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TWELVE HYMNS
ON
THE TWELVE ARTICLES
OF THE
APOSTLES' CREED.

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“ I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also.”

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Dedicated
TO
MY MOTHER.



PREFACE.

MOST clergymen are aware how many of their parishioners, among the poor especially, say the Creed in their private prayers. And they cannot but feel how this excellent use, as also its utterance in public worship, is too often accompanied by a very meagre comprehension of the breadth and depth of meaning contained in each Article of the Confession of Faith.

Such a feeling first suggested to the Author the probable usefulness of a simple and attractive explanation of the Creed in the popular form of a series of Hymns, such as might be sung or said in private devotion, at family prayer, or in public worship.

Prose expositions indeed of every kind are not wanting, from the great work of Bishop Pearson downwards, but these are more adapted for the student than for the general worshipper, for education rather than for devotion; and there can be little doubt but that the poetical form is more likely to be effectual in securing an abiding place

in the general mind, and also in exercising an influence upon heart and life.

To this end the Author set about the composition of the following Hymns, and though, now the work is done, he is painfully sensible that he has not reached the point either of fulness or simplicity at which he aimed, he humbly trusts that GOD will make them nevertheless of some use in His Church.

A short prose Summary of the truths contained in each Article has been added, to render the work more complete by supplying some unavoidable omissions in the Hymns.

In the preparation of these summaries the Author has been much assisted by the Rev. J. Gorle's "Analysis of Pearson on the Creed."

The testimony of Holy Scripture has also been adduced to authorise the doctrine and sentiment of almost every line, and to shew the oneness of the truth of the Bible and the belief of the Church.

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ARTICLE I.

“ I BELIEVE IN GOD THE FATHER ALMIGHTY,
MAKER OF HEAVEN AND EARTH.”

“ *The Lord He is God: there is None else beside Him.*”

(Tune No. 222.)

NONE else but Thee, for evermore,
One, All, we dread, believe, adore :
Great Earth and Heaven shall have their day
And worn and old shall pass away,
But Thou remainest, on Thy throne
Eternal, changeless, and alone !

None else we praise ! in every form,
In peace of calm and power of storm,
In simple flower and mystic star,
In all around and all afar,
In Grandeur, Beauty, Truth, but Thee
None else we hear, None else we see.

*SUMMARY OF TRUTHS CONFESSED
IN ARTICLE I.*

I believe that there is a God, and that there is but one God: that He is the Father of all things and of all men, more peculiarly of those adopted in His Son, but more eminently still the Father of His Own only-begotten Son: that He is Almighty, because His dominion is infinite both as regards eternity of duration and power of operation and authority: and that as before all things there was nothing but God, so out of nothing He produced all things.

“ I AM the LORD : there is None else.”

“ The Lord our God is One Lord.”

“ They shall perish, but Thou shalt endure.”

“ Yea, all of them shall wax old as a garment.”

“ But Thou art the same, and Thy years shall not fail.”

“ Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever.”

“ I thank Thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth.”

“ O Lord, how manifold are Thy works.”

“ The heavens declare the glory of God.”

“ Of Him, and through Him, and to Him are all things.”

“ Every good gift and every perfect gift . . . cometh down from the Father.”

“ Do I not fill heaven and earth, saith the Lord ?”

None else we love ! for sweeter grace
That made anew a ruined race :
The heirs of life, the lords of death,
With earliest voice and latest breath,
When days begin, when days are done,
Bless we the Father for the Son !

None else we trust ! our flesh may fail,
Our heart may sink when foes assail,
But Thou art Strength to be our stay,
And Glory not to pass away :
None else in life and death have we,
But we have all in all with Thee !

Yea, None but Thee all worlds confess,
And those redeemed ones numberless :
None else, from everlasting One,
And evermore beside Thee none.
Of all that is, has been, shall be,
Father of Life, None else but Thee ! *Amen.*



“Behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God.”

“God Who is rich in mercy, for His great love . . . hath quickened us.”

“By Him, therefore, let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually.”

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

“Trust ye in the Lord for ever.”

“My flesh and my heart faileth, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion for ever.”

“We should not trust in ourselves, but in God.”

“Who giveth us richly all things to enjoy.”

“And every creature heard I saying, Blessing, &c.”

“A great multitude which no man could number.”

“From everlasting }
“To everlasting } Thou art God.”

“I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, Which was, and Which is, and Which is to come.”



ARTICLE II.

“AND IN JESUS CHRIST HIS ONLY SON
OUR LORD.”

“Unto you which believe He is precious.”

(Tune No. 105.)

GOD the Father's only Son,
Yet with Him in glory One,
One in wisdom, One in might,
Absolute and Infinite :
JESU, I believe in Thee,
Thou art LORD and GOD to me.

