

Be Thou My Vision

Eleanor Hull/Mary E. Byrne (tr.)

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art
Thou my best thought, by day or by night
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, and be Thou my true Word
I ever with Thee and Thou with me Lord;
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling and I with Thee one.

Riches I heed not nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory is won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.



We celebrate the Lord's Supper weekly—and in a circle, at the end of worship. A word of direction is given, and with this everyone stands and moves to the walls. The cup is passed in two forms: in a chalice and then in small individual cups. You are free to choose.

And as this is the Supper of the Lord Christ, please listen to the instructions we give as to what qualifies a visitor to participate. **But whether you intend to take communion or not, please join us in the circle.**

Since the children have
flesh and blood, Christ too shared
in their humanity....

(Hebrews 2:14)



Old Orchard Church

August 17, 2014

10:15 a.m. to 11:50 a.m.

Celebrating the Life of Learning God Gives Us: Jesus in the Temple at Twelve

Blessed be the infinite Lord
For all the glorious things flowing from his Incarnation:

A Jewish pre-teen in the temple
Proves to be the great I AM
Who drew our humanness up into the Godhead.

Praise to our Lord Jesus Christ,
Substitute for us in his death,
Supreme example to us in his life:
As he asked questions,
Listened to other opinions,
Reasoned with his teachers,
And expanded the capacity of his mind.

Praise to him who now rules the universe!
He in whom are hidden
All the treasures of wisdom and knowledge,
And yet who still grew in wisdom and in stature, like us.
Alleluia.



Scripture Readings

Old Testament Lesson: Exodus 13:3-16

Gospel Reading: Luke 2:41-52

New Testament Lesson: Mark 12:28-34

Back to School Sermon

"Practicing Passion"
Mark 12:28-34

Mark Robertson, associate pastor, preaching

Jesus Among the Doctors

What is eternity?
Who was God's mother?
How many stars are there?
Do numbers ever come to an end?
Why is there war?
How do you know if you're in love?
What is gravity?

Children are full of questions, wonderful questions, unanswerable questions.

Jesus, too.

And where better to ask questions than in the Temple where the learned doctors were found, elders who had spent their entire lives in the study of the holy Jewish Law. Jesus was as curious as any bright twelve-year-old child. So when the family made the annual pilgrimage to Jerusalem, he went to the Temple where he astonished the teachers with his questions, and also with his answers. And there, at last, his frantic parents found him....

Jesus was an eager questioner, alert, ready to learn. He didn't notice time passing, or realize that his parents might be worried.

Already he was about his Father's business.

And that business, he was to learn, was not the law expounded in the Temple. That business was not law—but love.

—Madeline L'Engle in *The Glorious Impossible* (1990)

