

Holy, Holy, Holy,

Invocation Prayer:

Our Father in this
morning hour of worship
be thou near to each
one of us. Comfort and
guide us as we go about
our daily tasks this week.
Give us the understanding
heart Oh Lord so that we
may serve thee in humility
and faith. May we
realize that no matter
how trivial our task seems
if it is done in thy service
it is necessary to thee. In
Jesus name we ask it
Amen.

Hymn 633 : Psalm.

Whither thy Tabernacle Lord
Who shall abide with Thee?
And in thy high and holy hill
Who shall a dweller be?

Responsive Reading
Selection 729 in Hymnary.
Florida

Scripture Reading

Old Testament

2 Samuel 22-29-33

New Testament

Matthew 9 — 1 — 8

Antiphon

Hymn 206
Behold us, Lord, a little space
From daily tasks set free
And met within thy holy place
To rest awhile with Thee.

Edmund Burke.

All that is necessary
for the triumph of
evil is that good
men do nothing.

Two things came to
my attention this
week. Editorial from
one of our weekly newspapers
and a little piece from
Sunshine Magazine
entitled Where is the
Piccolo.
"WHERE IS THE PICCOLO"

Illustrative stories

A modern Amos

During World War II, Japanese-American soldiers from the West Coast were formed into a division that came home the most decorated outfit in the United States Army. Yet a group of veterans in Oregon would not allow the names of the local Japanese-American soldiers to appear on their town's honor roll; that is, not until a modern Amos spoke out in defense of these people.

To be an Amos you don't need four years in a divinity school! You don't need a pulpit or a gown! All you need is to say, "Here am I, Lord; send me."
—Myles D. Blanchard

Hymn 616

Holy Spirit Hear us
Help us while we sing
Breathe into the music
Of its praise we bring.

Address or Sermon.

God is my strength
and power and he
maketh my way perfect.

Samuel 22 v 33.

To the layman asked
to take a church service
the one immediate question
is one of self-examination
Am I able? Is there a
message I can give and
if so will it be one of

Cheer and hope. The world is so full of the opposite these days, so full of foreboding so hopelessly muddled. At least it appears so. It appeared that way over three thousand years ago to the old prophets of the Bible. Jeremiah, Isaiah, Amos, Hosea. When we take stock of the world today and be honest with ourselves, the world

as we know it has
improved much since
that time. It is the
people inhabiting the
world that are to blame
God has been bountiful
in his mercies to
mankind. Our cup
is measured full
and running over
and yet we fall far
short of being the
joyous people one
would expect of a
group

Group inheriting such
bounty.

Despite so many
material comforts for
many of us man
still strives to gain
power. Bigger farms
bigger business, bigger
machinery, bigger
buildings bigger fortunes
bigger guns and
bigger bombs. For
what???

So that man may
gain

gain mastery over
his fellow man? In
gaining mastery he
feels more powerful
and as his private
personal sins increase
so does the demand.

for power. He has to
have power to offset
the feeling of guilt
over the fashion he
has acquired that power
He dare not be himself
He has to conform to the

pattern set by the
society or group within
which he moves and
has his being. He finds
himself shackled to the
very way of life he
so desires to get rid
of. In attempting to
enslave his fellow man
he has lost his own
freedom and to keep
his sense of power-
must ever tread the
mill faster & faster
a ritual

a virtual slave
himself.

What then can set
him free. When a
merchant wants to
know where he stands
financially he takes
stock. He does it
realistically and
thoroughly, neither
over nor underestimating
his true financial
worth.

What of a spiritual and
soul evaluation

soul evaluating
stock-taking. Here
man hesitates. If he
takes true stock
of his soul in the
light of Gods eternal
Truth he is afraid he
will find himself
bankrupt. The red
ink in the ledger of
life may be copious.
He hesitates to tell his
wife or his friends of
his dilemma although
they may have seen

seen it long beforehand
and be waiting and
ready to help him.

Lucky is the man or
woman who in that
hour of stock-taking

can remember the words

"Come unto me all ye
who are weary and
heavy laden and I

will give you rest!"

Luckier still is he who
deep down utters

himself "Lord forgive me,
a sinner"

a sinner," and
means by those words
to lead a new life
from then on. He will
find that the words

For Christ's sake so often
used before in blasphemy
become very real and
meaningful. God
sent us his Son to
reveal to us the
true character and
power of The Father
and when a man
or woman

A woman turns
over a new leaf and
brings Christ the son
into all his considerations
they find a power
outside themselves that
transcends all earthly
power they have sought
to acquire heretofore
Christ becomes a living
presence. Someone to
turn to and someone
to follow. Here perhaps
is the deeper meaning of
that verse

that verse the 37th
in the 10th chap. of
St Matthew. "He that
loveth father or mother
more than me is not
worthy of me and he
that loveth son or daughter
more than me is not
worthy of me.

When we put Christ's
presence and help and
power ahead of all
family ties then the
world drops into its
proper

proper perspective
and we become men or
women as God intended
us. We find a power
that enables us to
break away from the
crowd and the sins
that have enslaved us.
We discover that since
the beginning of the
world God has been
holding out the same
power that controls the
universe - to purify man
all that

Illustrative story

God showed the way

Many years ago Frank Laubach went out to the island of Mindanao in the Philippines as a young and inexperienced missionary. That was a hard field; it was almost entirely Mohammedan, and Mohammedans have offered the most persistent resistance to Christian evangelism.

