

2020-01-19 Life



First Hymn

1. Hymn. 48

Dear Father-Mother, Thou dost grant
All good and perfect gifts to me;
'Tis mine to raise this beacon here,
Obedience unto Thee.

He knows not death who Life obeys,
Nor errs at all when Truth he heeds;
While merged in Love, what hold has hate
Upon his thoughts or deeds?

Eternal Life and Truth and Love,
They who obey Thine every call,
Thy freemen are, and freely have
Dominion over all.



Scriptural selection

1. I John 3:1 (to :), 6–11, 13, 14 (to 1st .), 16, 18

- 1 Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: ...
- 6 Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him.
- 7 Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous.
- 8 He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.
- 9 Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.
- 10 In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother.
- 11 For this is the message that ye heard from the beginning, that we should love one another.
- 13 Marvel not, my brethren, if the world hate you.

- 14 We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. ...
16 Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.
18 My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.

2. Deut. 30:19

- 19 I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live:



Second and Third Hymn

2. Hymn. 32

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.

3. Hymn. 64

From sense to Soul my pathway lies before me,
From mist and shadow into Truth's clear day;
The dawn of all things real is breaking o'er me,
My heart is singing: I have found the way.

I reach Mind's open door, and at its portal
I know that where I stand is holy ground;
I feel the calm and joy of things immortal,
The loveliness of Love is all around.

The way leads upward and its goal draws nearer,
Thought soars enraptured, fetterless and free;
The vision infinite to me grows clearer,
I touch the fringes of eternity.



Benediction

SH 514:28–30

All of God's creatures,
moving in the harmony of Science, are harm-
30 less, useful, indestructible.

Creatures of
God useful