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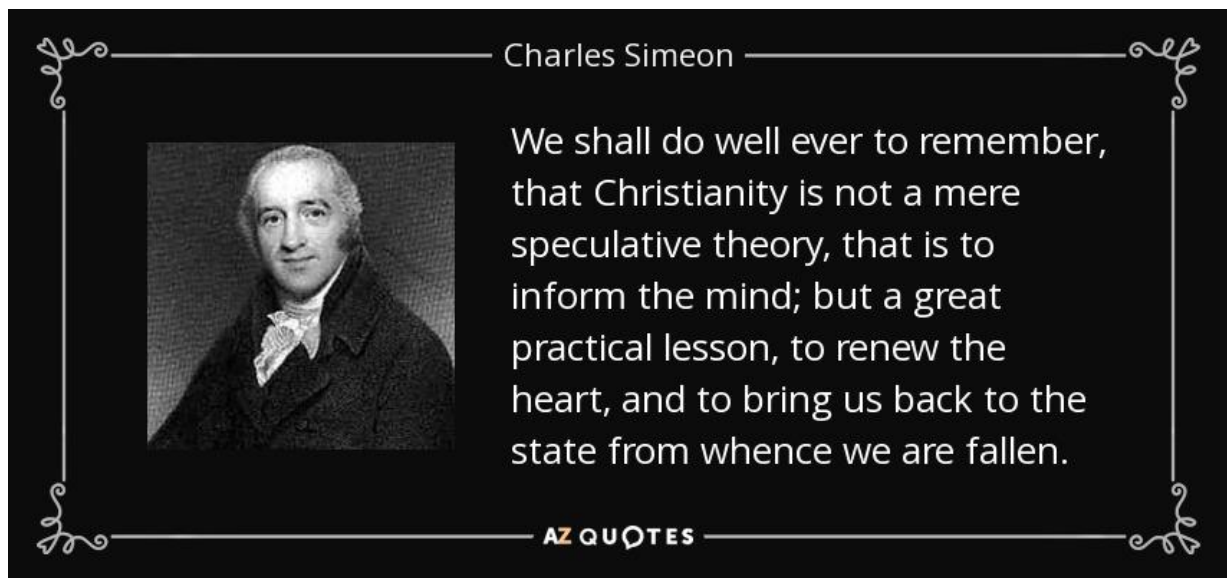
Holy Communion

Wednesday 13 November 2024

Charles Simeon,

Priest, evangelical divine 1836

Traditional Language (CW Order One)



Introduction to the Eucharist

Come down, O Love divine,
seek thou this soul of mine,
and visit it with thine own ardour glowing;
O Comforter, draw near,
within my heart appear,
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

Today we commemorate Charles Simeon, and his faithful life and ministry, centred in Cambridge, but expressed in mission and renewal in the life of the Church.

Let us pray:

Almighty God,
unto whom all hearts be open, all
desires known, and from whom no
secrets are hid: cleanse the
thoughts of our hearts by the
inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that
we may perfectly love thee, and
worthily magnify thy holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:

Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is one Lord; and thou
shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with
all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy
strength.

This is the first commandment.

And the second is like, namely this:

Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

There is none other commandment greater than these.

On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

**Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all these thy laws in our hearts, we
beseech thee.**

Lord, have mercy

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Christ, have mercy

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Lord, have mercy

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Collect

Let us pray...

Eternal God,

who raised up Charles Simeon

to preach the good news of Jesus Christ

and inspire your people in service and mission:

grant that we and all your Church may walk in the way of true holiness;

through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,

who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

ever one God, world without end. Amen.

The first reading : Colossians 1. 3 - 8

In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁴for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, ⁵because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel ⁶that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. ⁷This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow-servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, ⁸and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 57. 6 - 12

My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed: I will sing, and give praise.

Awake up, my glory; awake, lute and harp: I myself will awake right early.

I will give thanks unto thee, O Lord, among the people: and I will sing unto thee among the nations.

For the greatness of thy mercy reacheth unto the heavens: and thy truth unto the clouds.

Set up thyself, O God, above the heavens: and thy glory above all the earth.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Bless the Lord O my soul : and all that is within me praise his holy Name, **Alleluia.**

Gospel : Luke 8. 4 - 8

Hear the holy gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Luke

Glory be to thee, O Lord

4 When a great crowd gathered and people from town after town came to Jesus, he said in a parable: ⁵A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell on the path and was trampled on, and the birds of the air ate it up. ⁶Some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered for lack of moisture. ⁷Some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew with it and choked it. ⁸Some fell into good soil, and when it grew, it produced a hundredfold.' As he said this, he called out, 'Let anyone with ears to hear listen!'

This is the gospel of the Lord. **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

HOMILY - Canon Alan Amos

Born in Reading in 1759, Charles Simeon was educated at Cambridge University and spent the rest of his life in Cambridge. He became a fellow of King's College in 1782 and was ordained priest the following year, when he became vicar of Holy Trinity Church nearby. It was while he was preparing for holy communion on his first entrance to College that he became aware of the redeeming love of God, an experience he regarded as the turning point in his life. Many of the parishioners of Holy Trinity Church did not welcome him on his appointment, since he had been appointed through the patronage of his own family links, but his patient care and love for them all overcame their antipathy and his preaching greatly increased the congregation. Charles had carved on the inside of the pulpit in Holy Trinity Church, where only the preacher could see, the words from John 12.21, when some Greeks came to Philip, saying 'Sir, we would see Jesus.' These words were a constant reminder to him that people came not to gaze on a great preacher or to admire his eloquence, but to seek Jesus. He remained vicar of Holy Trinity until his death on this day in the year 1836. [from "*Exciting Holiness*", edited.]