Preacher of eternal peace,
The Anointed to release,
Unto sinners chained before
Setting wide the dungeon door :
JESU, I believe in Thee,
Christ the PROPHEt sent to me.

SUMMARY OF TRUTHS CONFESSED
IN ARTICLE II.

I believe that there is a Man JESUS the Saviour, and that in and from Him is the only way, source, and gift of salvation, which He has Himself revealed, wrought out by His Blood, and will at last confer: that He is the Christ or Messiah, anointed by the Spirit to be Prophet, Priest, and King: that He is the Son of God, begotten of the indivisible substance of the Father, and therefore of the same essence, very God of very God: that He is our Lord, with absolute authority over all things as God, and as Man invested with all power in Heaven and Earth.

“THE Only-begotten of the Father.”

“The brightness of His glory, the express image of His Person.”

“In Him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead.”

“God over all.”—“In the beginning was the Word.”

“My Lord and my God.”

“Came and preached peace.”

“The Lord hath anointed Me . . . to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound.”

“He hath anointed Me to preach the Gospel.”

Low in deep Gethsemane,
High on dreadful Calvary,
In the Garden, on the Cross,
Making good our utter loss :
JESU, I believe in Thee,
PRIEST and Sacrifice for me.

Ruler of Thy ransomed race,
And Protector by Thy grace,
Leader in the way we wend
And Rewarder at the end :
JESU, I believe in Thee,
Christ, the KING of kings to me.

Light revealed through clouds of pain,
That the blind might see again ;
Love content in death to lie,
That the dead might never die :
JESU, I believe in Thee,
Light and Love and Life to me.

All that I am fain to know
While I watch and wait below :
All that I would find above,
Length and depth and height of love :
JESU, I believe in Thee,
Thou art All in All to me. *Amen.*

“Being in an agony, His sweat was as it were great drops of blood.”

“. . . Calvary, there they crucified Him.”

“Having made peace through the Blood of His Cross, by Him to reconcile all things unto Himself.”

“We are sanctified through the offering of the Body of Jesus Christ.”

“He shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever.”

“My grace is sufficient for thee.”

“Follow ME.”

“The King shall say, Come, ye blessed of My Father.”

“King of kings and Lord of lords.”

“I am the Light of the world.”

“Called you out of darkness into His marvellous light.”

“Who loved me, and gave Himself for me.”

“He that believeth in ME, though he were dead, yet shall he live : and whosoever liveth and believeth in ME shall never die.”

“I determined not to know anything among you save Jesus Christ.”

“I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus.”

“To depart and to be with Christ, which is far better.”

“To know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge.”

“Christ is all, and in all.”

ARTICLE III.

“WHO WAS CONCEIVED BY THE HOLY GHOST,
BORN OF THE VIRGIN MARY.”

“*The MAN Christ JESUS.*”

(Tune No. 185.)

THE Son forsook the Father's home
For mercy to lost man,
And did not scorn the Virgin's womb
To bear the sinner's ban.

Meekly the Maiden pure believed
The great Archangel's word,
And by the Holy Ghost conceived
The Saviour Christ the Lord.

The Word made flesh creation sees,
Its mighty God in Man :
Great mystery of mysteries
Since ever time began !

*SUMMARY OF TRUTHS CONFESSED
IN ARTICLE III.*

I believe that the Son of God, very God of very God, was made Man, taking on Him human nature of soul and body, and conjoining it with the Divine in the unity of His Person: that a woman named Mary did by the immediate operation of the Holy Ghost conceive Him within her womb, and in due time brought Him forth, continuing still as before a pure Virgin: and that so the Word was made flesh, being, without any original corruption, born of a woman under the law, that He might deliver us from the guilt of sin.

“THOUGH He was rich, yet for our sakes He became poor.”

“The kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man.”

“He hath regarded the low estate of His handmaiden.”

“He bare our sins.”

“And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord.”

“The angel Gabriel was sent from God.”

“The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee.”

“Unto you is born a Saviour which is Christ the Lord.”

“The Word was made Flesh, and dwelt among us.”

“God was manifest in the flesh.”

“Great is the mystery of godliness.”

“The mystery which from the beginning of the world has been hid in God.”

That we might gain a second birth
The Holy Son was given :
T'was God Himself came down to earth
To win us back to heaven.

Lord ! we believe with love and praise
This wondrous truth of Thee :
Thereby in all our troublous days
How strong henceforth are we !

So near art Thou, so strong are we,
For now, if we are Thine,
Our Brother in humanity,
Thou makest us divine !

We see with peace in times of fear
Serene Thy human Form ;
Thy human Voice with joy we hear,
Sweet-toned above the storm.

