


First Hymn

1. Hymn. 460

Come, O fount of every blessing, / Tune our hearts to sing Your grace. / Streams of mercy never ceasing, / Call for songs of deepest praise. / While the truth of life's perfection / Fills our hearts with joy and love, / Teach us ever to be faithful, / May we still Your goodness prove. /

Come, O fount of every vision, / Lift our eyes to what will come. / See the lion and the young lamb / Dwell together in Your home. / Hear the cries of war fall silent, / Feel our love glow like the sun. / When we all serve one another, / Then our heaven is begun. /

Come, O fount of inspiration, / Turn our lives to higher ways. / Lift our gloom and desperation, / Show the promise of this day. / Help us bind ourselves in union, / Help our hands tell of our love. / With Your grace, O fount of justice, / Earth be fair as heaven above.

 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:

Isa. 45:22

Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else.

The Holy Bible

1. Ps. 61:1, 2

Hear my cry, O God; attend unto my prayer. From the end of the earth will I cry unto thee, when my heart is overwhelmed: lead me to the rock that is higher than I.

2. Heb. 13:8

Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to-day, and for ever.

3. Mark 16:1, 2, 4 (to :), 5, 6 (to 3rd :)

And when the sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, had bought sweet spices, that they might come and anoint him. And very early in the morning the first day of the week, they came unto the sepulchre at the rising of the sun. ...

And when they looked, they saw that the stone was rolled away: ...

And entering into the sepulchre, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed in a long white garment; and they were affrighted. And he saith unto them, Be not affrighted: Ye seek Jesus of Nazareth, which was crucified: he is risen; he is not here: ...

4. John 20:19, 24-29

¶ Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you. ...

... ¶ But Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples therefore said unto him, We have seen the Lord. But he said unto them, Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe. ¶ And after eight days again his disciples were within, and Thomas with them: then came Jesus, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, Peace be unto you. Then saith he to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side: and be not faithless, but believing. And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God. Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed.

5. Isa. 55:7–11

Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. ¶ For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater: So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

6. James 5:13–15, 19, 20

Is any among you afflicted? let him pray. Is any merry? let him sing psalms. Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him. ...

Brethren, if any of you do err from the truth, and one convert him; Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way, shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins.

7. I Pet. 2:11–16, 25

Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul; Having your conversation honest among the Gentiles: that, whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may by your good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation. Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake: whether it be to the king, as supreme; Or unto governors, as unto them that are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers, and for the praise of them that do well. For so is the will of God, that with well-doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men: As free, and not using your liberty for a cloak of maliciousness, but as the servants of God. ...

For ye were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls.

8. Isa. 45:11–13 (to :), 19 2nd I, 20, 22, 25

Thus saith the Lord, the Holy One of Israel, and his Maker, Ask me of things to come concerning my sons, and concerning the work of my hands command ye me. I have made the earth, and created man upon it: I, even my hands, have stretched out the heavens, and all their host have I commanded. I have raised him up in righteousness, and I will direct all his ways: ...

... I said not unto the seed of Jacob, Seek ye me in vain: I the Lord speak righteousness, I declare things that are right. ¶ Assemble yourselves and come; draw near together, ye that are escaped of the nations: they have no knowledge that set up the wood of their graven image, and pray unto a god that cannot save. ...

Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else. ...

In the Lord shall all the seed of Israel be justified, and shall glory.

9. Acts 4:25 Why, 29, 30

... Why did the heathen rage, and the people imagine vain things? ...

And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word, By stretching forth thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of thy holy child Jesus.

10. Rom. 13:1

Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God.



Science and Health

1. SH 587:5

God. The great I AM; the all-knowing, all-seeing, all-acting, all-wise, all-loving, and eternal; Principle; Mind; Soul; Spirit; Life; Truth; Love; all substance; intelligence.

2. SH 507:15–18, 21

The universe of Spirit reflects the creative power of the divine Principle, or Life, which reproduces the multitudinous forms of Mind and governs the multiplication of the compound idea man. ...

A material world implies a mortal mind and man a creator. The scientific divine creation declares immortal Mind and the universe created by God.

Divine propagation

3. SH 380:28–4; 381:8–10, 12–30

Nothing is more disheartening than to believe that there is a power opposite to God, or good, and that God endows this opposing power with strength to be used against Himself, against Life, health, harmony.

Every law of matter or the body, supposed to govern man, is rendered null and void by the law of Life, God. Ignorant of our God-given rights, we submit to unjust decrees, and the bias of education enforces this slavery. ...

Ignorance of our rights

When infringing some supposed law, you say that there is danger. This fear is the danger and induces the physical effects. ... The so-called laws of mortal belief are destroyed by the understanding that Soul is immortal, and that mortal mind cannot legislate the times, periods, and types of disease, with which mortals die. God is the lawmaker, but He is not the author of barbarous codes. In infinite Life and Love there is no sickness, sin, nor death, and the Scriptures declare that we live, move, and have our being in the infinite God.

Think less of the enactments of mortal mind, and you will sooner grasp man's God-given dominion. You must understand your way out of human theories relating to health, or you will never believe that you are quite free from some ailment. The harmony and immortality of man will never be reached without the understanding that Mind is not in matter. Let us banish

God-given dominion

sickness as an outlaw, and abide by the rule of perpetual harmony, — God's law. It is man's moral right to annul an unjust sentence, a sentence never inflicted by divine authority.

