

Largs Church of the Nazarene

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Luke 14 (NRSV)

1 On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. 2 Just then, in front of him, there was a man who had **dropsy**. 3 And Jesus asked the lawyers and Pharisees, "Is it lawful to cure people

on the sabbath, or not?" 4 But they were silent. **So Jesus took him and healed him, and sent him away. . . .**

7 When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. 8 "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; 9 and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. 10 But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. 11 **For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.**"

12 He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. 13 But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. 14 **And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you,** for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous"

25 Now large crowds were traveling with him; and he turned and said to them, 26 "Whoever comes to me and does not **hate (miseó)** father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. 27 Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. . . . 33 So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

Holiness unto the Lord

Lelia N. Morris; arr. Brannon Hancock

"Called unto holiness," Church of our God,
Purchase of Jesus, redeemed by His blood;

Called from the world and its idols to flee,
Called from the bondage of sin to be free.
"Called unto holiness," praise His dear name!
This blessed secret to faith now made plain,
Not our own righteousness, but Christ within,
Living and reigning and saving from sin.

Refrain: Our watchword and song, is "Holiness unto the Lord"
As we're marching along, "Holiness unto the Lord"
We will sing it, shout it, loud and long,
"Holiness unto the Lord," now and forevermore.

"Called unto holiness," Bride of the Lamb,
Waiting the Bridegroom's returning again;
Lift up your heads, for the day draweth near
When in His beauty the King shall appear. [Refrain]

God's Holy Spirit abiding within, Living and reigning and saving from sin (repeat) [Refrain]

Here is love vast as the ocean

William Rees arr. Nathan Drake

Here is love vast as the ocean
Lovingkindness as the flood
When the Prince of Life, our Ransom,
Shed for us His precious blood
Who His love will not remember
Who can cease to sing His praise
He will never be forgotten
Throughout Heav'n's eternal days

On the mount of crucifixion
Fountains opened deep and wide
Through the floodgates of God's mercy
Flowed a vast and gracious tide
Grace and love like mighty rivers
Poured incessant from above
Heav'n's peace and perfect justice
Kissed a guilty world in love

Let me all Thy love accepting,
Love Thee ever all my days
Let me seek Thy kingdom only
And my life be to Thy praise;
Thou alone shalt be my glory,
Nothing in this world I see;
Thou hast cleansed and sanctified me
Thou Thyself hast set me free.

Hospitality, Health and Holiness: Choices (Luke 14)

- **Introduction: Renewing the Vision**

- **Four choices in Luke 14**

- **Section 1 (verses 1-4)**

- **Jesus demonstrates: choose the needs of others over legalism**
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- **Section 2 (verses 7-11)**

- **Jesus tells the guests: over honour, choose humility**
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- **Section 3 (verses 12-14)**

- **Jesus tells the host: choose sacrifice over return on investment; the have-nots over the haves**
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- **Section 4 (verses 25-33)**

- *miseó* (a comparative verb)
 - **Jesus tells the crowds: choose to follow me over everything**
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- **3 messages for LargsNaz**

- **Choose to show hospitality**
 - **Choose to bring health**
 - **Choose a life of holiness**

LargsNaz Vision Statement

In the year ahead, Largs Church of the Nazarene will fulfil our mission to make Christlike disciples, to incorporate believers into fellowship and membership, and to equip for ministry all who respond in faith, by focusing on **hospitality, health, and holiness**. Hospitality entails providing a welcoming safe space and fellowship at the Lord's table, while health includes promoting good stewardship of ourselves and our environment, and holiness is perfect love and heart cleansing that transforms the way we think and act. Following the example of the early church in Acts 2, we believe that God will bless our efforts and empower us with the Holy Spirit to bring wholeness and healing to our community.

Revive us again

W.P. Mackay; arr. Nathan Drake

We praise Thee O God,
For the Son of Thy love,
For Jesus Who died
And is now gone above.

Refrain: Hallelujah, Thine the glory, hallelujah, amen
Hallelujah, Thine the glory, revive us again
We praise Thee, O God
For The Spirit of light,
Who hath shown us our Saviour,
And scattered our night. [Refrain]

All glory and praise
To the Lamb that was slain,
Who hath borne all our sins,
And hath cleansed every stain. [Refrain]

Revive us again,
Fill each heart with Thy love,
May each soul be rekindled
With fire from above. [Refrain]

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