

# The Presence of God and the Will of God

## THE PRESENCE OF GOD

A Golden Chain of texts -- *Catena Aurea*

### O God Almighty

the mystery awesome & wondrous

Truly Thou art a **hidden** God,

the God of Israel, the Saviour. (Isaiah 45:15)

Heaven and earth are full of Thy **glory** (Psalm 18; Isaiah 6:3)

Be **still**, and know that I am God. (Psalm 46 [45]: 10)

**Speak**, Lord, Thy servant is listening (1 Samuel 3:10)

### O Blessed Trinity, the Holy One

Jesus rejoiced in the **Holy Spirit**... and said,

"All things have been delivered to Me by My **Father**;

and no one knows who the **Son** is except the Father

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and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal Him...

Come unto Me. (Luke 10: 21; Matthew 11:28)

**Glory be** to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy

Spirit. (Luke 2:14; Matthew 28:19)

as it was in the **beginning**, is **now** and **ever shall be**,

world without end. Amen. (Genesis 1:1; John 1:1; Apocalypse 1:4)

### O Son Incarnate

In the beginning was **the Word**,

and the Word was with God, and the Word was God;

the same was in the beginning with God;

all things were made by Him,

and without Him was nothing made that was made...

and the Word was made flesh

and dwelt among us, and we beheld **His glory**,

the glory as of the only-begotten of the Father,

full of grace and truth. (John 1:1,2,14)

### The Real Presence of Jesus Christ,

Body & Blood, Soul & Divinity,

in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar:

**contained in a Presence-Sacrament,**

**offered & accepted in a Sacrifice-Sacrament,**

**received in a Communion-Sacrament.**

And behold ! I am with you always

-- [until] I come in glory. (Matthew 28:20; cf. 25:31)

With desire have I desired to eat this passover with you

before I suffer. (Luke 22:15)

Do this in memory of Me (Luke 22:19)

Eat this Bread and live for ever. (John 6:58)

### His Abiding Presence

in the Blessed Sacrament

Truly, the Lord is in this place **and I knew it not**...

How **awesome** is this place!

It is none other than the **House of God**

and the **Gate of Heaven**. (Genesis 28:16-17)

The Lord is in His holy temple; let the whole earth

keep **silence** before Him. (Habakuk 2:20/)

## THE WILL OF GOD

### THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

combining Exodus 20:1-17 and Deuteronomy 5: 6-21

And God spoke all these words:

**(1)** I am the LORD thy God, who brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

Thou shalt not have strange gods before me. Thou shalt not make to thyself a graven thing, nor the likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, nor of those things that are in the water under the earth: Thou shalt not adore them, nor serve them: I am the LORD thy God, mighty, jealous, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; And showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.

**(2)** Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that shall take the name of the Lord his God in vain.

**(3)** Remember that thou keep holy the sabbath day. Six days shalt thou labour, and shall do all thy works: But on the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God: thou shalt do no work in it, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy man-servant, nor thy maid-servant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates:

*(Exodus)* For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all things that are in them, and rested on the seventh day: therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and sanctified it.

*(Deuteronomy)* That thy manservant and thy maidservant may rest as well as thee. And remember that thou wast a servant in the land of Egypt, and that the Lord thy God brought thee out thence with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm; therefore the Lord thy God commanded thee to keep the sabbath day.

**(4)** Honour thy father and thy mother: that thou mayst be long-lived in the land which the Lord thy God will give thee.

*Texts in italics and smaller print added for piety*

**(5)** Thou shalt not kill

*nor do violence to the innocent.*

**(6)** Thou shalt not commit adultery

*nor make a mockery of marriage or matrimony.*

**(7)** Thou shalt not steal

*nor forget God owns all creation, including me and mine.*

**(8)** Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour and not torture him nor defile thyself by lies.

(Deut.) **(9)** Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife  
*nor lust in thought for bodily sin,*

(Deut.) **(10)** Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, nor his land, nor his servant, nor his handmaid, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is his.

### THE TWO COMMANDMENTS

**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 it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.*

Mark 12:30-31

## THE TEN WORDS

**The Ten Commandments boil down to 10 simple words**

Exodus 34:28(JB) adapted thus in *Bush Boys on the Move* pp. 281-282:

**God, Name, Day  
Obey  
(no) Murder, Adultery, Theft,  
Lies, Lust, Greed.**

## THE NEW COMMANDMENT

A new commandment I give unto you,  
that you love one another, as I have loved you.