So dread we not the deathly strife,
Knowing that Thou hast died :
It can but bear us into life,
Since nearer to Thy side ! *Amen.*



“God sent forth His Son, made of a woman, made under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.”

“God was in Christ reconciling the world unto Himself.”

“Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God.”

“As the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also aboundeth by Christ.”

“For we have not an High Priest that cannot be touched with a feeling of our infirmities: but was in all points tempted like as we are. . . . Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of Grace.”

“He took on Him the seed of Abraham: wherefore it behoved Him to be like unto His brethren, for in that He Himself suffered, being tempted, He is able to succour them that are tempted.”

“Who is he that condemneth?”

“It is Christ that died.”

“To depart and to be with Christ, which is far better.”

“And they shall see His Face.”



ARTICLE IV.

“SUFFERED UNDER PONTIUS PILATE, WAS
CRUCIFIED, DEAD, AND BURIED.”

*“Behold, and see if there be any sorrow like
unto My sorrow.”*

(Tune No. 178.)

MY Saviour ! I behold Thy life
Of not one smile and many tears ;
I mark the spiritual strife,
Thy human woes, Thy human fears,
And cry, “ Was ever grief like Thine,
Or debt of sin so vast as mine ?”

I watch Thine agonizing hour,
I see Thee by Thine own betrayed,
Alone in Pilate’s craven power,
And scourged and scornfully arrayed,
And cry, “ Was ever grief like Thine
Or debt of sin so vast as mine ?”

*SUMMARY OF TRUTHS CONFESSED
IN ARTICLE IV.*

I believe that the Son of God was in His humanity subject to our infirmities: that He suffered in His Body by external pains and in His Soul by temptations, fears, and anguish unspeakable: that He was delivered to death by Pontius Pilate, Procurator of Judea: that He endured agony and shame on the Cross to take off the curse due to us: that He did thereon in our nature truly die, so that His Soul was separated from His Body: and that His dead Body was laid in a new tomb.

“HE is despised and rejected of men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief.”

“The travail of His soul.”

“In all points tempted like as we are.”

“See if there be any sorrow like unto My sorrow.”

“Thou shalt make His Soul an offering for sin.”

“My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death.”

“Judas, one of the twelve, he that betrayed Him.”

“All the disciples forsook Him.”—“The multitude led Him unto Pilate.”

“Pilate took JESUS, and scourged Him.”—“They put on Him a purple robe.”

“Consider Him that endured such contradiction of sinners.”

“With His stripes we are healed.”

I see Thee fainting on Thy way,
 Reviled and mocked of all the throng,
 I hear the bitter words they say,
 The abject's sneer, the drunkard's song,
 And cry, 'Was ever grief like Thine,
 Or debt of sin so vast as mine?'

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That sin in every taunt I hear,
 And see in every look of scorn ;
 It is the Cross which Thou dost bear,
 The sharpness of Thy crown of thorn :
 Dear Lord, 'Was ever grief like Thine,
 Or debt of sin so vast as mine?'

My Saviour, I behold Thy death,
 I hear Thy cries, Thy last words seven,
 I see the scowling gaze beneath,
 Above, the darkened face of Heaven,
 And cry, 'Was ever grief like Thine,
 Or debt of sin so vast as mine?'

My Saviour, I behold Thy grave
 In that still garden's awful gloom,
 I see Thee lying there to save
 My soul from an eternal tomb,
 And cry, 'Was ever grief like Thine,
 Or debt of sin so vast as mine?'

“ He bearing His Cross went forth.”

“ In Mine adversity they rejoiced, and gathered themselves together.”

“ They gaped upon Me with their mouths.”

“ The subjects gathered themselves together.”—“ I was the song of the drunkard.”

“ He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities.”

“ The chastisement of our peace was upon Him.”

“ He suffered for sins, the Just for the unjust.”

“ Crucified and slain.”

St. Matt. xxvii. 46 ; St. Luke xxiii. 34, 43, 46 ; St. John xix. 26, 28, 30.

“ They that passed by railed on Him.”

“ My God, My God ! why hast Thou forsaken Me ?”

“ Who His Own Self bare our sins in His Own Body on the tree.”

“ Where He was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new sepulchre.”

“ Buried with Him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with Him.”

And yet with all I hear and see
Of Death, or Passion of Thy life,
Sweet hopes are ministered to me
And voices fall with comfort rife,
That say, "Because He lived and died,
From sin thou canst be purified!" *Amen.*



“ . . . came to give His life a ransom for many.”

“ We were reconciled to God by the death of His Son.”

“ . . . through death to present you holy, and unblameable, and unproveable.”

“ Peace through the Blood of His Cross.”

“ Without shedding of Blood is no remission.”

“ Redeemed with the Blood of Christ.”



ARTICLE V.

