

Hymn at the Sacrament (1747)¹

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Editorial Introduction:

At some point after publishing *Hymns on the Lord's Supper* (1745), possibly in 1747, Charles Wesley published a single *Hymn at the Sacrament* as a four-page pamphlet. The hymn was published anonymously and without indication of publisher. However, authorship is verified by its appearance in two of Charles's manuscript collections, (MS Miscellaneous Hymns, 198–200; and MS Richmond 64–65).

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**A
HYMN
AT THE
SACRAMENT.**

- 1 God of truth and power and grace,
Drawn by thee to seek thy face,
Lo! I in thy courts appear,
Humbly come to meet thee here;

- 2 Trembling at thine altar stand
Lift to heaven my heart and hand,
Of thy promised strength secure,
All my sins I now abjure.

3 All my promises renew,
All my wickedness eschew,
Chiefly that I called my own,
Now I hate, renounce, disown.

4 Never more will I commit,
Follow, or be led by it,
Only grant² the grace I claim,
Arm my soul with Jesus' name.

5 Sure I am, thou able art
To confirm my feeble heart,
Yes, thou wilt from sin defend,
Make me faithful to the end.

²Ori., "great"; a misprint.

- 6 Sure I am, it is thy will,
I should never yield to ill,
Never lose thy gracious power,
Never sin or grieve thee more.
- 7 What doth then my hopes prevent?
Lord, thou stay'st for my consent,
My consent through grace I give,
Promise in thy fear to live.
- 8 Kept by all-sufficient grace,
I will not to sin give place,
I my bosom sin abjure,
Jesus' blood shall keep me pure.

- 9 Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Present with thy angel host,
While I at thine altar bow,
Witness to the solemn vow!

- 10 Now admit my bold appeal,
Now affix thy Spirit's seal
Now the power from high be given,
Register the oath in heaven.