2020-06-03 Peaceful protest

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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.

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:

Matt. 5:6

Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

The Holy Bible

1. Jer. 11:1-8 (to :)

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord, saying, Hear ye the words of this covenant, and speak unto the men of Judah, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem; And say thou unto them, Thus saith the Lord God of Israel; Cursed be the man that obeyeth not the words of his covenant, Which I commanded your fathers in the day that I brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, from the iron furnace, saying, Obey my voice, and do them, according to all which I command you: so shall ye be my people, and I will be your God: That I may perform the oath which I have sworn unto your fathers, to give them a land flowing with milk and honey, as it is this day. Then answered I, and said, So be it, O Lord. Then the Lord said unto me, Proclaim all these words in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem, saying, Hear ye the words of this covenant, and do them. For I earnestly protested unto your fathers in the day that I brought them up out of the land of Egypt, even unto this day, rising early and protesting, saying, Obey my voice. Yet they obeyed not, nor inclined their ear, but walked every one in the imagination of their evil heart: ...

2. Jer. 6:10, 14

To whom shall I speak, and give warning, that they may hear? behold, their ear is uncircumcised, and they cannot hearken: behold, the word of the Lord is unto them a reproach; they have no delight in it.

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They have healed also the hurt of the daughter of my people slightly, saying, Peace, peace; when there is no peace.

3. Jer. 8:15, 18, 21, 22; 9:1

We looked for peace, but no good came; and for a time of health, and behold trouble! ...

... ¶ When I would comfort myself against sorrow, my heart is faint in me. ...

For the hurt of the daughter of my people am I hurt; I am black; astonishment hath taken hold on me. Is there no balm in Gilead; is there no physician there? why then is not the health of the daughter of my people recovered? ...

Oh that my head were waters, and mine eyes a fountain of tears, that I might weep day and night for the slain of the daughter of my people!

4. Zech. 1:1–3; 3:1–7, 10

In the eighth month, in the second year of Darius, came the word of the Lord unto Zechariah, the son of Berechiah, the son of Iddo the prophet, saying, The Lord hath been sore displeased with your fathers. Therefore say thou unto them, Thus saith the Lord of hosts; Turn ye unto me, saith the Lord of hosts, and I will turn unto you, saith the Lord of hosts. ...

And he shewed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the Lord, and Satan standing at his right hand to resist him. And the Lord said unto Satan, The Lord rebuke thee, O Satan; even the Lord that hath chosen Jerusalem rebuke thee: is not this a brand plucked out of the fire? Now Joshua was clothed with filthy garments, and stood before the angel. And he answered and spake unto those that stood before him, saying, Take away the filthy garments from him. And unto him he said, Behold, I have caused thine iniquity to pass from thee, and I will clothe thee with change of raiment. And I said, Let them set a fair mitre upon his head. So they set a fair mitre upon his head, and clothed him with garments. And the angel of the Lord stood by. And the angel of the Lord protested unto Joshua, saying, Thus saith the Lord of hosts; If thou wilt walk in my ways, and if thou wilt keep my charge, then thou shalt also judge my house, and shalt also keep my courts, and I will give thee places to walk among these that stand by. ...

In that day, saith the Lord of hosts, shall ye call every man his neighbour under the vine and under the fig tree.

5. Matt. 10:29–40

Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? and one of them shall not fall on the ground without your Father. But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear ye not therefore, ye are of more value than many sparrows. Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven. Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword. For I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter in law against her mother in law. And a man's foes shall be they of his own household. He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth after me is not worthy of me. He that findeth his life shall lose it: and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it. ¶ He that receiveth you receiveth me, and he that receiveth me receiveth him that sent me.

6. Matt. 5:4, 6, 9

Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted. ...

Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled. ...

Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.

7. John 16:33

These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

Science and Health

1. SH 10:12

Christian Science reveals a necessity for overcoming the world, the flesh, and evil, and thus destroying all error.

2. SH 42:1–3; 43:11–4

Jesus' life proved, divinely and scientifically, that God is Love, whereas priest and rabbi affirmed God to be a mighty potentate, who loves and hates. ...

Jesus' last proof was the highest, the most convincing, the most profitable to his students. The malignity of brutal persecutors, the treason and suicide of his betrayer, were overruled by divine Love to the glorification of the man and of the true idea of God, which Jesus' persecutors had mocked and tried to slay. The final demonstration of the truth which Jesus taught, and for which he was crucified, opened a new era for the world. Those who slew him to stay his influence perpetuated and extended it.

Jesus rose higher in demonstration because of the cup of bitterness he drank. Human law had condemned him, but he was demonstrating divine Science. Out of reach of the barbarity of his enemies, he was acting under spiritual law in defiance of matter and mortality, and that spiritual law sustained him. The divine must overcome the human at every point. The Science Jesus taught and lived must triumph over all material beliefs about life, substance, and intelligence, and the multitudinous errors growing from such beliefs.

Love must triumph over hate. Truth and Life must seal the victory over error and death, before the thorns can be laid aside for a crown, the benediction follow, "Well done, good and faithful servant," and the supremacy of Spirit be demonstrated.

