


## **First Hymn**

### 1. Hymn. 574

Shepherd, show me how to go / O'er the hillside steep, / How to gather, how to sow, — / How to feed  
Thy sheep; / I will listen for Thy voice, / Lest my footsteps stray; / I will follow and rejoice / All the  
rugged way. /

Thou wilt bind the stubborn will, / Wound the callous breast, / Make self-righteousness be still, /  
Break earth's stupid rest. / Strangers on a barren shore, / Lab'ring long and lone, / We would enter by  
the door, / And Thou know'st Thine own; /

So, when day grows dark and cold, / Tear or triumph harms, / Lead Thy lambkins to the fold, / Take  
them in Thine arms; / Feed the hungry, heal the heart, / Till the morning's beam; / White as wool, ere  
they depart, / Shepherd, wash them clean.

 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:

#### **James 4:8 (to 1st .)**

Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. ...

## **The Holy Bible**

### 1. Heb. 13:6 The, 7 (to :), 8, 9

... The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me. Remember them which have  
the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the word of God: ...

Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to-day, and for ever. Be not carried about with divers and strange  
doctrines. For it is a good thing that the heart be established with grace; not with meats, which have  
not profited them that have been occupied therein.

### 2. Isa. 55:6–13

¶ Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near: 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. For ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth  
with peace: the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of

the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the fir tree, and instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle tree: and it shall be to the Lord for a name, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

**3. Matt. 9:35**

And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.

**4. Luke 17:11–19**

¶ And it came to pass, as he went to Jerusalem, that he passed through the midst of Samaria and Galilee. And as he entered into a certain village, there met him ten men that were lepers, which stood afar off: And they lifted up their voices, and said, Jesus, Master, have mercy on us. And when he saw them, he said unto them, Go shew yourselves unto the priests. And it came to pass, that, as they went, they were cleansed. And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, and with a loud voice glorified God, And fell down on his face at his feet, giving him thanks: and he was a Samaritan. And Jesus answering said, Were there not ten cleansed? but where are the nine? There are not found that returned to give glory to God, save this stranger. And he said unto him, Arise, go thy way: thy faith hath made thee whole.

**5. Hos. 14:1–9**

O Israel, return unto the Lord thy God; for thou hast fallen by thine iniquity. Take with you words, and turn to the Lord: say unto him, Take away all iniquity, and receive us graciously: so will we render the calves of our lips. Asshur shall not save us; we will not ride upon horses: neither will we say any more to the work of our hands, Ye are our gods: for in thee the fatherless findeth mercy. ¶ I will heal their backsliding, I will love them freely: for mine anger is turned away from him. I will be as the dew unto Israel: he shall grow as the lily, and cast forth his roots as Lebanon. His branches shall spread, and his beauty shall be as the olive tree, and his smell as Lebanon. They that dwell under his shadow shall return; they shall revive as the corn, and grow as the vine: the scent thereof shall be as the wine of Lebanon. Ephraim shall say, What have I to do any more with idols? I have heard him, and observed him: I am like a green fir tree. From me is thy fruit found. Who is wise, and he shall understand these things? prudent, and he shall know them? for the ways of the Lord are right, and the just shall walk in them: but the transgressors shall fall therein.

**6. Ezek. 14:6 Thus**

... Thus saith the Lord God; Repent, and turn yourselves from your idols; and turn away your faces from all your abominations.

**7. Matt. 21:12–14**

¶ And Jesus went into the temple of God, and cast out all them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the moneychangers, and the seats of them that sold doves, And said unto them, It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves. And the blind and the lame came to him in the temple; and he healed them.

**8. Luke 19:47, 48**

And he taught daily in the temple. But the chief priests and the scribes and the chief of the people sought to destroy him, And could not find what they might do: for all the people were very attentive to hear him.


**9. Deut. 4:5–7**

Behold, I have taught you statutes and judgments, even as the Lord my God commanded me, that ye should do so in the land whither ye go to possess it. Keep therefore and do them; for this is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the nations, which shall hear all these statutes, and say, Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people. For what nation is there so great, who hath God so nigh unto them, as the Lord our God is in all things that we call upon him for?

**10. James 4:8 (to 1st .), 10**

Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. ...

Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up.

 **Science and Health**

**1. SH 2:31 God; 3:17; 4:5, 17**

God is “the same yesterday, and to-day, and forever;” and He who is immutably right will do right without being reminded of His province. The wisdom of man is not sufficient to warrant him in advising God. ...

How empty are our conceptions of Deity! We admit theoretically that God is good, omnipotent, omnipresent, infinite, and then we try to give information to this infinite Mind. We plead for unmerited pardon and for a liberal outpouring of benefactions. Are we really grateful for the good already received? Then we shall avail ourselves of the blessings we have, and thus be fitted to receive more. Gratitude is much more than a verbal expression of thanks. Action expresses more gratitude than speech. ...

Prayerful  
ingratitude

... To keep the commandments of our Master and follow his example, is our proper debt to him and the only worthy evidence of our gratitude for all that he has done. Outward worship is not of itself sufficient to express loyal and heartfelt gratitude, since he has said: “If ye love me, keep my commandments.” ...

Efficacious  
petitions

Simply asking that we may love God will never make us love Him; but the longing to be better and holier, expressed in daily watchfulness and in striving to assimilate more of the divine character, will mould and fashion us anew, until we awake in His likeness. We reach the Science of Christianity through demonstration of the divine nature; but in this wicked world goodness will “be evil spoken of,” and patience must bring experience.

Watchfulness  
requisite

**2. SH 142:4–20**

Anciently the followers of Christ, or Truth, measured Christianity by its power over sickness, sin, and death; but modern religions generally omit all but one of these powers, — the power over sin. We must seek the undivided garment, the whole Christ, as our first proof of Christianity, for Christ, Truth, alone can furnish us with absolute evidence.