4. SH 259:23–24, 26

God, Spirit, works spiritually, not materially. ... Immortal ideas, pure, perfect, and enduring, are transmitted by the divine Mind through divine Science, which corrects error with truth and demands spiritual thoughts, divine concepts, to the end that they may produce harmonious results.

5. SH 324:7, 27–7

Unless the harmony and immortality of man are becoming more apparent, we are not gaining the true idea of God; and the body will reflect what governs it, whether it be Truth or error, understanding or belief, Spirit or matter. Therefore “acquaint now thyself with Him, and be at peace.” Be watchful, sober, and vigilant. The way is straight and narrow, which leads to the understanding that God is the only Life. It is a warfare with the flesh, in which we must conquer sin, sickness, and death, either here or hereafter, — certainly before we can reach the goal of Spirit, or life in God. ...

Narrow
pathway

Paul writes, “If Christ [Truth] be not risen, then is our preaching vain.” That is, if the idea of the supremacy of Spirit, which is the true conception of being, come not to your thought, you cannot be benefited by what I say.

Jesus said substantially, “He that believeth in me shall not see death.” That is, he who perceives the true idea of Life loses his belief in death. He who has the true idea of good loses all sense of evil, and by reason of this is being ushered into the undying realities of Spirit. Such a one abideth in Life, — life obtained not of the body incapable of supporting life, but of Truth, unfolding its own immortal idea.

Abiding
in Life

6. SH 485:18–19, 24; 486:4–9, 14

Not death, but the understanding of Life, makes man immortal. ... If thought yields its dominion to other powers, it cannot outline on the body its own beautiful images, but it effaces them and delineates foreign agents, called disease and sin. ...

Suppose one accident happens to the eye, another to the ear, and so on, until every corporeal sense is quenched. What is man's remedy? To die, that he may regain these senses? Even then he must gain spiritual understanding and spiritual sense in order to possess immortal consciousness. ...

Sense versus
Soul

Jesus proved by the prints of the nails, that his body was the same immediately after death as before. If death restores sight, sound, and strength to man, then death is not an enemy but a better friend than Life. Alas for the blindness of belief, which makes harmony conditional upon death and matter, and yet supposes Mind unable to produce harmony! So long as this error of belief remains, mortals will continue mortal in belief and subject to chance and change.

Death
an error

7. SH 251:30–32

Inharmonious beliefs, which rob Mind, calling it matter, and deify their own notions, imprison themselves in what they create.

8. SH 307:25 The

The divine Mind is the Soul of man, and gives man dominion over all things. Man was not created from a material basis, nor bidden to obey material laws which Spirit never made; his province is in spiritual statutes, in the higher law of Mind.

Spiritual
ignorance

Higher
statutes

9. SH 151:20; 152:8

Every function of the real man is governed by the divine Mind. The human mind has no power to kill or to cure, and it has no control over God's man. The divine Mind that made man maintains His own image and likeness. The human mind is opposed to God and must be put off, as St. Paul declares. All that really exists is the divine Mind and its idea, and in this Mind the entire being is found harmonious and eternal. The straight and narrow way is to see and acknowledge this fact, yield to this power, and follow the leadings of truth.

Man governed
by Mind

... Truth has a healing effect, even when not fully understood.

10. SH 392:24–32 Stand; 393:8

Stand porter at the door of thought. Admitting only such conclusions as you wish realized in bodily results, you will control yourself harmoniously. When the condition is present which you say induces disease, whether it be air, exercise, heredity, contagion, or accident, then perform your office as porter and shut out these unhealthy thoughts and fears. Exclude from mortal mind the offending errors; then the body cannot suffer from them. ...

Guarding
the door

... Mind is the master of the corporeal senses, and can conquer sickness, sin, and death. Exercise this God-given authority. Take possession of your body, and govern its feeling and action. Rise in the strength of Spirit to resist all that is unlike good. God has made man capable of this, and nothing can vitiate the ability and power divinely bestowed on man.



Second and Third Hymn

2. Hymn. 290

Press on, press on, ye sons of light, / Untiring in your holy fight, / Still treading each temptation down,
/ And battling for a brighter crown. /

Press on, press on, and fear no foe, / With calm resolve to triumph go; / Victorious over every ill, /
Press on to higher glory still. /

Press on, press on, still look in faith / To Him who conquers sin and death; / Then shall ye hear His
word, Well done! / True to the last, press on, press on.

3. Hymn. 478

From these Your children gathered in Your name, / From hearts made whole, from lips redeemed from
woe, / Your praise, Almighty, shall forever flow. / Alleluia! Alleluia! /

O perfect Life, in Your completeness held, / None can beyond Your omnipresence stray; / Safe in Your
Love, we live and sing alway / Alleluia! Alleluia! /

O perfect Mind, reveal Your likeness true, / That higher selfhood which we all must prove, / Joy and
dominion, love reflecting Love. / Alleluia! Alleluia! /

O Soul, inspiring—give us vision clear, / Break earth-bound fetters, sweep away the veil, / Show the
new heaven and earth that shall prevail. / Alleluia! Alleluia!