

Thought for the day – Wednesday 30th March 2022

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Luke 6.38 Give and it shall be given unto you, good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.

More than good measure, measure of all things
Pleroma (1) overflowing to our need,
Fullness of glory, all that glory brings
Ungessed-at blessing, springing from each seed,
Even the things within the world you make.
Give more than all they have, for they are more
Than all they are. Gifts given for the sake
Of love keep giving; draw us to the core,
Where love and giving come from; the rich source
That wells within the fullness of the world,
The reservoir, the never-spent resource,
Poured out in wounded love, until it spilled
Even from your body on the cross;
The hearts blood of our maker shed for us.

Note (1) Fullness, especially the fullness of the divine nature, as for example in Colossians 2.9

At the wedding at Cana we saw an example of God's generosity. We see that too in Jesus on the cross.

Does our generosity match it?