nor fear, his arms are near;
he changeth not, and thou art dear;
only believe, and thou shalt see
that Christ is all in all to thee.

Let's talk.....

***Lent is one of the times of year when we
reflect on our relationship with God through
Jesus. Part of that relationship may entail
confronting what we do in return for what
Jesus does for us.***

*Following Jesus can ask certain things of us.
Maybe we find that some of those things really
challenge us and, perhaps, can feel to be too
big an ask?
(Have a look at Luke 9: 57-62)*

I will offer up my life in spirit and truth,
pouring out the oil of love
as my worship to you.
In surrender I must give my every part;
Lord, receive the sacrifice of a broken heart.

*Jesus, what can I give, what can I bring
to so faithful a friend, to so loving a king?
Saviour; what can be said, what can be sung
as a praise of your name
for the things you have done?
Oh, my words could not tell, not even in part,
of the debt of love that is owed
by this thankful heart.*

You deserve my ev'ry breath
for you've paid the great cost;
giving up your life to death,
even death on a cross.
You took all my shame away,
there defeated my sin,
opened up the gates of heaven, and have
beckoned me in.

Jesus, what can I give

Space for our prayers

**O God our Father, who sent your Son Jesus
Christ to be the Saviour of mankind; inspire
us with all that is good and true in life; come
into our hearts and fill us with your light and
strength.
And because we are weak and cannot prevail
without your help, clothe us with power and
give us the faith to deal with the challenges
which come before us.
We pray in the name of Jesus our Lord.
Amen.**

**Our Father in heaven
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

I cast my mind to Calvary
where Jesus bled and died for me.
I see His wounds, His hands, His feet.
My Saviour on that cursed tree.

His body bound and drenched in tears;
they laid Him down in Joseph's tomb.
The entrance sealed by heavy stone.
Messiah still and all alone.

*O praise the name of the Lord our God.
O praise His Name for ever more.
For endless days we will sing Your praise.
O Lord, O Lord our God.*

Then on the third at break of dawn,
the Son of Heaven rose again.
O trampled death, where is your sting?
The angels roar for Christ the King.

O praise the name.....

He shall return in robes of white,
the blazing sun shall pierce the night.
And I will rise among the saints,
my gaze transfixed on Jesus' face.

O praise the name.....

We say the Grace together.

And can it be that I should gain
an interest in my Saviour's blood?
Died he for me,
who caused his pain?
For me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be
that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me!

Long my imprisoned spirit lay
fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray –
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
my chains fell off, my heart was free,
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.

No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in Him, is mine!
Alive in Him, my living head,
and clothed in righteousness divine,
bold I approach the eternal throne,
and claim the crown, through Christ, my own.

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