

The God of Holiness and Love

Scripture for Meditation: *I John 3:1-3*

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

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Hymn of Holiness: *Holy, Holy, Holy*

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessèd Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see;
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,
Perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! raise our eyes to Calv'ry,
That we might behold Thy Son condemned upon the tree.
Oh, how sin has cost Thee; oh, Thy grace and mercy!
Christ, fully punished; sinners, fully free!

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea;
Holy, holy, holy; merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessèd Trinity!

Reginald Heber, 1783-1826
Third stanza by M. Justin Waincott

Hymn of Dependence: *O Great God*

O great God of highest heav'n, occupy my lowly heart;
Own it all and reign supreme, conquer every rebel pow'r.
Let no vice or sin remain that resists Your holy war;
You have loved and purchased me: make me Yours forevermore.

I was blinded by my sin, had no ears to hear Your voice,
Did not know Your love within, had no taste for heaven's joys.
Then Your Spirit gave me life, opened up Your Word to me,
Through the gospel of Your Son gave me endless hope and peace.

Help me now to live a life that's dependent on Your grace;
Keep my heart and guard my soul from the evils that I face.
You are worthy to be praised with my every thought and deed;
O great God of highest heaven glorify Your Name through me.

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Prayer of Blessing

Responsive Reading: *Leviticus 19:1-4, 16-18*

And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, "Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them,

You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy.

Every one of you shall revere his mother and his father, and you shall keep my Sabbaths:

I am the LORD your God.

Do not turn to idols or make for yourselves any gods of cast metal:

I am the LORD your God. . . .

You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand up against the life of your neighbor:

I am the LORD.

You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself:

I am the LORD."

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Hymn of Confession: *Purify My Heart*

Purify my heart; touch me with Your cleansing fire.
Take me to the cross; Your holiness is my desire.
Breathe Your life in me; kindle a love that flows from Your throne.
O purify my heart; purify my heart.
(Repeat)

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Prayer of Corporate Confession

Silence for Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon: *I John 2:1b-2*

But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

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Offertory Hymn of Love: *Oh the Deep, Deep Love*

Oh 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 Your love,
Leading onward, leading homeward, to Your glorious rest above.

Chorus:

Oh the deep, deep love, all I need and trust

Is the deep, deep love of Jesus.

Oh the deep, deep love of Jesus, spread His praise from shore to shore,
How He came to pay our ransom through the saving cross He bore;
How He watches o'er His loved ones, those He died to make His own,
How for them He's interceding, pleading now before the throne.

Oh the deep, deep love of Jesus, far surpassing all the rest,
It's an ocean full of blessing in the midst of every test.
Oh the deep, deep love of Jesus, Mighty Savior, precious Friend,
You will bring us home to glory, where Your love will never end.

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Hymn of Praise: Behold Our God*

Who has held the oceans in His hands?
Who has numbered every grain of sand?
Kings and nations tremble at His voice;
All creation rises to rejoice.

Chorus:
Behold our God, seated on His throne.
Come, let us adore Him!
Behold our King; nothing can compare.
Come, let us adore Him!

Who has given counsel to the Lord?
Who can question any of His Words?
Who can teach the One who knows all things?
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds?

Who has felt the nails upon His hands,
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man?
God eternal, humbled to the grave,
Jesus, Savior risen now to reign!

Tag (4 times):
Men: You will reign forever!
Women: Let Your glory fill the earth

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Ministry of the Word

Church Info

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SUNDAY

9:15 am Corporate Prayer Service
10:30 am Corporate Worship Service

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The great difficulty with many Christians is that they cannot persuade themselves that God loves them; and the reason why they cannot feel confident of the love of God is that they know they do not deserve His love, on the contrary, they know that they are in the highest degree unlovely. How can the infinitely pure God love those who are defiled with sin, who are proud, selfish, discontented, ungrateful and disobedient? This, indeed, is hard to believe.

Charles Hodge