John 13:34

## THE GOLDEN RULE

Do unto others as you would have them do unto you  
for this is the Law and the Prophets

Matthew 7:12

*Do unto others as I Myself do unto thee  
and as I would do unto them.*

An adaptation of the Golden Rule

## BEATITUDES

Blessed are the poor in spirit:

for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

2. Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.

3. Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth. 4

4. Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after  
righteousness: for they shall be filled.

5. Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.

6. Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.

7. Blessed are the peacemakers:

for they shall be called the children of God

8. Blessed are they which are persecuted  
for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

9. Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute  
you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my  
sake. Rejoice and be glad; for great is your reward in Heaven:  
for so persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Matthew 5:3-12 (KJV)

## INTEGRITY

**F**ATHER, keep me mindful  
that all my powers of body and soul  
belong to Thee Who created them,  
and at the price of Christ's Cross I was bought back  
from sin to make me by my Baptism  
a living temple of the Holy Spirit:  
grant me mastery of my passions,  
appetites and mental life,  
respect for the opposite sex  
and esteem for my own;  
grant me integrity in the virtues  
for my Christian state of life,  
to consecrate my body and soul  
to Thy service in all purity,  
and may Mother Mary ever-Virgin watch over me,  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fourteen, with three extra on the Resurrection and Ascension,  
to enrich our understanding of the Passion within the Paschal Mystery  
(italicized words are added as meditative enhancements)

1. **Jesus is condemned to death by Pontius Pilate.**  
*Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake.*  
(Matthew 5:11)

2. **Jesus is made to hear His Cross.** *He who does not  
bear his own cross cannot be My disciple.* (Luke 14:27)

3. **Jesus falls the first time under the weight of  
the Cross.** *He who perseveres to the end will be saved.*  
(Mark 13:13)

4. **Jesus meets His afflicted Mother.** *Behold, thine  
own soul a sword will pierce.* (Luke 2:35)

5. **Simon the Cyrenean is made to carry the Cross  
with our Lord.** *Take up your cross and follow Me.* (Mat 16:24)

6. **Veronica wipes the face of Jesus and is reward-  
ed with the image of His holy countenance on  
her cloth and on her soul:** *As often as you did these things  
to the least of My brethren, you did them to Me.* (Matthew 25:40)

7. **Jesus falls the Second Time.** *Repent and believe the  
Good News: the Kingdom of God is at hand.* (Mark 1:15)

8. **Jesus meets the Daughters of Jerusalem.** *Weep  
for yourselves and for your children.* (Luke 23:28)

9. **Jesus falls the Third Time** *for revealing the Trinity  
and Incarnation, Paschal Mystery and Participation.*

10. **Jesus is stripped of His garments** -- *they cast lots  
for My garments & trivialized the murder of God.* (Psalm 21:18)

11. **Jesus is nailed to the Cross** -- *they crucified Him,  
the cruellest torture so far in His Blessed Passion.* (John 19:18)

12. **Jesus is raised high on the Cross** *offers His life  
and death in Sacrifice to the Father' for our Redemption by  
passing through Death to Life in the Paschal Mystery. Jesus  
of Nazareth, King of the Jews.* (John 19:18)

13. **The body of Jesus is taken down from the Cross and  
His soul descended into Hell as Conqueror and Saviour.**  
(Ephesians 4:9)

14. **The body of Jesus is placed in the sepulchre** *to  
await His Resurrection which He is already proclaiming to  
the souls in prison.* (2 Peter 3:18-19a)

15. **Jesus rises triumphant on the third day  
as conqueror of Satan, sin, selfishness, of Hell, hate & death,  
and bestower of grace and glory.** (Acts 10:40)

16. **Jesus breathes the Holy Spirit into the Apostles  
to give them power to forgive sins  
so men may enter into the Paschal Mystery.** (John 20:23)

17. **Jesus ascends triumphantly into Heaven  
to take His victory over sin and death  
to the right hand of the Father.** (Acts 2:33; 7:56; Romans 8:34)