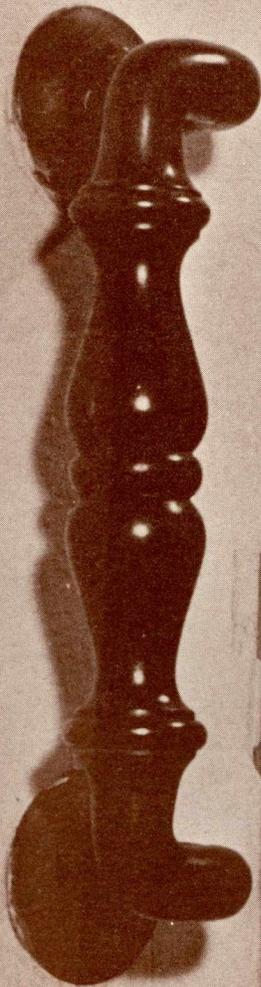


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*Take My Life*



*Take My Moments And My Days*



*Take My Hands*



*Take My Will*



*Take My Heart*

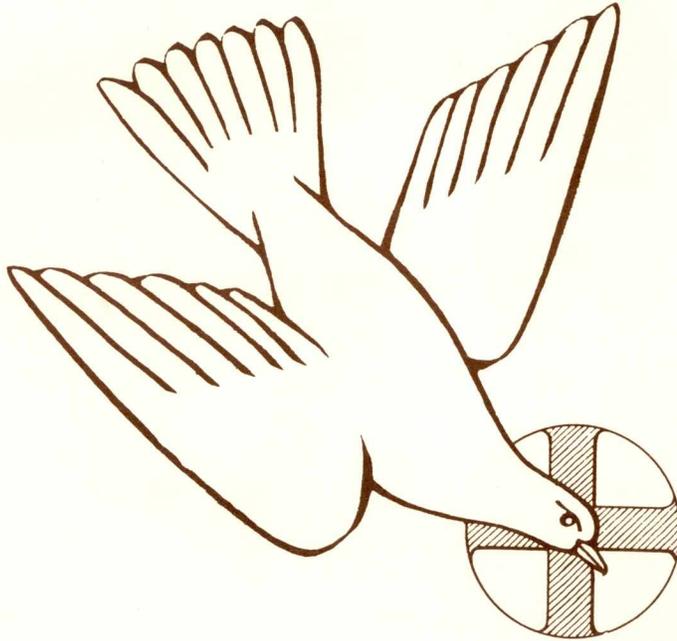
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*Take My Love*



*Take Myself*



## *The Art Of Loving*

"What is giving? Simple as the answer to this question seems to be, it is actually full of complexities. The most widespread misunderstanding is that which assumes that giving is "giving up" something, being deprived of, sacrificing. . . People whose main orientation is a non-productive one feel giving as an impoverishment. Most individuals of this type therefore refuse to give. Some make a virtue out of giving in the sense of a sacrifice. They feel that just because it is painful to give, one should give; the virtue of giving to them lies in the very act of acceptance of the sacrifice. For them, the norm that it is better to give than to receive means that it is better to suffer deprivation than to experience joy.

For the productive character, giving has an entirely different meaning. Giving is the highest expression of potency. In the very act of giving, I experience my strength, my wealth, my power. This experience of heightened vitality and potency fills me with joy. I experience myself as overflowing, spending, alive, hence as joyous. Giving is more joyous than receiving, not because it is a deprivation, but because in the act of giving lies the expression of my aliveness."

from "THE ART OF LOVING"  
Erich Fromm

## *When I Make My Pledge*

I shall turn first of all to the Lord in prayer, asking Him to help me  
REMEMBER THE GIFT AND SACRIFICE OF HIS SON ON THE CROSS  
FOR ME --

I shall with the courage received in prayer begin to think seriously  
about my personal share in this Call to Commitment --

I shall make it a point to discuss my pledge without haste with the  
members of my family --

I shall view my own situation and my income honestly and try to remem-  
ber that it all rightly belongs to God Who has given all --