“HE DESCENDED INTO HELL: THE THIRD DAY
HE ROSE AGAIN FROM THE DEAD.”

*“I am He that liveth and was dead, and behold I am
alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of Hell and
of Death.”*

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(Tune No. 168.)

ALL the sacrifice is ended,
Breathed His Body's latest breath,
And His human Soul hath wended
Where the weary rest beneath;
Christ as Man hath comprehended
All the human law of death!

Yet not there His Soul remaineth
Nor His Body in the tomb:
Lo! what sudden glory gaineth
Quick dominion o'er the gloom!
Yea, o'er Death and Hell He reigneth
Bursting back the gates of doom!

*SUMMARY OF TRUTHS CONFESSED
IN ARTICLE V.*

I believe that, when the sufferings of Christ were finished by death, upon the Cross, His Soul entered the place of the departed spirits of the blest, and that so He underwent all the human law of death: but that as God suffered not His Holy One in the Body to see corruption, so neither did He leave His Soul in Hell: for that, dying on the Friday and resting in the grave on the Sabbath day, He did on the morning of the first day of the week, the third day of His death, return to life again, Soul and Body being re-united.

“It is finished.”

“He gave up the ghost.”

“Now that He ascended, what is it but that He also descended first?”

“In Paradise.”

“He became obedient unto death.”

“Thou wilt not leave My Soul in Hell:”

“Neither wilt Thou suffer Thy Holy One to see corruption.”

“Christ, being raised from the dead, dieth no more: death hath no more dominion over Him.”

“That through death He might destroy him that had the power of death, even the devil, and deliver,” &c.

Manifold the attestation :

Brethren tell the marvel o'er,
 And the soldiers from their station,
 And the Angels at the door,
 And His Own Word's revelation,
 "Lo! I live for evermore."

Hail, thou Morn of Resurrection,
 Primal holy Easter Day!
 Now the hours of deep dejection
 'Neath the night-clouds' dark array,
 Foes' reviling, friends' defection,
 In thy glory pass away!

Now He lives and reigns for ever!
 That we too may enter in
 Where eternal life shall never
 Taste of sorrow or of sin,
 Where from Him no death shall sever
 Those He vanquished death to win.

Saviour! in *our* night of weeping
 Tell us of the joyful morn,
 Guard our souls, their vigil keeping
 In the hours of hate and scorn:
 Raise us falling, wake us sleeping,
 Till *our* Easter Day be born. *Amen.*



“Him God raised up from the dead, and shewed Him openly.”

“The Lord is risen indeed.”—“We have seen the Lord.”

“Some of the watch shewed all the things that were done.”

“Two Angels in white said, He is not here but is risen.”

“Behold, I am alive for evermore.”

“Upon the first day of the week.”

“Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us: therefore let us keep the Feast.”

“Why weepest thou?”

“The Lord is King, and hath put on glorious apparel.”

“This is the day which the Lord hath made: we will rejoice and be glad in it.”

“He shall reign for ever and ever.”

“Raised again for our justification.”

“There shall be no more death, neither sorrow nor crying . . . and there shall be no more curse.”

“For I am persuaded that neither death . . . shall be able to separate us—”

“Our Saviour JESUS Christ, Who hath abolished death.”

“Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.”

“Unto them that look for Him shall He appear the second time.”

“To withstand in the evil day.”

“Let us watch and be sober.”

“Till the Day dawn and the Day-star arise.”



ARTICLE VI.

“HE ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN, AND SITTETH
ON THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD THE FATHER
ALMIGHTY.”

“Whom have I in Heaven but Thee?”

(Tune No. 11.)



ON Olivet a little band
Around their risen Master stand :
And after charge and blessing given,
He passeth from them into Heaven.

Wistful their eyes, but Angels twain
Cheer them with glorious words : “Again
One day shall JESUS even so
Return, as ye have seen Him go.”

Till then in Heaven He doth remain,
True GOD, at GOD’s right Hand to reign,
True MAN, at human woes to grieve,
True GOD, Almighty to relieve.

*SUMMARY OF TRUTHS CONFESSED
IN ARTICLE VI.*

I believe that the Son of God after He rose from the dead did in His human nature, with the same Body and Soul with which He rose, convey Himself from earth into the Heaven of Heavens, there to reign as a Judge and as a King in everlasting happiness at the right hand of God the Father Almighty—that is to say, with Divine majesty and power, exercising His High Priestly office of Mediator and Intercessor to the end of the world.”

“AND He led them out as far as to Bethany, and He lifted up His hands and blessed them.”

“And when He had spoken these things, while they beheld Him He was taken up.”

“And while they looked stedfastly toward Heaven, behold two men stood by them in white apparel.”

“Which also said, This same JESUS shall so come in like manner as ye have seen Him go.”

