

Largs Church of the Nazarene
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To God be the glory

Fanny J. Crosby

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.

Refrain:

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
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 ev'ry believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives. [Refrain]

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 transport, when Jesus we see. [Refrain]

He leadeth me

Joseph H. Gilmore

He leadeth me: O blessed thought!
O words with heavenly comfort fraught!
Whate'er I do, where'er I be,
Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

Refrain:

He leadeth me, He leadeth me;
By His own hand He leadeth me:
His faithful follower I would be,
For by his hand He leadeth me.

Sometimes 'mid scenes of deepest gloom,
Sometimes where Eden's flowers bloom,
By waters calm, o'er troubled sea,
Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me. [Refrain]



Luke 6 (NRSV)

27 'But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, 28 bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. 29 If anyone strikes you on the

cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. 30 Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. 31 Do to others as you would have them do to you.

32 'If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. 33 If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. 34 If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. 35 But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. 36 Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

On the Level: Good-for-Nothing Christians (Luke 6:27-36)

• Introduction

- “The Silent Sermon” and “Poetic Prophecy”
 - *I’ll be good for nothing!*
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• Good-for-Nothing Christians give, expecting nothing from the receiver

- Verses 27-31
 - *Listen*
 - Jacques Derrida: gift as “debt”
 - Expenditure without expectation of return
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• Good-for-Nothing Christians are counter-cultural

- Verses 32-34
 - *Even sinners. . .*
 - Live differently; live other-wise
 - MLK’s last words from the pulpit
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• Good-for-Nothing Christians trust God, not the world, for the return

- Verse 35: divine ROI (return on investment)
 - Seeds and harvest
 - Imagine a Good-For-Nothing church!
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Great are you Lord*

David Leonard/Jason Ingram/Leslie Jordan

You give life, You are love
You bring light to the darkness
You give hope, You restore
Every heart that is broken
Great are You, Lord

It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise
We pour out our praise
It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise to You only

And all the earth will shout Your praise
Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing
Great are You, Lord

Doxology

Thomas Ken

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost

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