

To God be the glory, great things He has done!

So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
 who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
 and opened the life-gate that all may go in:

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

Let the earth hear His voice!

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Let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son;

and give Him the glory, great things He has done!

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
 to every believer the promise of God!
 the vilest offender who truly believes,
 that moment from Jesus a pardon receives:

Great things He has taught us, great things He has done,
 and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son.

But purer, and higher, and greater will be
 our wonder, our rapture, when Jesus we see:

Fanny Crosby (1820-1915)

Prayer:**Memory Verse:**

There is one God
 and one Mediator between God and men,
 the man Christ Jesus,
 who gave himself a ransom for all.
 1Timothy 2:5-6

Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:50-58

50 Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit

the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption.

51 Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed—

52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet.

For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal *must* put on immortality.

54 So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory."

55 "O death, where is your sting? O Hdes, where is your victory?"

56 The sting of death *is* sin, and the strength of sin *is* the law.

57 But thanks *be* to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

Prayer:**See what a morning, gloriously bright**

with the dawning of hope in Jerusalem;
 folded the grave-clothes, tomb filled with light,
 as the angels announce Christ is risen!

See God's salvation plan,
 wrought in love, borne in pain, paid in sacrifice,
 fulfilled in Christ, the Man,
 for He lives – Christ is risen from the dead!

See Mary weeping, 'Where is He laid?'
 as in sorrow she turns from the empty tomb;
 hears a voice speaking, calling her name;
 it's the Master, the Lord raised to life again!
 The voice that spans the years,
 speaking life, stirring hope, bringing peace to us,
 will sound till He appears,
 for He lives - Christ is risen from the dead!

One with the Father, Ancient of Days,
 through the Spirit who clothes faith with certainty,
 honour and blessing, glory and praise
 to the King crowned with power and authority!
 And we are raised with Him,
 death is dead, love has won, Christ has conquered;
 and we shall reign with Him,
 for He lives - Christ is risen from the dead!
 (repeat last four lines)

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Sermon: 'The Greatest Victory – the day the war was won.'

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I will sing of my Redeemer
 and his wondrous love to me;
 on the cruel cross he suffered,
 from the curse to set me free.

*Sing, O sing of my Redeemer!
 With his blood he purchased me;
 on the cross he sealed my pardon,
 paid the debt, and made me free.*

I will tell the wondrous story,
 how my lost estate to save,
 in his boundless love and mercy,
 he the ransom freely gave.

I will praise my dear Redeemer,
 his triumphant power I'll tell:
 how the victory he gives me
 over sin and death and hell.

I will sing of my Redeemer
 and his heavenly love for me;
 he from death to life has brought me,
 Son of God, with him to be.

Philipp Paul Bliss (1838-76)

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