

January 13, 2019

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today: 9:30 a.m. Communion and 2:30 p.m. reflection services with Rev. Hofman. No classes.

Next Week: 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. with Student de Leeuw.

Advance notices:

January 24, 7:00 p.m. Study Groups meet next
January 27, Rev. Verhoef 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

Offerings Today: 1st General Fund Next week: 1st General Fund
 2nd Living Bread 2nd School Fund

We Remember in Prayer:

-Those who have been unable to gather with us for some time, our widows and widowers, our elderly, the unborn, prodigal sons and daughters, those who are under doctor's care, and all those who have hidden crosses.

MEDITATIONS

If we would celebrate the Lord's Supper to our comfort, then it must be directed to that end for which Christ hath instituted it, namely, to His remembrance. If we celebrate the remembrance of someone, we must know him. How necessary, therefore, is the knowledge of Him and the hungering and thirsting after Him...

What must we say about those who do not dare to take Christ for their possession, and still they hunger and thirst after Him? Their case is not doubtful, because God's Word pronounces them blessed (Matthew 5). May such as these partake of the Lord's Supper?

Teelinck writes in his *The Practice of the Lord's Supper*, "Hence, although you perhaps cannot firmly believe without any doubt the forgiveness of your sins and the healing of your diseases; if you are but desirous for this, if you are unfeignedly hungry and thirsty for it, you will be a welcome guest at the table of the Lord, for you have to do with a gracious God, Who will not break the bruised reed or quench he smoking flax. Indeed it is He who has promised that He will satisfy those who unfeignedly hunger and thirst after spiritual gifts." ~Rev. A Hoogerland from *Partaking of the Lord's Supper, but How?*

Blest Spirit of truth, eternal God,
Thou meek and lowly Dove,
Who fill'st the soul through Jesus' blood,
With faith, and hope, and love;

Who comfortest the heavy heart,
By sin and sorrow pressed;
Who to the dead canst life impart,
And to the weary rest;

[Thy sweet communion charms the soul,
And gives true peace and joy,
Which Satan's power cannot control,
Nor all his wiles destroy;]

Come from the blissful realms above;
Our longing breasts inspire
With thy soft flames of heavenly love,
And fan the sacred fire.

[Let no false comfort lift us up
To confidence that's vain;
Nor let their faith and courage droop,
For whom the Lamb was slain.]

Breathe comfort where distress abounds,
Make the whole conscience clean,
And heal, with balm from Jesus' wounds,
The festering sores of sin.

Vanquish our lust, our pride remove,
Take out the heart of stone;
Show us the Father's boundless love,
And merits of the Son.

The Father sent the Son to die;
The willing Son obeyed;
The witness thou, to ratify
The purchase Christ has made.

~J. Hart

Notes

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*He shall cover thee with his feathers, and
under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth
shall be thy shield and buckler.*

Psalms 91:4

Consistory

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Church Times: 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 or 6:30 p.m.