

Out of the glistening companies,  
The cohorts of flame on flame,  
Out of the phalanx of victories,  
The hosts of the Holy Name,—  
To simple folk, to men of peace and prayer,  
Thou didst descend, their servitude to share,  
And still art there.

Such is the true idea of the Christian life  
—a life not of periodic observances, or of  
occasional fervours, or even of splendid acts  
of heroism and self devotion, but of quiet,  
constant, unobtrusive earnestness, amidst the  
commonplace of the world. This is the life  
to which Christ calls us. Is it yours?

*John Caird.*