“Who is gone into Heaven and is at the right hand of God : angels and authorities and powers being made subject to Him.”

“We have not an High Priest Which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities.”

“This is the true God and eternal life.”

For every soul in every need
He ever lives to intercede,
Presenting there within the Veil
A Sacrifice that cannot fail.

Our heavenly great High Priest He stands :
By pierced Feet, and pierced Hands,
By bleeding Brow and riven Side,
He lives to plead for whom He died !

Whom have we, Lord, in Heaven but Thee ?
Like ships safe moored on stormy sea
Our souls in peril, with Thee there
Find anchorage of hope and prayer.

Set loose from earth, and evermore
Fast bound to that eternal shore,
So all our life and love shall be,
Ascended Master, hid with Thee ! *Amen.*



“He is able to save to the uttermost them that come unto God by Him, seeing He ever liveth to make intercession for them.”

“. . . within the Vail ; whither the Forerunner is for us entered, even JESUS, made an High Priest.”

“Such an High Priest . . . in the Heavens.”

“By His own Blood He entered in once into the Holy Place.”

“We have an Advocate with the Father, JESUS Christ the Righteous, and He is the propitiation for our sins.”

“Whom have I in Heaven but Thee ?”

“Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast, and which entereth into that within the Veil.”

“If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth.”

“Set your affection on things above.”

“For . . . your life is hid with Christ in God.”



ARTICLE VII.

“FROM THENCE HE SHALL COME TO JUDGE
THE QUICK AND THE DEAD.”

*“Looking for and hasting unto the coming of
the day of God.”*

(Tune No. 82.)

WISTFUL are our waiting eyes,
As of them who saw Him rise
From that mountain to the skies.

Then the holy Angels near
Gave them tidings of good cheer :
“ Jesus shall again appear.”

And *we* wait an Angel’s cry,
Piercing earthward from the sky:
“ Now, behold, your Lord is nigh !”

Yet, who shall abide that day,
When the Judge with dread array
Comes for universal sway ?

*SUMMARY OF TRUTHS CONFESSED
IN ARTICLE VII.*

I believe that the Son of God in that human nature in which He ascended into Heaven shall come again from thence, and shall gather together all the quick,—that is, those who shall then be alive,—and all those who before that day shall have died, and shall judge them according to their works; and He will deliver the wicked to everlasting torment with the devil and his angels, and will translate the elect into His glorious kingdom, of which there shall be no end.

“OUR conversation is in Heaven, from whence also we look for the Saviour.”

“They looked stedfastly toward Heaven as He went up.”

“Two men stood by them in white apparel, which also said, This same JESUS shall so come in like manner as ye have seen Him go.”

“The Lord Himself shall descend from Heaven with the voice of the archangel.”

“But who may abide the day of His coming?”

“The Lord JESUS Christ, Who shall judge the quick and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom.”

Dreadly shall His summons sweep,
Heard by those who wake or sleep,
On the height or in the deep :

Heard by Life 'mid all its bloom,
Heard by Death in every tomb—
Terrible decree of doom.

As the fisher parts his prey,
Casting these from those away,
So it shall be on that day.

For the gathered souls who stand,
Waiting that supreme command,
He shall part on either hand.

To those souls of quick and dead,
“Come,” shall be the blessing said,
“Go,” shall be the cursing dread.

Lord, dwell in us now, we pray,
That, in the dividing day,
We be not the cast away !

So shall we till Thou appear
Blend, in longing eye and ear,
Holy joy with holy fear! *Amen.*



“We shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ.”

“We which are alive and remain shall not prevent them which are asleep.”

“The dead in Christ shall rise first; then we which are alive and remain.”

“He cometh to judge the earth.”

“The kingdom of Heaven is like unto a net . . . which when it was full they drew to shore, and . . . gathered the good into vessels, but cast the bad away.”

“So it shall be at the end of the world: the angels shall come forth, and sever the wicked from among the just.”

“Then shall the King say:—

“Come, ye blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom.”

“Depart from Me, ye cursed, into everlasting flames.”

“God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them: and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.”

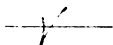
“Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour JESUS Christ.”



ARTICLE VIII.

“I BELIEVE IN THE HOLY GHOST.”

“The Lord is that Spirit.”



(Tune No. 255.)

GOD the Spirit, we adore Thee,
In the trinal GODHEAD One,
One in love and power and glory
With the Father and the Son ;
Prayer and praise to Thee we bring,
Our devotion's offering.

Once the desolate world-ocean
Quickened from its long death-sleep,
Woke to light and life's emotion
At Thy brooding o'er its deep ;
Spirit, ever may Thy breath
Quicken us from sleep and death !