3. SH 12:1; 13:2

"The prayer of faith shall save the sick," says the Scripture. What is this healing prayer? A mere request that God will heal the sick has no power to gain more of the divine presence than is always at hand. The beneficial effect of such prayer for the sick is on the human mind, making it act more powerfully on the body through a blind faith in God. This, however, is one belief casting out another, — a belief in the unknown casting out a belief in sickness. It is neither Science nor Truth which acts through blind belief, nor is it the human understanding of the divine healing Principle as manifested in Jesus, whose humble prayers were deep and conscientious protests of Truth, — of man's likeness to God and of man's unity with Truth and Love. ...

... Love is impartial and universal in its adaptation and bestowals. It is the open fount which cries, "Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters."

4. SH 273:10-12, 21-24

Divine Science reverses the false testimony of the material senses, and thus tears away the foundations of error. ...

God never ordained a material law to annul the spiritual law. If there were such a material law, it would oppose the supremacy of Spirit, God, and impugn the wisdom of the creator.

5. SH 384:3

We should relieve our minds from the depressing thought that we have transgressed a material law and must of necessity pay the penalty. Let us reassure ourselves with the law of Love. God never punishes man for doing right, for honest labor, or for deeds of kindness, though they expose him to fatigue, cold, heat, contagion. If man seems to incur the penalty through matter, this is but a belief of mortal mind, not an enactment of wisdom, and man has only to enter his protest against this belief in order to annul it. Through this action of thought and its results upon the body, the student will prove to himself, by small beginnings, the grand verities of Christian Science.

6. SH 354:1-3, 9, 18-29; 355:3

Are the protests of Christian Science against the notion that there can be material life, substance, or mind "utter falsities and absurdities," as some aver? ... The words of divine Science find their immortality in deeds, for their Principle heals the sick and spiritualizes humanity. ...

Consistency is seen in example more than in precept. Inconsistency is shown by words without deeds, which are like clouds without rain. If our words fail to express our deeds, God will redeem Scientific that weakness, and out of the mouth of babes He will perfect praise. The night of consistency materiality is far spent, and with the dawn Truth will waken men spiritually to hear and to speak the new tongue.

Sin should become unreal to every one. It is in itself inconsistent, a divided kingdom. Its supposed realism has no divine authority, and I rejoice in the apprehension of this grand verity. ...

The charge of inconsistency in Christianly scientific methods of dealing with sin and disease is met by something practical, — namely, the proof of the utility of these methods; and proofs are Practical better than mere verbal arguments or prayers which evince no spiritual power to heal. arguments

7. SH 40:31

The nature of Christianity is peaceful and blessed, but in order to enter into the kingdom, the anchor of hope must be cast beyond the veil of matter into the Shekinah into which Jesus has passed before us; and this advance beyond matter must come through the joys and triumphs of the righteous Within as well as through their sorrows and afflictions. Like our Master, we must depart from the veil material sense into the spiritual sense of being.

8. SH 21:1-14

If Truth is overcoming error in your daily walk and conversation, you can finally say, "I have fought a good fight . . . I have kept the faith," because you are a better man. This is having our part in the atone-ment with Truth and Love. Christians do not continue to labor and pray, expecting because of

Science versus sense

Spiritual law the only law

> Corporeal penalties

another's goodness, suffering, and triumph, that they shall reach his harmony and reward.

If the disciple is advancing spiritually, he is striving to enter in. He constantly turns away from material sense, and looks towards the imperishable things of Spirit. If honest, he will be in earnest from the start, and gain a little each day in the right direction, till at last he finishes his course with joy.

9. SH 355:11

Let discord of every name and nature be heard no more, and let the harmonious and true sense of Life and being take possession of human consciousness.

Second and Third Hymn

2. Hymn. 267

Our God is All-in-all, / His children cannot fear; / See baseless evil fall, / And know that God is here. /

Our God is All; in space / No subtle error creeps; / We see Truth's glowing face, / And Love that never sleeps. /

We see creative Mind, / The Principle, the Life; / And Soul and substance find, / But never discord, strife. /

O, Perfect and Divine, / We hear Thy loving call, / And seek no earthly shrine / But crown Thee Lord of all.

3. Hymn. 179

Love one another,—word of revelation; / Love frees from error's thrall,—Love is liberation. / Love's way the Master trod; / He that loves shall walk with God. / Love is the royal way. /

Love knows no evil, neither shade of sadness; / Love casts out every fear, lifts the heart to gladness. / Love heals our every ill, / All the law does love fulfill. / Love is our answered prayer. /

Love now is dawning over every nation; / Showing true brotherhood, publishing salvation, / Love bids all discord cease. / Conquering hate, enthroning peace, / Love, Love alone is power.

Music selections

Prelude: O Dreamer and In His Eyes, by Mindy Jostyn, from her album "In His Eyes" Hymn 273: Performed by Susan Mach and Ellen Hanna, from their album "We Thy Children"

Postlude: Love One Another, by Mindy Jostyn, from her album "In His Eyes"

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