I shall try to let my love decide which portion of my income I shall give  
back to God --

I shall try to recognize the fact that God has prospered me beyond ex-  
pectation and all my deserving --

I shall try to keep before my mind the truth that I am one of many who  
has been richly blessed to be a blessing --

I shall recall that as a Christian my personal need to give is far greater  
than the need of my Church to receive --

I shall probably struggle with the thought that a sacrificial gift is the  
way to show my gratitude to God --

I shall keep in mind that only such a gift will be able to satisfy me and  
give evidence of the faith within me --

I shall remember that the Lord loveth a cheerful giver - and that only  
one who gives honestly can be cheerful --

I shall try to pledge honestly, so that I am able to talk freely about my  
pledge with God and man --

I shall recall my confirmation by which, through the help of the Spirit,  
I renounced selfishness in myself and accepted that which gives and  
loves --

I shall be reminded that "to withhold is to perish, to give is to live" --

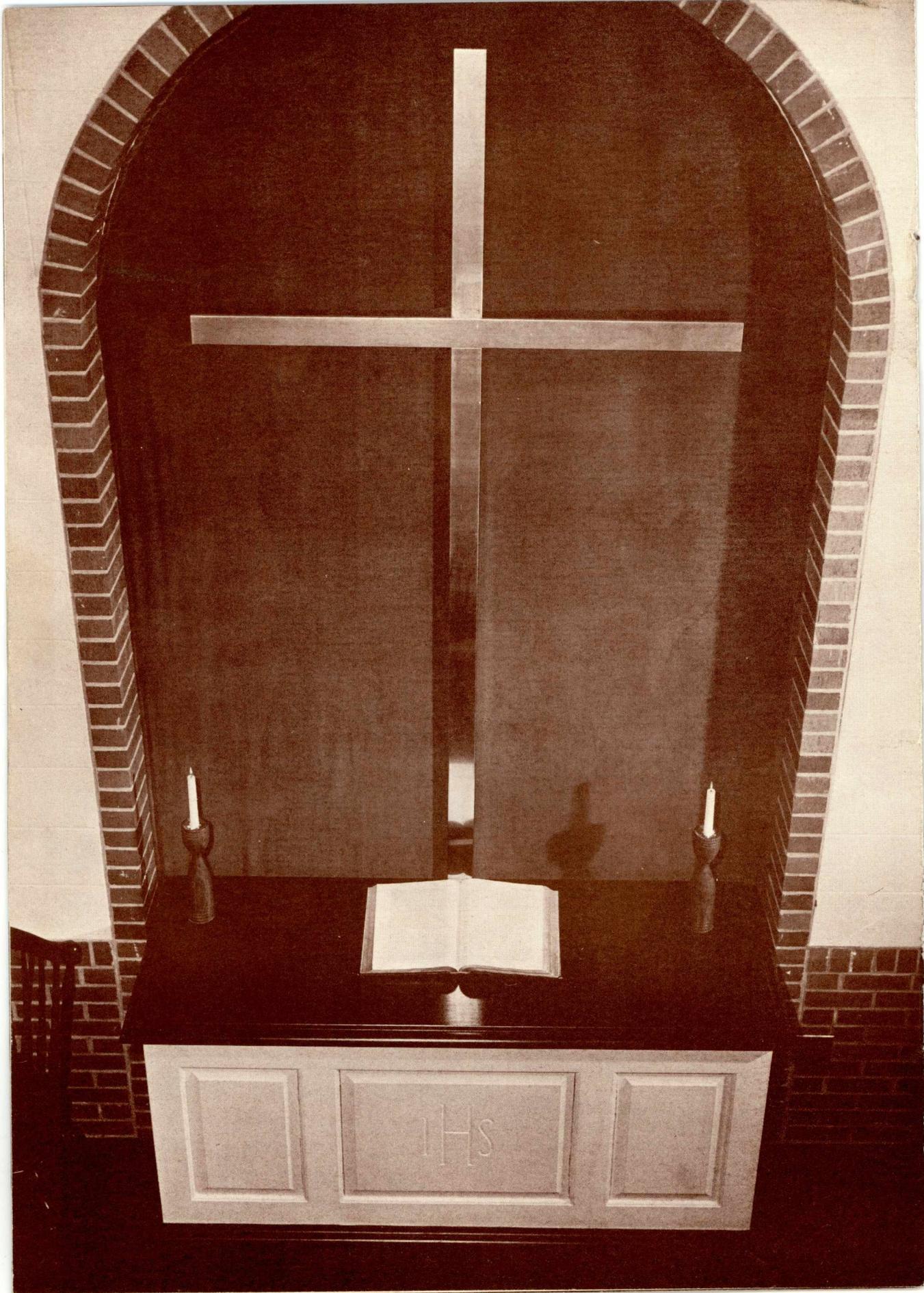
I shall remember that I can do all things through Christ who strengthens  
me --