For years he tried to interest the Mohammedans in what *he* had to say, but without results. Then he turned to God for a way. It was: Become interested in the Mohammedans and the things that interest them.

He learned that the principal Mohammedan priest in that region was not even able to read the Koran for himself. Then and there Frank Laubach learned how to teach illiterate people to read. He must first help them with something they need. Because of this discovery, millions of illiterates all over the world have learned to read by using Frank Laubach's system.

When he turned to God in his extremity, Dr. Laubach found a way to defeat ignorance and opposition. This is a turn each of us can make for our own good, the good of our nation, and the world.

The Bible story: When the story about Stevenson has been read, you may lead the class directly into the reading of the Bible story:

In our Bible story for today, we will get acquainted with another Hebrew prophet—a young man named Hosea. Let's find out what Hosea has to teach us about the love of God.

When the picture story has been read, you may wish to give your pupils more information about Hosea from your "Bible background," which does not appear in their classbooks.

Then have the pupils turn the pages in their classbooks and read Hosea's message to the people of Israel, in the printed Bible verses.

Bible story quiz: The first two questions in this quiz appear in the pupils' classbook. The others are provided for you to use in extending the discussion.

1. What was different about the preaching of the prophet Hosea from that of the prophet Amos?

(Caption No. 1 of the Bible lesson in pictures provides the answer to this question.)

2. Can you explain why Hosea's experience with his wife, Gomer, helped him to better understand the unchanging love of God?

man
all that he had to
do was reach up and
take the Master's hand
and let Him be the
guide. In reaching
he partook of a
power that made
man one with the
universe. That power
expanded and enlarged
the soul. With the
growth of the soul
came a sense of
humility and a
determination

A new and higher justice

The foreman in an Eastern factory was a slave driver. Men worked in terror of his furious outbursts of temper. But one day he was converted. He called the men together for a conference.

"I've been a brute to you;" he said, "but I've found God and his way of life. From now on I'll treat you like brothers. If you've any complaint to make, come and see me. I'll listen."

God changes men; men change conditions.

determination for
service to God as
never experienced before
and a new man
emerged with the
light of glory in his
eyes. He has gained
mastery not over
his fellow man but
over himself, his own
worst enemy and in
gaining mastery over
himself he has lost
desire for mastery over
his fellow

his fellow man and
in its place has
acquired the desire
that he can help his
fellow man by guiding
him to the Master too

When we turn contritely
to Jesus, put our
problems in his hands,
ask for his help and
follow him. Then and
only then do the cares
of this world assume
their proper proportion
and are

and we can
say with David
of old.

God is my strength
and power and he
maketh my way
perfect.

Let us bow in Prayer
Lord let us abide in
Thee this day. Let us
put our trust and
faith anew in Thee
and find that power
which is not of this
world but in it for all
men to use if they will
but seek and find knock
and have Thee open unto them
Amen

Hymn 214

Savior again to thy
clear name we raise
With one accord our
praising hymn of Praise;
We stand to bless thee ere
our worship cease,
Then, lowly kneeling, wait
Thy word of Peace.

Benediction 215

Story for Children. About Sam.

A young fellow lived in a very fine community. He had a very fine home and everything he wanted in it and he was a pretty happy lad.

However one day trouble came along. He had been so happy that he had been careless and did something thoughtlessly but which was very wrong. Great trouble seemed to

be coming out of it.
He thought and thought
What shall I do? Then
there came a knock at
his door and ^{when he} ~~as was~~
opened it a wee man stood
~~man came in~~ ^{outside} He was
the smallest man ^{Sam} ~~its~~ ~~by~~
I had ever seen.

"My name is Fint Lie,
the little man said,
"Someone told me you
were in pretty bad
trouble and I came
to see if I could help."

I don't see how
you can ~~be~~ ^{earn} ~~the~~ ^{young}
man upbid but perhaps
you can after all. Let's
hear what you have to
say." Will you come
in for a while?"

Sure enough after he
came in the little
man made himself
seem so nice and
his plan to help so
simple that the
young man jumped

up exclaiming "That's
just dandy, that's
just what I'll do and
off he went to set
the trouble right.

However before he got
home he ran into more
trouble resulting from
the first and on
getting home he was
met at his door by
another and much
bigger man.

My name is David

Lie this man
said and I'm sure if
you listen to me that
I can help you out
just as my father
Tut Lie did. So he
told the young man
of his plan and
away off the young
fellow went and fixed
everything up.

Now all seemed well
for a few days. True
father & son Tut & second

lie were still around
but not bothersome. They
did come in for a meal
or two and sort of
stayed late at night.

Then more trouble
started for Sam

The child playing on the seashore discovered a pretty shell. It was an odd shaped shell not like one he had ever seen before. In childish desire to show his find to someone he ran off to an old naturalist who had often told him wonderful stories about the sea and what was in it.

To the astonishment of the little one his old friend became quite excited over the shell. How was the child to understand that in that shell was hidden the answer which naturalists for centuries had been trying to discover?

So it is with Christianity. As Phillips Brooks once put it, Christianity is as if a loving Father had bestowed a ~~message~~ gift on the

Whole family and the
gift has fallen into one
child's hands before the rest.
Then brother asks if brother
what the message is.

What if the child had
kept it all to himself?
We can let our imagina-
tions work on that.

What if the brother
keeps the message to
himself until he perfectly
understands it? Let our
imagination work on that?