

2022-01-12 Meditation for Wednesday in the 1<sup>st</sup> Week of Ordinary Time is now available at: <https://pgimf.org/meditations/>

[The opening theme song with a poetic paraphrase begins:]

*Ich bete an die Macht der Liebe,*  
O Pow'r of love, all else transcending,  
*Die sich in Jesu offenbart;*  
In Jesus present evermore,  
*Ich geb' mich hin dem freien Triebe,*  
I worship thee, in homage bending,

## And can it be

Lyrics: Charles Wesley (1707-1788; pub. by John Wesley in 1738)

Tune: SAGINA

Music: Thomas Campbell (1800-1876; pub. 1825)

Artists: 200 Voice Mass Choir, Damayanthi Santwan (dir.), Leslie David (organ)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mISbGETVr84>

And can it be that I should gain  
An int'rest in the Saviour's blood?  
Died He for me, who caused His pain?  
For me, who Him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! how can it be  
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me? [Phillipians 2:8]

Tis mystery all! Th'Immortal dies!  
Who can explore His strange design?  
In vain the firstborn seraph tries  
To sound the depths of love Divine!  
'Tis mercy all! let earth adore,  
Let angel minds inquire no more.

Long my imprisoned spirit lay  
Fast bound in sin and nature's night,  
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray,  
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;  
My chains fell off, my heart was free,  
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee. [verse recalls Peter's story in Acts 12:6-10]

No condemnation now I dread; [Romans 8:1]

Jesus, and all in Him, is mine!  
Alive in Him, my living Head,  
And clothed in righteousness Divine,  
Bold, I approach the eternal throne,  
And claim the crown, through Christ my own.

[Closing words to our theme song:]

*O! dass diess jeder Sünder wüsste,*  
O! that every sinner would know this,  
*Sein Herz wohl bald dich lieben müsste.*  
His heart must soon surely love You.

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