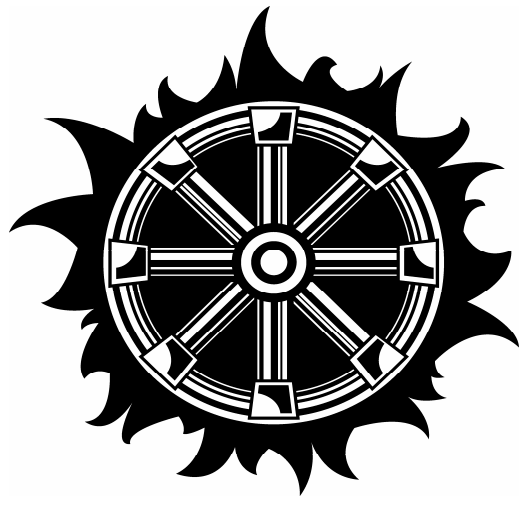




Christian Symbols



Wheel

A rotating wheel symbolizes God's divine force. Wheels with flames shooting out often portray God's throne, based on Ezekiel's vision (see 1:1-18). Some artists also show a burning wheel when God sends Adam and Eve out of the Garden of Eden.

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Preparation for Worship

Lord, keep us from taking this time with you casually. May the fire of your Spirit burn within us so all sins are consumed and only joy remains.

On this glorious Palm Sunday, Lord, grant that we may understand the day's full meaning as we lift our voices in praise to our Savior, Jesus the Christ.



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Once, a Way of the Cross, endured,
For the love of our salvation.

Now, a Way of the Cross, reflected upon,
As the remembrance of His Passion!

Once, a kiss together with some scent,
Surrendered onto His feet

Now, a kiss with a hidden motive,
Got Him surrendered to a plight, so sensitive.

Once, a crown full of leaves and love,
He could not accept to be placed onto his head, above.

Now, a crown of thorns and torment,
He could not reject, at that dreadful moment.

Once, around He went, with a touch of

love,
In search of the lame and blind, He could save.

Now, His hands and feet, in an agony,
so hopeless,
Were nailed to satisfy their rage, so heartless.

Once, a large group of believers He did not fail,
to feed them with an abundant and satisfying meal.

Now, when He is dried up, completely,
No one came forward with mere water,
courageously.

Once born, freshly laid onto Mary's hands,
clapped.

Now gone, lying breathlessly onto Mary's fragile laps.
<http://www.angelfire.com/poetry/lisagal/>



Words of Encouragement
Rejoice
"Glory ye in his holy name: let the heart of them REJOICE that seek the LORD."
1 Chronicles 16:10

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LENTEN POEM

What shall I do this Lent
Shall I forgo dainty foods?
Or will it be the television set?
No, says the Lord,
Neither of these is enough.
What then shall I do this Lent?
Shall I attend an extra Mass?
Or may be a bible study class?
No, says the Lord,
These too are not enough.
Oh, Lord, what shall I do this Lent?
Shall I endeavour to pray more?
Or visit the sick or poor?
No, says the Lord,
These are still not enough.
Lord, I surrender!
Ah, child that is the word
I have been waiting to hear,
Longing to hear
From your heart.

Surrender your will dear child,
Immerse yourself in My love,
Learn of that love,
That complete love,
That took Me to Calvary.
Linger awhile my dear child,
Lovingly gaze and gaze on me,
Till you know of My love,
That embraced all of mankind
To give him eternal life
Then go and keep your Lent
For good company you have,
Whatever you do this
season,
Will be done in love for
Me.
That is indeed enough.

<http://mariannedorman.homestead.com/LentenPoems.html>



What is Faith?

“Sight is not faith, and hearing is not faith, neither is feeling faith; but believing when we neither see, hear nor feel is faith; and everywhere the Bible tells us our salvation is to be by faith. Therefore we must believe before we feel, and often against our feelings, if we would honor God by our faith.”

