LET THY BLOOD IN MERCY POURED

Hymn Devotion - October 21

Scripture – Romans 5:6-8

I Corinthians 10:16

Let Thy blood in mercy poured,  
Let Thy gracious body broken,  
Be to me, O gracious Lord,  
Of Thy boundless love the token.

Refrain

Thou didst give Thyself for me,  
Now I give myself to Thee.

Thou didst die that I might live;  
Blessed Lord, Thou cam’st to save me:  
All that love of God could give  
Jesus by His sorrows gave me.

Refrain

By the thorns that crowned Thy brow,  
By the spear wound and the nailing,  
By the pain and death, I now  
Claim, O Christ, Thy love unfailing.

Refrain

Wilt Thou own the gift I bring?  
All my penitence I give Thee;  
Thou art my exalted King,  
Of Thy matchless love forgive me.

Refrain

Greek Hymn (sixth-ninth century?)

Translated by John Brownlie (1859-1925)

There is a scientific statement – for every action there is an equal or greater reaction – God’s gift of Jesus is greater than our reaction of penitence – by this reaction we are saying we claim Jesus’ salvation through His death and are asking Jesus to “own” to accept our regret for our sins with forgiveness though His boundless and unfailing love.

1. What are we asking to be let or allowed?
2. What are we asking to be let or allowed here?
3. Who are we asking it for from the Gracious Lord?
4. What are these a token, a symbol of?
5. Verse 2: What did Jesus do for us?
6. What did the Blessed Lord come to do?
7. What did God give?
8. How did Jesus give it?
9. Verse 3: List all of the “By the” statements:
10. What can we now claim?
11. Verse 4: What are we asking?
12. What are we giving to Him?
13. What are we declaring Jesus to be?
14. We are affected by an action because the word “of” is used – What is the action of Thy – God’s matchless love?
15. Chorus: What happened?
16. What are we doing in return?

O JESUS, KING MOST WONDERFUL

Hymn Devotion - October 22

Scripture – 2 Corinthians 3:17-18

John 1:49

O Jesus, King most wonderful,   
Thou Conqueror renowned,   
Thou Sweetness most ineffable,   
In Whom all joys are found!

When once Thou visitest the heart,   
Then truth begins to shine,   
Then earthly vanities depart,   
Then kindles love divine.

O Jesus, Light of all below,   
Thou Fount of life and fire,   
Surpassing all the joys we know,   
And all we can desire!

Thy wondrous mercies are untold,   
Through each returning day;   
Thy love exceeds a thousand fold,   
Whatever we can say.

Thee may our tongues forever bless;   
Thee may we love alone;   
And ever in our lives express  
The image of Thine own.

Bernard of Clairvaux (1091-1153)

Translated by Edward Caswall (1814-1878)

We want our tongues to ever bless, to thank and give gratitude and love Thee alone. May we our lives express the image a Christ – is quite an undertaking but with Jesus in our hearts the truth will begin to shine and divine love is kindled the image of Christ cannot help but be expressed! Let Jesus visit your heart!

1. What are the two descriptions of Jesus?

1. Ineffable – unable to describe in words. What of Jesus is ineffable?
2. What are found in Jesus?
3. Verse 2: When Jesus visits our heart what begins to shine?
4. What happens when earthly vanities depart?
5. Verse 3: What is Jesus to all below?
6. What is He the fount of?
7. What does He surpass?
8. Verse 4: What are untold?
9. How often do they return?
10. What does love do?
11. Verse 5: What may our tongues do?
12. What may we do to Him alone?
13. What do we want to ever express in our lives?

O SPLENDOR OF GOD’S GLORY BRIGHT

Hymn Devotion – October 23

Scripture – 2 Corinthians 4:5-6

Luke 9:29-31

O splendor of God’s glory bright,  
O Thou that bringest light from light;  
O Light of light, light’s living spring,  
O day, all days illumining.

O Thou true Sun, on us Thy glance  
Let fall in royal radiance;   
The Spirit’s sanctifying beam  
Upon our earthly senses stream.

The Father, too, our prayers implore,   
Father of glory evermore;   
The Father of all grace and might,   
To banish sin from our delight.

To guide whate’er we nobly do,  
With love all envy to subdue;  
To make ill fortune turn to fair,  
And give us grace our wrongs to bear.

Ambrose of Milan (340-397)

Translated by

Robert S. Bridges (1844-1930)

John 1:1-5 witnesses to the fact that Jesus was in the beginning with God and that in Him was life and the light was men – this is very much what Ambrose was trying to be sure that people understood – Jesus was not created but was from the beginning with God – thus divine and human because of His time on earth.

The true Sun – the light of the world – the sanctifying – cleansing-beam from the Spirit to stream on our earthly senses – we implore, not pray flippant or lightly but earnestly pray for guidance from the Father of glory, grace and might

1. What is the splendor of?
2. What Has God brought?
3. What is God in “Light”?
4. What does God illumine?
5. Verse 2: How is Jesus described?
6. How do we want the glance of Jesus to fall?
7. How is the Spirit described?
8. How does this come upon us?
9. Verse 3: To implore is to request earnestly. Who do we implore our prayers to?
10. What is He the Father of?
11. What more is He the Father of?
12. What do we want God to do with sin?
13. Verse 4: What do we want God to do?
14. How can envy be subdued?
15. What do we want changed?
16. What is something we need grace for?

