

# The Church.

"Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the Old Paths, where is the good way, and walk therein and ye shall find rest for your souls."—JEREMIAH vi. 16.

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## Poetry.

### THE HUMAN LONELINESS OF CHRIST.

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"Alone, and of the people there was none with me."—Isaiah, lxxiii. 1.  
"Could ye not watch with me one hour."—Matt. xxvi. 40.  
"Alone, and yet I am not alone, because the Father is with me."  
—John vi. 32.

Alone, O Lord!—yet not alone,  
Since of Jehovah sends to Thee  
Almighty whispers from the Glory-throne  
Attuned with His sternity,  
And mission angels, poised on balanced wings,  
Camp round Thy Soul, and anthem-worship sing.

But, mortal loneliness was Thine  
And He whose heart did echo back  
In words that flowed from feeling's inmost shrine,  
"What Sorrow felt life's every track,  
Found the cold earth one desolate array  
Of spirits turned from Him, and truth away!

It fears an angel's cheek might stain  
Or heaven's deep calm be moved with sigh,  
Thrills that approach to love's celestial pain  
Might well have touched the crowned skull—  
When God became, ere for man He died,  
Roamed the bleak world, deserted and denied.

Wearily and faint, and fasting oft,  
More homeless far than heat, or bird,  
On lake, or shore, or Syrian mount aloft,  
By awful manings only stirred,  
Apart from Christ, all unperceived by Him,  
And prayed, and pondered 'er Redemption's plan.

And thoughts were His divinely vast,  
And meditations high as heaven,  
And wordless visions, which have never passed,  
Forth from their finite melancholy,  
But shrouded within that mute recess  
Where language could not reach their loneliness.

And, who can read how God-Man wept,  
That on His eye-lash hung a tear,  
When of His human spirit darkly swept  
Rejection, woe, and inward fire died,  
Or think the Saviour groaned and heaved a sigh,  
And scanned the heavens with sorrow's pensive eye,

Nor feel how much of anguish unwept,  
Unwept, unwept, unwept,  
Dwelt in the purgatorial depths of pain concealed,  
And left Emmanuel's heart alone—  
Alone, beyond all loneliness by man,  
Save, in Thy breast, embodied Deity!

Unshar'd were His perceptions deep  
Of Nature, Providence, and Man,  
And secret, which their sacred darkness keep  
Since time and mortal thought began,  
Glimped and glimpsed along that perfect soul,  
Which bowed beneath God's Infinite control.

And in, the desolate life,  
That Satan of our sensual will,  
Who deared the lightning of dread wrath defy,  
And earth with desolation fill,  
How did the Lord that monster and demon  
In darkness scowling on the Almighty's throne!

And Love, and Law, and Life, were seen,  
By God incarnate, in their essence true;  
While all the mysteries of His Almighty  
Faith's present hope and future view,  
By secret wisdom were to Him disclosed,  
On Whose high will the universe reposed.

Alone in mortal and in night,  
So did Emmanuel win the grace  
Whereby the Spirit-born obtain the right  
Which makes the Father's love to share;  
And, who have He, could save with deadlier eye,  
Where deep in God, salvation's fountains lie?

And thus, unwept, by mankind  
Childered in Spirit, the Lord  
In that hid sphere, where gated no human mind,  
Nor friendship breathed one soothing word;  
By sinners, by sinners, by sinners,  
A Saviour—(God in mental solitude).

If ever heart unframed were,  
Or grief a lone and lofty thing,  
Say, was it not when Jesus broke His prayer  
Under cold midnight's dewy wing,  
On some lone hill, while stars the hills kept,  
And angels worshipped as their Maker kept?

Alone, too, was the Lord of grace,  
In seeing all His Church would prove,  
When of the hidden things His Almighty  
Fell shades of superhuman love,  
The outward symbols of diviner thought  
That earth's most language into meaning brought.

Alone in life, in death the same,  
So lived Incarnate God for man,  
Who, though unwept, by sinners,  
To realize His love can;  
For all the felt, yet no compassion won,  
His tears were many, but His smiles were none.

## WEEKLY CALENDAR.

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