SUMMARY OF TRUTHS CONFESSED
IN ARTICLE VIII.

I believe that there is one Particular Spirit, a Person uncreated, and so the true and eternal God, yet not the Father or the Son, but the Spirit of the Father and the Son, the third Person in the Blessed Trinity; that He inspired the writers of the Scriptures, that He is the Paraclete or Comforter by Whom the Apostles were enabled to begin, and by a perpetual succession to continue, the edification of the Church; that He is the Cause of all holiness in us, the Source of Regeneration, Renewal, Illumination, and of Sanctification.

“THE Lord is that Spirit.”

“The Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.”

“The grace of our Lord JESUS CHRIST, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost.”

“As they ministered to the Lord and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate ME Barnabas and Saul.”

“The Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters; and God said, Let there be Light, and there was Light.”

“He that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by His Spirit.”

Holy Fount of Inspiration,
By Whose gift the great of old
Spake the Word of Revelation,
Marvellous and manifold,
Grant to us who see and hear
Reverence of eye and ear.

Priceless Gift of Christ for ever,
Righteousness and Peace and Joy,
Which the evil world, that never
Can receive, cannot destroy,
Shall the Church or faint or fear
While the Comforter is near?

Author of our new creation,
Giver of the second birth,
May Thy ceaseless renovation
Cleanse our souls from stains of earth,
And our bodies ever be
Holy temples meet for Thee.

When we wander, Lord, direct us,
Keep us in the Master's Way,
Let Thy strong, swift Sword protect us,
Warring in the evil day ;
Paraclete for every need,
Come to strengthen and to lead !

“Holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.”

“By revelation He made known unto me the mystery, . . . revealed unto His holy Apostles and Prophets by the Spirit.”

“We speak not in words which man’s wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth.”

“That He may abide with you for ever.”

“Righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Ghost.”

“Whom the world cannot receive.”

“The Eternal Spirit.”

“Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.”

“The Spirit of Adoption.”

“Born of water and of the Spirit.”—“Washing of regeneration.”

“And renewing of the Holy Ghost.”

“Sanctified by the Holy Ghost.”

“Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost?”

“Howbeit when He the Spirit of truth is come, He will guide you into all truth.”

“The Sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God.”

“But the Comforter, Which is the Holy Ghost . . . He shall teach you all things.”

Come, Thy glorious gifts providing,
Foretaste of the future now,
Bring that sweet sense of abiding
Thou canst give and only Thou,
One in Thee, we shall be one
In the Father and the Son. *Amen.*



“There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit.”

“The Holy Spirit . . . Which is the Earnest of our inheritance.”

“Hereby we know that He abideth in us, by the Spirit.”

“No man can say that JESUS is the Lord but by the Holy Ghost.”

“He that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit.”



ARTICLE IX.

“THE HOLY CATHOLIC CHURCH: THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS.”

“He is the Head of the Body, the Church.”

(Tune No. 142.)

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.

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She is from every nation,
Yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation
One Lord, one Faith, one Birth,

*SUMMARY OF TRUTHS CONFESSED
IN ARTICLE IX.*

I believe that the Church of Christ is, has been, and will be one and the same: that it is holy in respect of (1) its Author and End, (2) the vocation of all the baptized, (3) the true saints within it: that it is One, by unity of origination, of faith, of hope, of charity, of sacraments, of discipline: that it is Catholic, as being universally disseminated, as teaching all truth, as possessing all graces: that its truly sanctified members have communion with the Holy Trinity, with the Angels, and with all Saints on earth and in Paradise.

“OTHER foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is JESUS Christ.”

“Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.”

“Even as Christ also loved the Church and gave Himself for it, that He might sanctify and cleanse it.”

“The Church of God which He purchased with His Own Blood.”

“Out of every kindred and tongue and people and nation.”

“We being many are one Bread and one Body.”

“One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism.”

One Holy Name she blesses,
Partakes one Holy Food,
And to one Hope she presses
With every grace endued.

The Church shall never perish !
Her dear Lord to defend,
To guide, sustain, and cherish,
Is with her to the end :
Though there be those who hate her,
And false sons in her pale,
Against or foe or traitor
She ever shall prevail.

Though with a scornful wonder
Men see her sore opprest,
By schisms rent asunder
By heresies distrest :
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 for evermore ;

“ There is none other Name under Heaven . . . whereby we must be saved.”

“ We all are partakers of that one Bread.”

“ Called in one hope of our calling.”

“ . . . grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ.”

“ Upon this Rock will I build My Church, and the gates of Hell shall not prevail against it.”

“ Lo, I am with you alway even unto the end of the world.”

“ Marvel not if the world hate you.”

“ False brethren.”

“ Rejoice not against me, O mine enemy ! when I fall I shall arise.”