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Whatsoever ye would that men should do unto you,
Even so do unto them; for this is the Law and the Prophets.

The bread and the wine for the Eucharist are prepared.

THE PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH MILITANT

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church militant here in earth.

The Biddings

As we remember Charles Simeon today, we pray for the Cambridge Theological Federation, an ecumenical partnership of twelve institutions, with more than 300 students from 30 different countries.

Within the Cambridge Federation, we pray especially for the Anglican theological colleges of Ridley Hall and Westcott House. And at Westcott we remember Sam Tudor, preparing for ordination.

We continue to pray for an end to war, and for peace, praying especially for the people of Ukraine, of Russia, of Lebanon, Gaza, Israel and Palestine, and for the people of Sudan - both North and South Sudan.

We pray for the sick who are known to us, and those caring for them, especially for David Omumbwa, Sybil Sheppard, Christine Damary, Chris Talbot, Joan Tye, Annemarie Hester, Louise Cellerier, André Vivas, Timothy Creffield, Tianna Dagher, Edith Tanner, Livia Varju, Brenda Hand, Valerie Offord, Phil Thomas, Diana Mason, Robin Bailey, Judi Cianci, Ruth Wyler, Germain, Samuel Kalibala, Joyce McNulty, Trevor Thomas, Diana Dickinson, Denise Muhlethaler, Maya Mortimer, Rosabelle de Silva, Silvio -Morson, Anna Porraccin, Valerie Slessor, Frances Boo, Jenny Syrathev, George Thomasz, Lorensz Ranasinghe.

Among the faithful departed we pray at this time for Munir Sharaiha and Anthony Cave. May they rest in peace and rise in glory with the saints.

The Prayer for the Church

Almighty and everliving God, who by thy holy Apostle hast taught us to make prayers and supplications, and to give thanks, for all men: We humbly beseech thee most mercifully to accept our oblations and to receive these our prayers, which we offer unto thy Divine Majesty; beseeching thee to inspire continually the universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord: And grant, that all they that do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity, and godly love. We beseech thee also to save and defend all Christian Kings, Princes, and Governors; and specially thy servant CHARLES our King; that under him we may be godly and quietly governed: And grant unto his whole Council, and to all that are put in authority under him, that they may truly and indifferently minister justice, to the punishment of wickedness and vice, and to the maintenance of thy true religion, and virtue. Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all Bishops and Curates, that they may both by their life and doctrine set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments: And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace; and specially to this congregation

here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear, and receive thy holy Word; truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life. And we most humbly beseech thee of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all them, who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear; beseeching thee to give us grace so to follow their good examples, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom: Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

YE that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: Draw near with faith, and take this holy Sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God, meekly kneeling upon your knees.

ALMIGHTY God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, Against thy Divine Majesty, Provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; The remembrance of them is grievous unto us; the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, Forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, To the honour and glory of thy Name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him; Have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all that truly turn to him.

COME unto me all that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you.

St. Matthew 11.28

So God loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

St. John 3.16

Hear also what Saint Paul saith.

This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

1 St. Timothy 1.15

Hear also what Saint John saith.

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the propitiation for our sins. *1 St. John 2.1*

Lift up your hearts

We lift them up unto the Lord

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God

It is meet and right so to do

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name, evermore praising thee and saying:

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts; heaven and earth are full of thy glory, glory be to thee O Lord most high. Blessed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord, hosanna in the highest.

All glory be to thee,

almighty God, our heavenly Father, who, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son 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; and did institute,

and in his holy gospel command us to continue,

a perpetual memory of that his precious death, until his coming again.

Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee, and grant that, by the power of thy Holy Spirit, we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy 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 when he had given thanks to thee, 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.

Likewise after supper he took the cup; and when he had given
thanks to thee, he gave it to them, saying:

Drink ye all of this;

for this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you
and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as oft as ye
shall drink it, in remembrance of me.

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father,
we thy humble servants, having in
remembrance the precious death and
passion of thy dear Son, his mighty
resurrection and glorious ascension,
entirely desire thy fatherly goodness
mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving;
most humbly beseeching thee to grant that by the merits
and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his
blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of
our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And although we be unworthy, through our manifold sins,
to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee
to accept this our bounden duty and service,
not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences; and to grant
that all we, who are partakers of this holy communion, may be
fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; through Jesus
Christ our Lord, by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity
of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father
almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

AGNUS DEI

**O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you
And with thy spirit.

As we prepare to make our spiritual communion, the following prayer is provided for our help :

We offer and present to you, Lord our heavenly Father, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a holy and living sacrifice; grant that being present together in heart and mind at this holy communion we may now be filled with your heavenly blessing through the redeeming grace of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ... [short pause]

Lord Jesus Christ, in outward signs of bread and wine you have made known your presence among us; as we unite with one another from the places where we are, may your communion be fulfilled in us now through the work of the life-giving Holy Spirit. Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God our Redeemer, grant to us the graces that were displayed in the life of your servant Charles Simeon, that following you faithfully in this life, we may with him know the joys of life eternal, this we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee, for that thou dost vouchsafe to feed us, who have duly received these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom, by the merits of the most precious death and passion of thy dear Son. And we most humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end.
Amen.

Glory be to God on high

And in earth peace, goodwill towards men,

We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship

thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to

thee, for thy great glory O Lord God,

heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesu Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sins of the world, have

mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world,

have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world,

receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have

mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; thou

only art the Lord; thou only, O

Christ, with the Holy Ghost,

art most high in the glory of

God the Father. Amen.

THE BLESSING

The peace of *God*, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of *God*, and of his Son *Jesus Christ* our Lord: And the blessing of *God Almighty*, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**