

Full or Empty



1. Glory be to God the Father,
Glory be to God the Son,
Glory be to God the Spirit,
Great Jehovah, Three in One!
Glory, glory, glory, glory
While eternal ages run!

Glory to the King of angels,
Glory to the Church's King,
Glory to the King of nations!
Heaven and earth your praises bring;
Glory, glory, glory, glory
To the King of Glory bring!

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Great Jehovah, Three in One!
Glory, glory, glory, glory
While eternal ages run!

'Glory, blessing, praise eternal!'
Thus the choir of angels sings;
'Honour, riches, power, dominion!'
Thus its praise creation brings;
Glory, glory, glory, glory
Glory to the King of kings!



We confess that we are often affected by the current celebrity culture.
and look to the image in the media and external success of ratings.

But when we turn to You, what a different dimension :

You are living, You are loving, You are lasting, You are loyal to Your promises.

Therefore as we realise Your greatness we cannot but say "Wow" and sing of Your glory,
rejoicing that You want to fill us with Your life, Your love, and Your lasting promises

Realising something of Your glory affects the ethos of our thinking, the priorities of daily living.

Jesus stand among us in Your Risen Power - may this time of worship be a hallowed hour.

through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Reading [Galatians 5.1, 17-25](#)

It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.

1. Lord, speak to me, that I may speak
In living echoes of Thy tone;
As Thou hast sought, so let me seek
Thy erring children lost and lone.

3.O fill me with Thy fulness, Lord,
Until my very heart o'erflow
In kindling thought and glowing word,
Thy love to tell, Thy praise to show.

2.O teach me, Lord, that I may teach
The precious things Thou dost impart;
And wing my words, that they may reach
The hidden depths of many a heart.

4.O use me, Lord, use even me,
Just as Thou wilt, and when, and where,
Until Thy blessed face I see,
Thy rest, Thy joy, Thy glory share!

Filling a car with fuel has been very much in the news these days :
but it is necessary!

Jesus said "the words I have spoken to you—they are full of the Spirit and life."
and leaders of the early church are spoken of as "full of the Holy Spirit".

We are encouraged to be filled with the Spirit ... which is a continuous tense,
it is not a one of event.

Because of the cost we try to make fuel last,
but the exciting thing is that the Holy Spirit is freely offered to all.
and when a person becomes a Christian then it is not a case of struggling in
our own strength but being filled with the Holy Spirit.

What an encouragement that is to us all,
and perhaps particularly to the two who are making a profession of faith today in Aberuthven.



What does this mean?

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Fruit not fruits like facets of a diamond



Godward

Love
Joy
Peace

Manward

Patience
Kindness
Goodness

Inward

Faithfulness
Gentleness
Self-control

Reaction to the Holy Spirit ?

Neglect

Quench

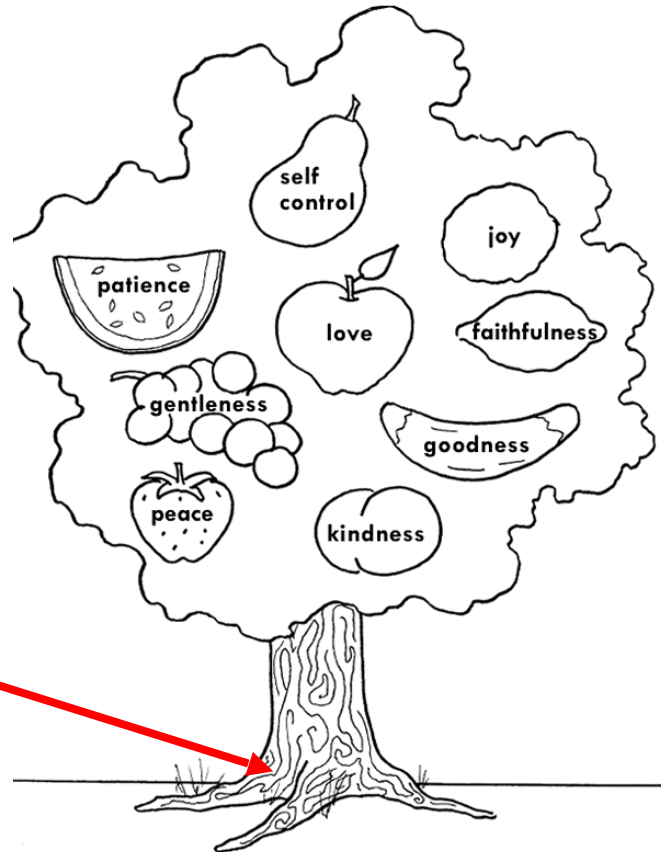
Keep on being filled

The root is the key to the fruit

"rooted in the love of God"

"established and firm ...

... not moved from the hope held out in the gospel."



Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning
Give me oil in my lamp, I pray
Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning
Keep me burning 'til the break of day
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna
Sing hosanna to the King of kings
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna
Sing hosanna, to the King

Give me love in my heart, keep me serving
Give me love in my heart, I pray
Give me love in my heart, keep me serving
Keep me serving 'til the break of day
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna
Sing hosanna to the King of kings
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna
Sing hosanna, to the King

Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising
Give me joy in my heart, I pray
Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising
Keep me praising 'til the break of day
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna
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in our congregation

especially those housebound or in hospital
for young folk growing up for whom we are answerable
to God for them to learn the truth and living
relevance of Jesus

and for those who are making profession of faith
in Aberuthven this morning

in our community

for youngsters being fostered or adopted
for those who are searching for meaning in life

in our world

for fellow Christians who are persecuted for their faith
in India and Pakistan, in Afghanistan and Sudan
in China and North Korean

for those who are suffering because of evil at work
because of war in Ukraine, ignoring of refugees
corruption and sin at work

and as we pray for

and bring to You our personal prayers that we may keep on being filled with the Holy Spirit
so bring the fruit of the Spirit filling our lives and overflowing from us,
though Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour Who taught Your followers to pray saying "Our Father.."

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah,
Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but Thou art mighty,
Hold me with Thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven,
Feed me now and evermore;
Feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain,
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through.
Strong Deliv' rer, strong Deliv' rer,
Be Thou still my Strength and Shield;
Be Thou still my Strength and Shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death and hell's Destruction,
Land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to Thee;
I will ever give to Thee.