

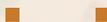
Hymns

Unholy Selfish Actions

When unholy, selfish actions
make it hard to simply live,
when we nurture destitution open eyes,
good God forgive.

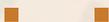
Only when our measures offer
sacrificial signs of grace
can we claim the name of Christian,
seeing Christ in every face.

Justice calls for equal sharing
of commodities and wealth,
food and water, clothing, shelter
and necessities for health;
but unequal distribution
and the curse of human greed
predicate the legislation
framed to meet each human need.



Tax can be a tool for gracing
those in poverty and fear,
and the means of our disclosing
all pretension's false veneer.
Now we followers of Jesus
vow to turn the world around:
cheats and dodgers fall from favour
risen poor share common ground.

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Our Goal – the Common Good

Thanks be to God whose love is sure;
his will in Jesus shall endure.
He gives us life and health and food;
no single one will he exclude.

Taxman Levi heard the appeal
and honoured Jesus with a meal.
The good, the bad, he welcomed all,
at Jesus' word, into his hall.

Feeding a crowd with bread and fish,
Jesus showed sharing was his wish.
We imitate that act divine
and celebrate with bread and wine.

Christians at Corinth knew Christ's will,
yet the rich people ate their fill.
They would not wait on for the poor,
and failed their Saviour's love and law.

Cry for a land where wealth divides,
where bitter poverty abides,
where the well-off avert their eyes
and will not hear the sufferers' cries.



Grieve for a world where greed is king
and makes the market traders sing.
The rich won't pay the tax they should
and so frustrate the social good.

People today, make Christ your guide;
stand with the poorest side by side.
Fight injustice with heart and soul,
the common good your one true goal.

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