

of all that could be uttered of the innermost nature of the Almighty. It is thus used in the words of the prayer our Master taught.

As soon as we come near to God and apprehend Him as "Our Father which art in heaven," we are overwhelmed with adoration before His glorious majesty and His unspeakable wealth of life.

All nature speaks of Him, to the thoughtful, prayerful heart and the quest of all the ages in science and philosophy, in art, in literature and in religion has been to spell out some syllables of the name that is above every name. The heavens declare His glory and the firmament shows His handiwork.

Then, too, each one of us has a life long experience of His unceasing care, of His unchanging love, in every phase of life and His name means all this to us. So, too, the whole history of humanity is the story of how man has slowly, oh, how slowly! come to comprehend what He is and therefore what His name means.

But most of all we find that name in its fullest significance in Jesus Christ. There we see God, not only as the high and holy one who inhabits eternity, who is glorious in majesty, dominion and power, but as the Father who loves to the uttermost His unworthy and ungrateful children. Whatever we see in Christ of infinite tenderness and undying love, that belongs to the name of God. And the history of the Church, from that day to this in its struggles and aspirations, in its failures and its triumphs, spells out the name of names.

When we think of it, when we hear it spoken, or when we attempt to realize it in the solemn sanctity of the prayer attitude, it means for us all that we have learned of God from nature, from Providence, from experience, from history and most of all from the face of Jesus Christ. With all that it thus means borne in upon us, how can we fail to bow in adoration, saying, "Hallowed be Thy name."

#### *Prayer*

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty: Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of Thy glory. Before the mountains were brought forth or ever Thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, Thou art God. Thou art worthy to receive blessing and honour and glory and power. The earth is Thine and the fulness thereof, the world and all that dwell therein. One generation shall praise Thy works unto another and declare Thy mighty acts and we will speak of the glorious honour of Thy wondrous works. Our fathers trusted Thee and Thou didst never fail them: Thy goodness and Thy mercy have followed us down the days and the years. Enable us O God, with all our hearts and all that is within us to hallow Thy holy name. Amen.