

2019-09-15 Substance



Scriptural selection

1. Isa. 40:9, 10, 12, 13, 15, 17, 25, 26, 29–31

- 9 ¶ O Zion, that bringest good tidings, get thee up into the high mountain; O Jerusalem, that bringest good tidings, lift up thy voice with strength; lift it up, be not afraid; say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God!
- 10 Behold, the Lord God will come with strong hand, and his arm shall rule for him: behold, his reward is with him, and his work before him.
- 12 ¶ Who hath measured the waters in the hollow of his hand, and meted out heaven with the span, and comprehended the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales, and the hills in a balance?
- 13 Who hath directed the spirit of the Lord, or being his counsellor hath taught him?
- 15 Behold, the nations are as a drop of a bucket, and are counted as the small dust of the balance: behold, he taketh up the isles as a very little thing.
- 17 All nations before him are as nothing; and they are counted to him less than nothing, and vanity.
- 25 To whom then will ye liken me, or shall I be equal? saith the Holy One.
- 26 Lift up your eyes on high, and behold who hath created these things, that bringeth out their host by number: he calleth them all by names by the greatness of his might, for that he is strong in power; not one faileth.
- 29 He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength.
- 30 Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall:
- 31 But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.



Benediction

Isa. 60:1

- 1 Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.



Hymns

1. Hymn. 379

Well for him who, all things losing,
E'en himself doth count as naught,
Still the one thing needful choosing
That with all true bliss is fraught.

Well for him who nothing knoweth
But his God, whose boundless love
Makes the heart wherein it gloweth
Calm and pure and faithful prove.

Well for him who, all forsaking,
Walketh not in shadows vain,
But the path of peace is taking
Through the vale of tears and pain.

O that we our hearts might sever
From earth's tempting vanities,
Fixing them on Him forever
In whom all our fullness lies.

2. Hymn. 246

O Thou who spreadest the heaven like a tent,
He who depends on Thee, ne'er is forspent,
Still for his might on Thee he ever counteth,
On wings of eagles he, unwearied, mounteth.

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Have ye not heard, have ye not known
The everlasting God
Creator is of heaven and earth,
And He alone is Lord.

So shall the glory of God be revealed,
All flesh shall see it and all shall be healed;
In word and deed declare Him and adore Him.
God's will is done, and all is plain before Him.

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3. Hymn. 206

O God, our Father-Mother, Love,
Purge Thou our hearts from sin,
That in Thy radiancy divine
We may with eyes undimmed define
Thy will, reality.

O God, our Father-Mother, Truth,
Send forth Thy light sublime,

That in its pure and cleansing rays
We may, with thought attuned to praise,
Behold reality.

O God, our Father-Mother, Life,
Reveal in us Thy might,
That henceforth we may live to Thee,
In all our ways reflecting Thee,
And know reality.

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