“ By reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of.”

“ I hear that there be divisions among you.”

“ There must be heresies among you.”

“ Watch unto prayer.”

“ Redeem Israel, O God, out of all his troubles.”

“ Even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting . . .”

“ The redeemed of the Lord . . . shall come with singing unto Zion.”

“ We wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers,” &c.

“ In all these things we are more than conquerors.”

“ The God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly.”

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,
With all her sons and daughters
Who, by the Master's Hand
Led through the deathly waters,
Repose in Eden-land.

O happy ones and holy !
Lord, give us grace that we
Like them, the meek and lowly,
On high may dwell with Thee :
There, past the border mountains,
Where in sweet vales the Bride
With Thee by living fountains
For ever shall abide ! *Amen.*



“We know that when He shall appear we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.”

“There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God.”

“Our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son JESUS Christ.”—“... the communion of the Holy Ghost be with you.”

“Ye are come unto the heavenly Jerusalem and to an innumerable company of angels, and to the general assembly and Church of the firstborn . . . and to the spirits of just men made perfect.”

“When thou passest through the waters I will be with thee.”

“... with Me in Paradise.”

“Faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy.”

“Humble yourselves . . . that He may exalt you in due time.”

“He carried me . . . to a great and high mountain, and shewed me that great city, the Holy Jerusalem.”

“The Lamb . . . shall lead them unto living fountains of waters.”

“The tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them.”



ARTICLE X.

“THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS.”

“Her sins, which are many, are forgiven; for she loved much.”

(Tune No. 14.)

WEARY of earth and laden with my sin,
I look at Heaven and long to enter in,
But there no evil thing may find a home—
And yet I hear a Voice that bids me “Come.”

So vile I am, how dare I hope to stand
In the pure glory of that Holy Land?
Before the whiteness of that Throne appear?—
Yet there are Hands stretched out to draw me near.

The while I fain would tread the Heavenly Way,
Seems evil ever with me day by day;
Yet on mine ears the gracious tidings fall,
“Repent, confess, and thou art loosed from all.”

*SUMMARY OF TRUTHS CONFESSED
IN ARTICLE X.*

I believe that all men are concluded under sin, and therefore subject to the penalty of eternal punishment; that the Son of God gave Himself to ransom and release us; and because without shedding of blood is no remission, He gave His life a sacrifice for sin, and shed His precious Blood as the price of propitiation; and that He appointed in the Church of Christ the Sacrament of Baptism for the first remission, and repentance for the constant forgiveness of all following trespasses.

“ . . . Ye that labour and are heavy laden.”

“ I have longed for Thy salvation, O Lord.”

“ There shall in no wise enter into it anything that defileth.”

“ Come unto ME, . . . and I will give you rest.”

“ Behold, I am vile : what shall I answer Thee ?”

“ Thy people also shall be all righteous, they shall inherit the Land.”

“ The Great White Throne.”

“ I, if I be lifted up, will draw all men unto ME.”

“ To will is present with me.”

“ In me, that is in my flesh, dwelleth no good thing.”

“ If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

It is the voice of JESUS that I hear !
His are the Hands stretched out to draw me near,
And His the Blood that can for all atone,
And set me faultless there before the throne.

'Twas He Who found me on the deathly wild,
And made me heir of Heaven, the Father's child,
And day by day, whereby my soul may live,
Giveth His grace of pardon, and will give.

O great Absolver ! grant my soul may wear
The lowliest garb of penitence and prayer,
That in the Father's courts my glorious dress
May be the garment of Thy righteousness.

Yea, Thou wilt answer for me, Righteous Lord !
Thine all the merits, mine the great reward ;
Thine the sharp thorns, and mine the golden crown,
Mine the life won and Thine the life laid down !

Nought can I bring, dear Lord, for all I owe,
Yet let my full heart, what it can, bestow ;
Like that sweet nard, let my devotion prove,
Greatly forgiven, how I greatly love. *Amen.*



“ At that time JESUS answered and said . . . Come unto ME.”

“ The Son of Man is come to seek and to save.”

“ The Blood of JESUS Christ His Son cleanseth from all sin.”

“ Him that is able to present you faultless,” &c.

“ He was lost and is found.”

“ Ye have received the Spirit of Adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.”

“ He will abundantly pardon.”

“ Whosoever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them.”

“ In Whom we have . . . the forgiveness of sins.”

“ God be merciful to me, a sinner.”

“ Bring forth the best robe and put it on him.”

“ A wedding garment.”

“ We have an advocate with the Father, JESUS Christ the Righteous, and He is the propitiation for our sins.”

“ Thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us unto God by Thy Blood.”

“ Who . . . bare our sins in His own Body . . . that we should live unto righteousness.”

