



# SUNDAY READING

## MORNING SERVICE.

### MORNING.

They that trust in the Lord shall be as mount Zion which cannot be moved but abideth for ever.

As the mountains are round about Jerusalem so the Lord is round about His people from henceforth even forever.

For the rod of the wicked shall not rest upon the lot of the righteous, lest the righteous put forth their hands unto iniquity.

Do good, O Lord, unto those that be good and to them that are upright in their hearts.

As for such as turn aside unto their crooked ways, the Lord shall lead them forth with the workers of iniquity, but peace shall be upon Israel.

### A Collect.

Almighty God, the Father of our spirits, meet with us at close of day, and grant unto us, Thy children, the peace which the world cannot give. May no unhallowed thoughts or cares disturb the quiet of this evening hour. Deliver us from all the vain things which have such power over us. May we learn wisdom, receive strength, gain hope, feel the influence of things unseen, and find rest in God. Amen.

### HYMN.

#### The Brighter Day.

Blest be the light that shows the way,  
And blest the way the light has shown;  
We welcome now the brighter day,  
And every faithful heart is drawn.

A tyrant God, the soul's despair,  
No more beclouds our earthly lives;  
The heavens are wide, and room is there  
For every soul that upward strives.

In love to God and love to man  
Our simple creed finds ample scope;  
Secure in God's unerring plan,  
We walk by faith, are saved by hope.

Then vanish, spectres of the night,  
That once enthralled the darkened soul:  
Our watchword be the inward light,  
The onward march, the endless goal.

—F. H. Hoyle.

### A Prayer.

Of the love of God and of our neighbors.  
O my God! I love thee with my whole heart and soul, and above all things; because thou art infinitely good and perfect, and most worthy of all my love; and for thy sake, I love my neighbor as myself. Mercifully grant, O my God! that having loved thee on earth, I may love and enjoy thee forever in heaven. Amen.

### ANTHEM.

#### Glory in Excelsis.

Glory be to God on high, and in earth peace, good-will 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, Jesus 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, 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.—E. Prout.

### HYMN.

#### Ordination of a Minister.

Christ to the young man said, "Yet one thing more; if thou wouldst perfect be, sell all thou hast and give it to the poor, and come and follow Me!"

Within this temple Christ again, unseen,  
Those sacred words hath said;  
And His invisible hands today have been  
Laid on a young man's head.

And evermore beside him on his way  
The unseen Christ shall move,  
That he may lean upon His arm, and say,  
"Dost Thou, dear Lord, approve?"

Beside him at the marriage-feast shall be,  
To make the scene more fair;  
Beside him in the dark Gethsemane  
Of pain and midnight prayer.

### A Prayer.

Father, which art in heaven,—  
Our Father! sweet and most endearing word,  
Taught by the lips of our redeeming Lord—  
Father, which art in heaven.

Thy name be hallowed!  
While angels hymn Thee in triumphal lays,  
The church takes up the sweet refrain of praise,  
Thy name be hallowed.

Thy kingdom come, O Lord,  
Why should our bridegroom—  
King his chariot stay?  
Speed on, O Time and bring the nuptial day.  
Thy kingdom come, O Lord.

Thy will be done on earth,  
'Tis only thus we can be fully blest;  
Thy will is perfect freedom, perfect rest  
Thy will be done on earth.

Forgive our trespasses  
Thus in Thy loving favor would we live,  
And, taught by Thee all trespasses forgive,  
Forgive our trespasses.

—Lucy R. Connell.

### HYMN.

#### Hark the Herald Angels Sing.

Hark the herald-angels sing  
Glory to the new-born King  
Peace on earth and merrily  
God and sinners reconciled.  
Joyful all ye nations rise,  
Join the triumph of the skies;  
With the angelic host proclaim,  
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"  
Hark the herald angels sing  
Glory to the new-born King.

Christ by highest heaven adored  
Christ the Everlasting Lord,  
Late in time behold him come,  
Offspring of a Virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see,  
Hail the incarnate Deity,  
Pleased as Man with man to dwell,  
Jesus our Emmanuel.  
Hark the herald angels sing,  
Glory to the new-born King.

