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Mirth Inclined,

WITH

DIVINE POEMS.

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St. Luke



St. Bartholomew.



St. Phillip.



St. Simon

The Ten Commandments.
From the XXth Chap. of Exodus

THou shalt have no other Gods but me.
2 Before no Idol bow thy knee.
3 Take not the name of God in vain.
4 Nor dare the Sabbath-Day prophane.
5 Give both thy parents honour due.
6 Take heed that thou no murder do.
7 Abstain from deed and words unclean.
8 Nor steal, tho' thou art poor and mean.
9 Nor tell a willful lie, and love it.
10 What is thy neighbour's do not covet.

From Matt. xxii. 17.

WITH all thy soul love God above,
And as thyself thy neighbour love:

LET all that are to mirth inclin'd,
Consider well and bear in mind,
What our good God for us has done,
In sending his beloved Son,
Let all our tongues and praises be
Unto his heavenly majesty;
And evermore amongst our mirth,
Remember Christ our Saviour's birth,
The twenty-fifth day of December
We have great reason to remember.
In Bethlehem, upon this morn,
There was this blessed Messiah born;
The night before that happy Tide,
The spotless Virgin and her guide,
Were long seeking up and down,
To find some lodging in the Town;
But mark how all things came to pass,
The Inns and Lodgings filled was,
That they could have no room all all,
But in a silly Oxen's Stall.

This night the Virgin Mary mild
Was safe delivered of a child,
According unto heaven's decree,
Man's God and Saviour for to be,
Near Bethlehem some Shepherds kept
And watch'd their flocks whilst others slept
To whom God's Angel did appear,
Which put the shepherds in great fear.
Prepare and go the Angel said,
To Bethlehem, be not afraid,
There shall you see this very morn,
The blessed babe, sweet Jesus born:
With thankful hearts and joyful mind,
The Shepherds went this babe to find,
And as the heavenly angel told,
They did our Saviour Christ behold,
Within a manger he was laid,
The Virgin Mary by him staid,
Attending on the Lord of life,
Being both mother, maid and wife.
Three eastern wise men from a far,
Directed by a glorious star.

Came boldly on and made no stay,
Until they came where Jesus lay.
And being come unto the place
Where the blessed Messiah was,
They humbly laid before his feet
Their gifts of gold and odour sweet
See how the Lord of heaven and earth
Shew'd himself lowly in his birth:

A sweet example for mankind,
To learn to bear an humble mind,
No costly robes or rich attire,
Did Jesus Christ our Lord desire,
No music nor sweet harmony,
Till glorious music from on high,
Did in melodious manner sing
Praises to our heavenly king.
All honour, glory, might and power,
Be unto Christ our Saviour,
If choirs of angels did rejoice,
Well may mankind, with heart and voice
Sing praises to the God of heaven,
That unto us his Son is given.
Moreover let us every one,

Our Saviour's Golden Rule, from
Matt. vii. 12.

BE you to others kind and true,
As you'd have others be to you.
And neither do nor say to men,
Whate'er you would not take again.

Salvation ascribed to Jesus Christ.

GLORY to Jesus Christ, the Son
Of David and of God,
Who brought the means of pardon down,
And bought it with his Blood.

To Jesus Christ, our glorious king,
Be endless praises given;
Let all the Earth his praises sing,
Who made our peace with heaven.

Call to mind and think upon
His righteous life and how he died
To have our sinners justify'd.
Suppose, O that! that thou shouldst
In prison strong condemn'd to die
And that no man upon the earth,
Could ransom thee from cruel death
Except you can some pity find,
That for your sake would be so kind.
Freely to part with his own blood,
To save thy life, do thee good,
Such was the love of Christ, when we
Must else have lain perpetually
In hell, our Souls from thence to save
Himself a Sacrifice he gave.

Whilst in this world he did remain,
He never pass'd a day in vain;
In fasting, preaching, pray'r divine,
In doing good he spent his time.
He daily in the temple taught,
And many miracles he wrought,
He gave the blind their perfect sight,
And made the lame to walk upright,
He cured the lepers of their evils;
And by his power cast out devils;
He called Lazarus from the grave,
And to the sick their health they gave:
And yet, for all such good works wrought
The Jews his full destruction sought,
The traitor, Judas was the man,
That with a kiss betray'd him then,
That he was led to justice hall.
Like one despis'd amongst them all,
And had the sentence given that he
Must suffer death upon the tree.

Unto the execution place
They brought him on with much disgrace
With vile reproachfull taunts and scorns,
They put him on a crown of thorns;
Then to the cross through hands and feet,
They nail'd him fast, but oh! how great
Must be the pain and anguish he
There suffer'd on the curst tree.
But that's not all, to augment the smart,
With bloody spears they pierc'd his heart.
Thus have you seen and heard aright,
The love of Christ the Lord of might,
And how he shed his precious blood
Only to do us sinners good.

WITHIN this rock that rock is laid,
Who both the tomb & maker made
A man that ne'er was such beside
Tho' just, none so unjustly died.
Nothing ow'd, and yet did pay
The whole world's Debt all in one day.
He living gave relief to all,
That did in faith upon him call;
And on the cross he pray'd for those,
That to that death did him oppose;
And while by the hand of death he fell,
He conquer'd death, the devil and hell,
Therefore unto his holy name,
Be Honour, Glory, Power and Fame.



St. John.



St. James.]



St. Peter.



St. Andrew.