“ When they had nothing to pay, He frankly forgave them.”

“ Her sins . . . are forgiven her, for she loved much.”

“ Ye are bought with a price ; therefore glorify God in your body and your spirit, which are God’s.”



ARTICLE XI.

“THE RESURRECTION OF THE BODY.”

“I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that He shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: and though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God.”

(Tune No. 20.)



WINTER in his heart of gloom
Sings the song of coming bloom:
So o'er death our souls shall sing
Lays of the eternal spring.

Then decay shall be no more,
And, the weary seed-time o'er,
All the dead in Christ shall rise
For the Harvest of the skies.

Wheresoe'er the faithful sleep
Angels shall go forth to reap,
From the dust and 'neath the foam
They shall bring the Harvest home.

*SUMMARY OF TRUTHS CONFESSED
IN ARTICLE XI.*

I believe that all men shall hereafter rise from death: that the souls separated from their bodies are in the hands of God and live, and the bodies dissolved into dust shall be re-united to their souls: that the same flesh which lived before shall be revived: that this resurrection shall be universal; that all the just shall be raised to a resurrection of life, and all the unjust to a resurrection of damnation: and that this shall be at the last day, when the trumpet shall sound.

“HE that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing.”

“O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?”

“In hope of eternal life.”

“There shall be no more death.”

“They that sow in tears shall reap in joy.”

“The dead in Christ shall rise first.”

“The harvest is the end of the world.”

“Them also which sleep in JESUS will God bring with Him.”

“The reapers are the Angels.”

“Many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake.”

“The sea gave up the dead which were in it.”

Bodies of the saints, whose bones
Rest beneath sepulchral stones,
Or are lost on every wind,
All, those messengers shall find.

All from earth to heaven shall soar
In that flesh which once they wore,
Deathless now and glorified,
Like their Lord and at His side.

This is life's eternal Spring!
This the coming joy we sing!
Look we ever toward this Day,
Be it near or far away!

'Mid the sorrow and the strife
'Tis the music of our life,
And the song hath this refrain—
Our Redeemer comes again! *Amen.*



“He shall send His angels, and shall gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of Heaven to the other.”

“Death and Hell delivered up the dead which were in them.”

“Caught up . . . in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air.”

“In my flesh shall I see God.”

“It is sown in dishonour, it is raised in glory.”

“We shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.”

“Hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of JESUS Christ from the dead.”

“Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God.”

“As sorrowful yet always rejoicing.”

“Rejoicing in hope of the glory of God.”

“I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that He shall stand at the latter day upon the earth.”



ARTICLE XII.

“THE LIFE EVERLASTING.”

*“These shall go away into everlasting punishment, but
the righteous into life eternal.”*

(Tune No. 209.)

THE world is sad with hopes that die,
With joys that gleam and then go by,
And dim the mortal eyes that gaze
On setting suns of parting days.

Better the hope, the joy, the light
For spiritual heart and sight!
For they whose life is hid on high
Shall never part and never die.

They never part! that saintly band,
Heirs of the heavenly, holy land;
Whom God the Spirit hath made one
With GOD the Father and the Son.

*SUMMARY OF TRUTHS CONFESSED
IN ARTICLE XII.*

I believe that the unjust after their resurrection and condemnation shall be tormented for their sins in hell: that the punishment shall be in proportion to their guilt, and that it shall be everlasting; that the just after their resurrection and absolution shall obtain the inheritance promised to the saints, shall be freed from all death and sin and sorrow, and shall continue with God and the Lamb in absolute and inconceivable happiness for ever.

“THE fashion of this world passeth away.”

“The things which are seen are temporal.”

“Man goeth to his long home, and the mourners go about the streets.”

“Your joy no man taketh from you.”

“The things which are not seen are eternal.”

“Your life is hid with Christ in God: when Christ, Who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with Him in glory.”

“There shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying.”

“... inheritance incorruptible and undefiled, and that fadeth not away.”

“As many as are led by the Spirit of God they are . . . heirs of God, and joint heirs with Christ.”

They never die ! the deathly strife
But ushers them to glorious life :
From their last enemy they gain
Their birth to bliss, their end to pain.

But woe to them whose hearts are given
To joys and treasures not of Heaven ;
Their wild awaking is to shame,
The second death in endless flame.

O JESU, teach our hearts to soar
And grasp those things which are before,
That after death our life may be
The immortality with Thee ! *Amen.*



“Whosoever liveth and believeth in ME shall never die.”

“... deliver them who through fear of death were ... subject to bondage.”

“Who hath abolished death, and brought life and immortality to light through the Gospel.”

“Thou fool, ... so is he that layeth up treasure to himself, and is not rich toward GOD.”

“... shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.”

“Forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before.”

“For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.”







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