

## 2020-01-14 Motherhood of God



### First Hymn

#### 1. Hymn. 174

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.



The readings, from our Pastor: The Holy Bible and the Christian Science textbook “Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures”, by Mary Baker Eddy:



### The Holy Bible

#### 1. Gen. 1:1, 26–28 (to 1st ,)

In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. ...

... ¶ And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. And God blessed them, ...

#### 2. Lev. 19:1–3 (to :)

And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, Speak unto all the congregation of the children of Israel, and say unto them, Ye shall be holy: for I the Lord your God am holy. ¶ Ye shall fear every man his mother, and his father, and keep my sabbaths: ...

**3. Isa. 66:5 (to ;), 6, 7, 8–10 for, 13, 22**

¶ Hear the word of the Lord, ye that tremble at his word; ...

A voice of noise from the city, a voice from the temple, a voice of the Lord that rendereth recompence to his enemies. Before she travailed, she brought forth; before her pain came, she was delivered of a man child.

... for as soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her children. Shall I bring to the birth, and not cause to bring forth? saith the Lord: shall I cause to bring forth, and shut the womb? saith thy God. Rejoice ye with Jerusalem, and be glad with her, all ye that love her: rejoice for joy with her, all ye that mourn for her: ...

As one whom his mother comforteth, so will I comfort you; and ye shall be comforted in Jerusalem. ...

For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before me, saith the Lord, so shall your seed and your name remain.

**4. Matt. 19:4 Have, 6 What**

... Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female, ...

... What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.

**5. I Cor. 1:9, 10**

God is faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.

**6. Rom. 8:1, 4, 8, 9 (to 1st .), 14–17 (to 2nd ;)**

There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. ...

That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. ...

So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God. But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. ...

For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; ...

**7. Num. 26:33**

¶ And Zelophehad the son of Hopher had no sons, but daughters: and the names of the daughters of Zelophehad were Mahlah, and Noah, Hoglah, Milcah, and Tirzah.

**8. Num. 27:2–8, 11 3rd and**

And they stood before Moses, and before Eleazar the priest, and before the princes and all the congregation, by the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, saying, Our father died in the wilderness, and he was not in the company of them that gathered themselves together against the Lord in the company of Korah; but died in his own sin, and had no sons. Why should the name of our father be done away from among his family, because he hath no son? Give unto us therefore a possession among the brethren of our father. And Moses brought their cause before the Lord. ¶ And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, The daughters of Zelophehad speak right: thou shalt surely give them a possession of an inheritance among their father's brethren; and thou shalt cause the inheritance of their father to pass unto them. And thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel, saying, If a man die, and have no son, then ye shall cause his inheritance to pass unto his daughter. ...

... and it shall be unto the children of Israel a statute of judgment, as the Lord commanded Moses.

**9. I Tim. 4:16; 5:1, 2**

Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee. ...

Rebuke not an elder, but entreat him as a father; and the younger men as brethren; The elder women as mothers; the younger as sisters, with all purity.

**10. John 10:23–25, 30**

And Jesus walked in the temple in Solomon's porch. Then came the Jews round about him, and said unto him, How long dost thou make us to doubt? If thou be the Christ, tell us plainly. Jesus answered them, I told you, and ye believed not: the works that I do in my Father's name, they bear witness of me. ...

I and my Father are one.

**11. Matt. 12:47–50**

Then one said unto him, Behold, thy mother and thy brethren stand without, desiring to speak with thee. But he answered and said unto him that told him, Who is my mother? and who are my brethren? And he stretched forth his hand toward his disciples, and said, Behold my mother and my brethren! For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother.

**12. Gal. 3:26–28 ye**

... ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.



## Science and Health

### 1. SH 516:24–2; 517:7–22

Genesis i. 27. So God created man in His own image, in the image of God created He him; male and female created He them.

To emphasize this momentous thought, it is repeated that God made man in His own image, to reflect the divine Spirit. It follows that *man* is a generic term.

Masculine, feminine, and neuter genders are human concepts. In one of the ancient languages the word for *man* is used also as the synonym of *mind*. ...

Ideal man  
and woman

The life-giving quality of Mind is Spirit, not matter. The ideal man corresponds to creation, to intelligence, and to Truth. The ideal woman corresponds to Life and to Love. In divine Science, we have not as much authority for considering God masculine, as we have for considering Him feminine, for Love imparts the clearest idea of Deity.

The world believes in many persons; but if God is personal, there is but one person, because there is but one God. His personality can only be reflected, not transmitted. God has countless ideas, and they all have one Principle and parentage. The only proper symbol of God as person is Mind's infinite ideal. What is this ideal? Who shall behold it? This ideal is God's own image, spiritual and infinite.

Divine  
personality

### 2. SH 506:22–6

Genesis i. 10. And God called the dry land Earth; and the gathering together of the waters called He Seas: and God saw that it was good.