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace,  
Hail the Son of Righteousness,  
Light and life to all He brings,  
Risen with healing in His wings.  
Mild He lays His glory by,  
Born that man no more may die,  
Born to give them second birth,  
Hark! the herald angels sing,  
Glory to the new-born King.

—Rev. Charles Wesley.



PASTOR GEYER.

### SERMON.

#### Confirmation Charge.

(By Pastor Geyer, in the German church, Glasgow.)  
"Remember thy Creator in the days of thy youth."—(Eccles. xii., 1.)

When young Jacob, on his way to Haran, saw in his dreams the heavens opened, and the angels ascending and descending, he took the stone on which his head had rested and set it up for a memorial.

Also above you, dear young people, heaven is open today. You are now to renew your baptismal vows; you are now to promise to be faithful to God, and to confess a good confession before many witnesses.

Will you also go away from the steps of this altar as many a youth, and man and maiden have gone away from confirmation, forgetting their Creator, their Lord and Saviour? No, you will not, I may safely assert.

Yesterday evening, when we were assembled at the last of our preparatory services, I told you that a small surprise was in store for you. I can now tell you what it is. The congregation into whose fellowship you are being received, gives you, in memory of the day, the book I hold in my hand, entitled, "Leben und Heimath in Gott," containing the best of what pious German poets have written about divine things. Among these poems you have one, to the title of which I would today call your special attention:

### Remember.

"Remember that confession good and true,  
Which your young mouths have spoken,  
God heard it! Stand ye on the rock secure,  
That never shall be broken.  
What in sweet hours divine ye said aloud,  
And from your hearts' deep depths love thrilled,  
Ye vowed."

### Remember.

Remember: (1) The faithful love which has wrought in you until now.  
(2) Your high calling.  
(3) The good work that has been begun in you.

Remember, then, the faithful love which has hitherto wrought in you. Most of you enjoy today the privilege of having your parents here among the witnesses of your confession. Remember the parental love which has tended you so far. How much care and anxiety, toil and trouble—how many sleepless nights did it cost them to bring you to this point, that you now of your own accord profess yourselves Christians? Remember this love; it will abide with you, and even after your parents have been in their graves for many years, you will still thank them for the faithfulness they have exercised toward you.

Remember all the faithful teachers who have instructed you.

Remember, also, your pastor, who, according to his ability, has tried to introduce you to the doctrine of our evangelical church, to the gospel of Jesus Christ, which is "the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth."

Remember the true witnesses who have fought and suffered for the pure doctrine of the gospel; those martyrs and blood witnesses at the time of the reformation, as well as in the times of primitive christianity, have they not all suffered and bled for your benefit?

But, above all, remember that Teacher who should occupy the first place in your hearts, Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, who from His cross embraces you with the whole love of His high-priestly heart, who gave Himself up to death even for you, from whom you are to receive the crown of life, after you have heard the last trump, and shall have risen from the dead, as He did, of which fact we are especially reminded on this Easter Sunday.

The incarnation, sufferings, and sacrificial death of our Lord arose out of the infinite love of the Eternal—our Creator, who is the source of all laws that restrain and guide us, and from whom comes every thing that purifies and ennobles the heart. "God is love," says the apostle. Consider, therefore, what a depth of meaning lies in our text, "Remember thy Creator in the days of thy youth."

Remember, secondly, your calling and its high dignity.

You have been taught to answer the most important question of life—Who am I? A man, a breath of God, born from God, returning to God, a likeness of God; therefore, no more animal.

Of some people one might think that they do not possess an immortal soul. To eat, to drink, to live well seems to be the highest aim after which they strive. You have learned better. You know that you are men and, more than that, that you are Christians, redeemed of Jesus Christ, children of God, heirs of heavenly glory. Truly to a high dignity have you been called.

But with such dignity there are also connected holy duties. You are to walk before God and his children. You are to live as Christians. Alas, it is often difficult to be a Christian, to deny the fleshly

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