THE LORD IS KING!

October 24– Hymn Devotion

Scripture – Revelation 19:5-6

Psalm 10:16

The Lord is King! lift up thy voice,  
O earth; and all ye heav’ns, rejoice!  
From world to world the joy shall ring,  
“The Lord omnipotent is King.”

The Lord is King! who then shall dare  
Resist His will, distrust His care,  
Or murmur at His wise decrees,  
Or doubt His royal promises?

The Lord is King! Child of the dust,  
The Judge of all the earth is just;  
Holy and true are all His ways;  
Let every creature speak His praise.

Alike pervaded by His eye,  
All parts of His dominion lie;  
This world of ours, and worlds unseen,  
And thin the boundary between.

One Lord, one empire, all secures;  
He reigns, and life and death are yours:  
Through earth and Heav’n one song shall ring,  
“The Lord omnipotent is King!”

Josiah Conder (1789-1855)

The declaration that the Lord is King is the theme through the song – He is a just Judge and His ways are holy and true – let, allow – cause every creature speak – uttering with voice – His praise.

The vast dominion of the Lord is pervaded, influenced by His eye – not only this world but worlds unseen – there is only a thin boundary between the two worlds.

Only one Lord, one empire secures all worlds – An omnipotent Lord and King reigns – life and death belong to Him!

1. What is declared?
2. Who is to lift up their voice?
3. What are the heavens to do?
4. What shall ring from world to world?
5. What is said?
6. Verse 2: How is the Lord described?
7. What shall anyone dare to do? (list them all)
8. Verse 3: Who is King?
9. How are humans described?
10. How is the one who is just described?
11. How are all His ways?
12. What is every creature to do?
13. Verse 4: Pervaded is to be permeated or influenced by something. What is pervaded by His eye?
14. What worlds?
15. What is between?
16. Verse 5: What is one?
17. What is His because He reigns?
18. What shall ring?
19. Where?
20. Omnipotent is all-powerful, universal power and authority.

Who is omnipotent?

1. What is the Lord declared as?

OPEN MY EYES, THAT I MAY SEE

Hymn Devotion – October 25

Scripture – Psalm 119:17-20

Open my eyes, that I may see

Glimpses of truth thou hast for me;

Place in my hands the wonderful key,

That shall unclasp and set me free.

Silently now I wait for Thee,

Ready, my God, Thy will to see;

Open my eyes, illumine me,

Spirit divine!

Open my ears, that I may hear

Voices of truth Thou sendest clear;

And while the wave-notes fall on my ear,

Ev’rything false will disappear.

Silently now I wait for Thee,

Ready, my God, Thy will to see;

Open my ears, illumine me,

Spirit divine!

Open my mouth, and let it bear

Gladly the warm truth ev’rywhere;

Open my heart, and let me prepare

Love with Thy children thus to share.

Silently now I wait for Thee,

Ready, my God, Thy will to see;

Open my heart, illumine me,

Spirit divine!

Clara H. Scott (1841-1897)

Eyes, ears, mouth and heart need to be open that is the only way the Spirit divine can illumine – light up our life with truth to set us free, to instruct us, to witness to others and to share the Love of God with each other as His children.

If we don’t feel illumined – lit up - with the truth of God today we may need to open our eyes, ears, mouth and heart to let the truth in and let it flow through us.

1. What needs to be open to see?
2. What do we want to see?
3. What are we asking for?
4. What do we want to happen?
5. How should we wait?
6. In what state of mind should we be in?
7. With open eyes what are we asking to be done?

By Whom?

1. Verse 2: What needs to be open so we can hear?
2. What does He send clearly?
3. What happens when we hear these wave-notes?
4. What do we do silently?
5. What are we ready to see?
6. With open ears what are we asking to be done?

By Whom?

1. Verse 3: What needs to be open to bear – hold something in mind and communicate it to others?
2. What do we want to bear?
3. What do we prepare to do with an open heart?
4. Who are we waiting ready for?
5. What are we asking the Spirit divine to do?

Brethren, we have met to worship and adore the Lord our God;  
Will you pray with all your power, while we try to preach the Word?  
All is vain unless the Spirit of the Holy One comes down;  
Brethren, pray, and holy manna will be showered all around.

Brethren, see poor sinners round you slumbering on the brink of woe;  
Death is coming, hell is moving, can you bear to let them go?  
See our fathers and our mothers, and our children sinking down;  
Brethren, pray and holy manna will be showered all around.

Sisters, will you join and help us? Moses’ sister aided him;  
Will you help the trembling mourners who are struggling hard with sin?  
Tell them all about the Savior, tell them that He will be found;  
Sisters, pray, and holy manna will be showered all around.

Is there here a trembling jailer, seeking grace, and filled with tears?  
Is there here a weeping Mary, pouring forth a flood of tears?  
Brethren, join your cries to help them; sisters, let your prayers abound;  
Pray, Oh pray that holy manna may be scattered all around.

Let us love our God supremely, let us love each other, too;  
Let us love and pray for sinners, till our God makes all things new.  
Then He’ll call us home to Heaven, at His table we’ll sit down;  
Christ will gird Himself and serve us with sweet manna all around.

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