Here the human concept and divine idea seem confused by the translator, but they are not so in the scientifically Christian meaning of the text. Upon Adam devolved the pleasurable task of finding names for all material things, but Adam has not yet appeared in the narrative. In metaphor, the *dry land* illustrates the absolute formations instituted by Mind, while *water* symbolizes the elements of Mind. Spirit duly feeds and clothes every object, as it appears in the line of spiritual creation, thus tenderly expressing the fatherhood and motherhood of God.

Spirit names  
and blesses

### 3. SH 530:5–6, 7

In divine Science, man is sustained by God, the divine Principle of being. ... Knowing this, Jesus once said, “Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink,” — presuming not on the prerogative of his creator, but

Divine  
providence

recognizing God, the Father and Mother of all, as able to feed and clothe man as He doth the lilies.

#### 4. SH 519:7–21

Genesis ii. 1. Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them.

Thus the ideas of God in universal being are complete and forever expressed, for Science reveals infinity and the fatherhood and motherhood of Love. Human capacity is slow to discern and to grasp God's creation and the divine power and presence which go with it, demonstrating its spiritual origin. Mortals can never know the infinite, until they throw off the old man and reach the spiritual image and likeness. What can fathom infinity! How shall we declare Him, till, in the language of the apostle, "we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ"?

Infinity  
measureless

#### 5. SH 57:4–10

Union of the masculine and feminine qualities constitutes completeness. The masculine mind reaches a higher tone through certain elements of the feminine, while the feminine mind gains courage and strength through masculine qualities. These different elements conjoin naturally with each other, and their true harmony is in spiritual oneness.

Mental  
elements

#### 6. SH 255:16–8; 256:13, 24–3

The human form, or physical finiteness, cannot be made the basis of any true idea of the infinite Godhead. Eye hath not seen Spirit, nor hath ear heard His voice.

Progress takes off human shackles. The finite must yield to the infinite. Advancing to a higher plane of action, thought rises from the material sense to the spiritual, from the scholastic to the inspirational, and from the mortal to the immortal. All things are created spiritually. Mind, not matter, is the creator. Love, the divine Principle, is the Father and Mother of the universe, including man. ...

No material  
creation

The everlasting I AM is not bounded nor compressed within the narrow limits of physical humanity, nor can He be understood aright through mortal concepts. The precise form of God must be of small importance in comparison with the sublime question, What is infinite Mind or divine Love? ...

No divine  
corporeality

No form nor physical combination is adequate to represent infinite Love. A finite and material sense of God leads to formalism and narrowness; it chills the spirit of Christianity.

A limitless Mind cannot proceed from physical limitations. Finiteness cannot present the idea or the vastness of infinity. A mind originating from a finite or material source must be limited and finite. Infinite Mind is the creator, and creation is the infinite image or idea emanating from this Mind. If Mind is within and without all things, then all is Mind; and this definition is scientific.

Limitless  
Mind

**7. SH 335:25–26**

XX. Mind is the divine Principle, Love, and can produce nothing unlike the eternal Father-Mother, God.

**8. SH 587:5–7 (to 1st ;)**

**God.** The great I AM; the all-knowing, all-seeing, all-acting, all-wise, all-loving, and eternal; Principle; Mind; ...

**9. SH 588:11**

There is but one I, or Us, but one divine Principle, or Mind, governing all existence; man and woman unchanged forever in their individual characters, even as numbers which never blend with each other, though they are governed by one Principle. All the objects of God's creation reflect one Mind, and whatever reflects not this one Mind, is false and erroneous, even the belief that life, substance, and intelligence are both mental and material.

**10. SH 63:5–6, 9**

In Science man is the offspring of Spirit. The beautiful, good, and pure constitute his ancestry. ... Spirit is his primitive and ultimate source of being; God is his Father, and Life is the law of his being.

**11. SH 586:9**

**FATHER.** Eternal Life; the one Mind; the divine Principle, commonly called God.

**12. SH 592:16**

**MOTHER.** God; divine and eternal Principle; Life, Truth, and Love.

**13. SH 516:21**

Man and woman as coexistent and eternal with God forever reflect, in glorified quality, the infinite Father-Mother God.

**14. SH 249:5 (only)**

Let the “male and female” of God's creating appear.



## **Second and Third Hymn**

**2. Hymn. 406**

O Love, our Mother, ever near, / To Thee we turn from doubt and fear! / In perfect peace our thoughts abide; / Our hearts now in this truth confide: / Man is the child of God. /

O Light, in Thy light we can see / That man is ever one with Thee. / In love our lives

Thou dost enfold, / And now our waiting hopes behold / That man is God's own child. /

O joy that ever will remain, / Midst seeming sorrow, hate, and pain, / Our hearts to fill  
with this glad song / That soars above the mists of wrong: / Man is the loved of Love.

**3. Hymn. 485**

God of creation and Lord of my soul, / Be to me ever my One and my All. / Your  
presence surrounds me by day and by night; / While waking or sleeping, I live in Your  
light. /

You are my wisdom, and You are my wealth, / You are my substance, my joy, and my  
health, / My Father and Mother, my haven of peace, / My comfort, my healer, my place  
of release. /

You and You only are first in my heart; / Ours is a union that never will part. / And  
held in Your love, without doubt, without fear, / I know now within me that heaven is  
here.