AND THEN, having made my pledge, I shall quietly and humbly ask God  
to give His blessing to it, to my Church, to all I love, and to me.

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*Depart To Serve*



From THE 2d LETTER TO THE CORINTHIANS - -

We must tell you, friends, about the grace of generosity which God has imparted to our congregations in Macedonia. The troubles they have been through have tried them hard, yet in all this they have been so exuberantly happy that from the depths of their poverty they have shown themselves lavishly open-handed. Going to the limit of their resources, as I can testify, and even beyond that limit, they begged us most insistently, and on their own initiative, to be allowed to share in this generous service to their fellow-Christians. And their giving surpassed our expectations; for they gave their very selves, offering them in the first instance to the Lord, but also, under God, to us. . . .You are so rich in everything--in faith, speech, knowledge, and zeal of every kind, as well as in the loving regard you have for us--surely you should show yourselves equally lavish in this generous service! This is not meant as an order; by telling you how keen others are I am putting your love to the test. For you know how generous our Lord Jesus Christ has been: he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that through his poverty you might become rich.

Here is my considered opinion on the matter. What I ask you to do is in your own interests. You made a good beginning last year both in the work you did and in your willingness to undertake it. Now I want you to go on and finish it; be as eager to complete the scheme as you were to adopt it, and give according to your means. Provided there is an eager desire to give, God accepts what a man has. He does not ask for what he has not. There is no question of relieving others at the cost of hardship to yourselves; it is a question of equality. At the moment your surplus meets their need, but one day your need may be met from their surplus. . . . .

**ABOUT THE COVER**

To His people God has given all things, even the world itself. We are to possess them and in doing so, to love our neighbor. Thus we live in the knowledge that we have nothing of ourselves; it all belongs to God. The eye, formed partially by the arc of the world and partially by the head and shoulders of the man, testifies to the master-steward relationship.

the earth  
and the fullness  
they that

is the lord's  
thereof, and  
dwell therein



M E N U

Lazy Susan of Assorted Relishes

American Potato Salad

Waldorf Salad

Sliced Cucumber Salads

Fruit Cocktail Salad

Macaroni Salad

Creamed Cole Slaw

Kidney Bean Salad

American and Swiss Cheese

Assorted Fruit and Plain Jello Molds

Meat Balls

Sliced Prime Roast Sirloin of Beef in Natural Gravy

Sliced Champagne Baked Ham

Assorted Dinner Rolls

Butter

Apple Slices

Coffee

Sanka

Tea

Milk

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Stewardship Emphasis Dinner

Edwin C. Bruning, General Chairman, presiding

Invocation. . . . .The Rev. Richard L. Heiss

Scripture . . . . .Sue Pieplow

Highlights of Our History . . . . Mrs. Fred E. Welsh

What Is Our Master Plan?. . . . . Robert J. Long

What Is Our Hope for This Church? . . .Gary S. Hurst

What Is The Purpose of This Canvass? . .  
. . . . . James G. Stewart

What Does Commitment Mean to Me? . . .Frank C. Carr

What Would Christ Have Us Do? . . . . .  
. . . . . The Rev. Donald T. Olson

Benediction

The cause of true religion is advanced not  
by churches becoming full of people - but by  
people becoming full of God.