

2019-12-29 Christian Science

First Hymn

1. Hymn. 9

All glory be to God most high, And on the earth be peace, The angels sang, in days of yore, The song that ne'er shall cease, Till all the world knows peace.

God's angels ever come and go, All winged with light and love; They bring us blessings from on high, They lift our thoughts above, They whisper God is Love.

O longing hearts that wait on God Through all the world so wide; He knows the angels that you need, And sends them to your side, To comfort, guard and guide.

O wake and hear the angel-song That bids all discord cease, From pain and sorrow, doubt and fear, It brings us sweet release; And so our hearts find peace.

Scriptural selection

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1. Isa. 40:1, 3 Prepare, 5, 6 All, 8, 10, 21–23, 27–31

- ¹ Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God.
- ³ ... Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.
- ⁵ And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.
- 6 ... All flesh is grass, and all the goodliness thereof is as the flower of the field:
- ⁸ The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever.

- 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.
- ²¹ Have ye not known? have ye not heard? hath it not been told you from the beginning? have ye not understood from the foundations of the earth?
- ²² It is he that sitteth upon the circle of the earth, and the inhabitants thereof are as grasshoppers; that stretcheth out the heavens as a curtain, and spreadeth them out as a tent to dwell in:
- ²³ That bringeth the princes to nothing; he maketh the judges of the earth as vanity.
- ²⁷ Why sayest thou, O Jacob, and speakest, O Israel, My way is hid from the Lord, and my judgment is passed over from my God?
- 28 ¶ Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? there is no searching of his understanding.
- 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.

Second and Third Hymn

2. Hymn. 164

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Joy to the world, the Lord is come, Let earth receive her King; Let every heart prepare him room, And heaven and nature sing.

No more let sin and sorrow grow, Nor thorns infest the ground; Where'er he comes, his blessings flow, And hope and joy abound.

He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the nations prove The glories of his righteousness And wonders of his love.

3. Hymn. 221

O Jesus, our dear Master, Thy works, now understood, Reveal their full effulgence Through love and brotherhood. Today Christ's precious Science Thy healing power makes plain: With joy may all obey thee And cast out sin and pain. The Christ, eternal manhood, As God's own Son beloved, A tender ever-presence Within each heart is proved. O God, our Father-Mother, Thy name we see expressed By man, who in Thy Science Is perfect, holy, blessed.

O Science, God-sent message To tired humanity, Thou art Love's revelation Of Truth that makes us free. Thy kingdom, God, within us Shows forth Love's sweet control. God's idea, man, rejoices; He knows the reign of Soul.

Benediction

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I Pet. 2:9 ye

9 ... ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:

I Pet. 1:25 the (to 1st .)

 $^{25}\,$... the word of the Lord endureth for ever. ...

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