- Scriptural Selection
- 1. Isa 40:1
 - 1 COMFORT ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God.

2. I John 4:7-9

- 7 Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.
- 8 He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.
- 9 In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him.

3. John 12:44

⁴⁴ ¶ Jesus cried and said, He that believeth on me, believeth not on me, but on him that sent me.

4. John 15:7-14, 26 when

- 7 If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.
- 8 Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.
- 9 As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love.
- 10 If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.
- 11 These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and *that* your joy might be full.
- 12 This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you.
- 13 Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.
- 14 Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you.
- ²⁶ when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, *even* the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me:
- 5. John 16:4-8 these things have, 33 (to 1st .)
 - ⁴ these things have I told you, that when the time shall come, ye may remember that I told you of them. And these things I said not unto you at the beginning, because I was with you.
 - 5 But now I go my way to him that sent me; and none of you asketh me, Whither goest thou?

But because I have said these things unto you, sorrow hath filled your ⁶ heart.

- 7 Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.
- 8 And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:
- 33 These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace.

- Benediction

II Cor 13:11 the God

11 the God of love and peace shall be with you.

- Hymns 523, also Hymn 174

Hymn 174

MARIA LOUISE BAUM

(174) CONSOLATION

F. Mendelssohn, Arr.

Like as a mother, God comforteth His children; Comfort is calm, that bids all tumult cease; Comfort is hope and courage for endeavor, Comfort is love, whose home abides in peace.

Love is true solace and giveth joy for sorrow,— O, in that light, all earthly loss is gain; Joy must endure, Love's giving is forever; Life is of God, whose radiance cannot wane.

O holy presence, that stills all our demanding, O love of God, that needs but to be known! Heaven is at hand, when thy pure touch persuades us, Comfort of God, that seeks and finds His own.

Hymn 30

Hymn 30–32, 434, 435 Love Mary Baker Eddy

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JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH, ALT.

Brood o'er us with Thy shelt'ring wing, 'Neath which our spirits blend Like brother birds, that soar and sing, And on the same branch bend. The arrow that doth wound the dove Darts not from those who watch and love.

If thou the bending reed wouldst break By thought or word unkind, Pray that his spirit you partake, Who loved and healed mankind: Seek holy thoughts and heavenly strain, That make men one in love remain.

Learn, too, that wisdom's rod is given For faith to kiss, and know; That greetings glorious from high heaven, Whence joys supernal flow, Come from that Love, divinely near, Which chastens pride and earth-born fear,

Through God, who gave that word of might Which swelled creation's lay: "Let there be light, and there was light." What chased the clouds away? 'Twas Love whose finger traced aloud A bow of promise on the cloud.

Thou to whose power our hope we give, Free us from human strife. Fed by Thy love divine we live, For Love alone is Life; And life most sweet, as heart to heart Speaks kindly when we meet and part.

Hymn 76

Hymn 76

JOHANNES HEERMANN From the Swedish translation of Jakob Boëthius and Johan O. Wallin, adapted

(76) GRACE Per U. Stenhammar

God is known in loving-kindness, God, the true, eternal good; Zion, ne'er will He forsake thee, Trust His Father-Motherhood. Can a mother leave her children? Can unchanging Love forget? Though all earthly friends betray thee, Lo, His arm enfolds thee yet.

Every prayer to Him is answered, Prayer confiding in His will; Blessedness and joy are near thee, Hear His gentle Peace, be still. Hear His voice above the tempest: I have not forsaken thee; In My hand thy name is graven, I will save both thine and thee.

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