—Hannah Whitall Smith

Pastor's Corner



THE LORD'S PRINCIPLE OF PRAYER

I suppose all Christians have many questions about prayer; yet all of us pray. When believers become children of God through the new birth (John 3:3,5), which in fact makes prayer both logical and sensible, for what child would hesitate to ask his father for something he wishes or needs? The Lord Jesus made this relationship of father and son the foundation for prayer when He gave the disciples the prayer of Matthew 6:9-13. This the so-called “Lord’s Prayer” was given to the Jewish disciples during the dispensation of Law, before the Church was formed and before the present dispensation of grace had begun. It would be more properly called the “Disciples Prayer.”

This is truly a beautiful teaching of the Lord, as of course all were and are, but it is not a prayer

as we think of prayer. Jesus did not say, when you pray, pray this prayer, rather He said, “Pray then in this way”, He gave them the principle, a pattern to follow as they went to the Lord with their petitions and requests.

The first word “**Our**” reveals a new dimension in our lives. We are no longer a solo act, doing our own thing, but we are now in a community, a fellowship that includes many brothers and sisters in the Lord. We may not always be in their company, but we are always members of the same body.

Now we progress to the second word, “**Father**”, which tells us that we are part of a very large family that is seeking to communicate with the One God and Father who is reaching out to us. He is the One you are opening your heart to; the One who has tender ears to hear His children calling out to Him.

The next phase positions a God we can not see but through faith we know He is in heaven (Hebrews 11:1). It follows “**Who art in heaven**”, this is a given knowledge through faith of where your petition is being heard. He who sits in the heavens (Psalm 2:4a), is He who resides in His kingdom and sits upon His throne. He is also the One who has sent His Son to redeem us and we are now not our own, but we are His property (1 Corinthians 6:19-20). He rules and reigns over the universe from His eternally divine position.

Moving to the next phase we find these words, “**Hallowed be Thy Name**”, now you are really in the part that could be labeled worship, which we all should move into as we go into prayer. We are calling on the Almighty God and we are first ac-

knowledging His holiness (*‘hallowed’*); what an awesome thought. When Moses met Him at the burning bush (*the hallowed ground*), he asked Him, “Who should I tell them is sending me?” God spoke and said that he should tell them that **I Am** is sending you. Paul wrote of Jesus in Philippians that God had highly exalted Him and had given Him a Name that is higher than any other, that at the Name of Jesus every knee must bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God. As we go back into the Old Testament we find many of the compound Names of God: *Jehovah Nissi—Strength, Jehovah Rohi—Shepherd, Jehovah Shalom—Peace, Jehovah Rapha—Healer, Jehovah Jireh—Provider, Jehovah Tsidkenu—Righteousness, Jehovah Madad-desh—Sanctification*. There are many others that your study will reveal, but Names to the Hebrew man or woman of that day revealed the character of God. His character is much broader, but that is to be found in further study. In Jesus, all these character virtues are present, because He was born the Godhead incarnate. In the Amplified Bible, we find in the Gospel of John chapters 14-16 bracketed behind the phrase, “*In My Name*” the words [presenting all that **I AM**]. He is the fullness of the Godhead and so as you use His Name in prayer you are calling on and expressing ALL that God is (Read Acts 4:12). {**Part II Next month.**}

God Bless you All

Pastor & Louise

The Cross is Pivotal

Pivotal means crucial or absolutely necessary. Such is the cross on which Jesus died. It represents salvation from sin and death. To see sin in all its cruelty and depravity, look at the cross. The cross can jar a person to the core.

In his parent’s bedroom, a teenager noticed a picture he’d never paid attention to before. It was a vivid scene of the Crucifixion. As the boy studied it, his emotions began to stir. He saw the helpless Christ dying, the helmeted soldiers bearing spears, the crowd seething with hatred. Jesus was pinned to the cross, bleeding and helpless. Mary stood nearby, consumed by grief.

The picture revealed sin and its results: suffering and death. What if the room had a different picture, with an empty tomb and an angel announcing Christ’s resurrection? Those represent that God loves mankind so much he still wants to save us, no matter what we’ve done.