Two claims  
omitted

If the soft palm, upturned to a lordly salary, and architectural skill, making dome and spire tremulous with beauty, turn the poor and the stranger from the gate, they at the same time shut the door on progress. In vain do the manger and the cross tell their story to pride and fustian. Sensuality palsies the right hand, and causes the left to let go its grasp on the divine.

Selfishness  
and loss

As in Jesus' time, so to-day, tyranny and pride need to be whipped out of the temple, and humility and divine Science to be welcomed in.

**3. SH 94:1, 14–23**

Jesus taught but one God, one Spirit, who makes man in the image and likeness of Himself, — of Spirit, not of matter. Man reflects infinite Truth, Life, and Love. The nature of man, thus understood, includes all that is implied by the terms “image” and “likeness” as used in Scripture. The truly Christian and scientific statement of personality and of the relation of man to God, with the demonstration which accompanied it, incensed the rabbis, and they said: “Crucify him, crucify him . . . by our law he ought to die, because he made himself the Son of God.”

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Scientific  
man

... Tyranny, intolerance, and bloodshed, wherever found, arise from the belief that the infinite is formed after the pattern of mortal personality, passion, and impulse.

The progress of truth confirms its claims, and our Master confirmed his words by his works. His healing-power evoked denial, ingratitude, and betrayal, arising from sensuality. Of the ten lepers whom Jesus healed, but one returned to give God thanks, — that is, to acknowledge the divine Principle which had healed him.

Ingratitude  
and denial

**4. SH 470:21–24, 32; 471:13**

God is the creator of man, and, the divine Principle of man remaining perfect, the divine idea or reflection, man, remains perfect. Man is the expression of God's being. ...

Indestructible  
relationship

The relations of God and man, divine Principle and idea, are indestructible in Science; and Science knows no lapse from nor return to harmony, but holds the divine order or spiritual law, in which God and all that He creates are perfect and eternal, to have remained unchanged in its eternal history. ...

The facts of divine Science should be admitted, — although the evidence as to these facts is not supported by evil, by matter, or by material sense, — because the evidence that God and man coexist is fully sustained by spiritual sense. Man is, and forever has been, God's reflection. God is infinite, therefore ever present, and there is no other power nor presence. Hence the spirituality of the universe is the only fact of creation. “Let God be true, but every [material] man a liar.”

**5. SH 140:7–19, 20, 25–27**

Not materially but spiritually we know Him as divine Mind, as Life, Truth, and Love. We shall obey and adore in proportion as we apprehend the divine nature and love Him understandingly, warring no more over the corporeality, but rejoicing in the affluence of our God. Religion will then be of the heart and not of the head. Mankind will no longer be tyrannical and proscriptive from lack of love, — straining out gnats and swallowing camels.

God invisible  
to the senses

We worship spiritually, only as we cease to worship materially. Spiritual devoutness is the soul of Christianity. Worshipping through the medium of matter is paganism. ... “The true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth.” ...

The true  
worship

... The Christian Science God is universal, eternal, divine Love, which changeth not and causeth no evil, disease, nor death.

Anthropo-  
morphism

6. SH 76:18–26

Suffering, sinning, dying beliefs are unreal. When divine Science is universally understood, they will have no power over man, for man is immortal and lives by divine authority.

The sinless joy, — the perfect harmony and immortality of Life, possessing unlimited divine beauty and goodness without a single bodily pleasure or pain, — constitutes the only veritable, indestructible man, whose being is spiritual.

Immaterial  
pleasure

7. SH 38:24–26

Jesus mapped out the path for others. He unveiled the Christ, the spiritual idea of divine Love.

Material  
pleasures

8. SH 97:32

Earth has no repayment for the persecutions which attend a new step in Christianity; but the spiritual recompense of the persecuted is assured in the elevation of existence above mortal discord and in the gift of divine Love.

9. SH 578:5–9

[DIVINE LOVE] is my shepherd; I shall not want.

[LOVE] maketh me to lie down in green pastures: [LOVE] leadeth me beside the still waters.

[LOVE] restoreth my soul [spiritual sense]: [LOVE] leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.



## Second and Third Hymn

2. Hymn. 270

Our God is Love, unchanging Love, / And can we ask for more? / Our prayer for Love's increase is vain; / 'Twas infinite before. / Ask not the Lord with breath of praise / For more than we accept; / The open fount is free to all, / God's promises are kept. /

Our God is Mind, the perfect Mind, / Intelligence divine; / Shall mortal man ask Him to change / His infinite design? / The heart that yearns for righteousness, / With longing unalloyed, / In such desire sends up a prayer / That ne'er returneth void. /

O loving Father, well we know / That words alone are vain, / That those who seek Thy will to do, / The true communion gain. / Then may our deeds our pure desire / For growth in grace express, / That we may know how Love divine / Forever waits to bless.

3. Hymn. 228

O Love divine, that dwells serene, / Whose light of life has no eclipse, / We feel Thy comfort, though unseen, / And lay our hand upon our lips. /

No words our hidden joy can tell, / A welling fount, it fills the heart; / Not in the flesh, in Thee we dwell, / In Thee our life, for Life Thou art. /

With love we meet the low despite / Of such as hate our Master's way. / With patience he maintained the right; / So may we triumph day by day.



## Music selections

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Prelude: *My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less and Come thou Fount of Every Blessing*, by David Nevue, from his album "Adoration: Solo Piano Hymns"

Postlude: *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*, by David Nevue, from his album "Adoration: Solo Piano Hymns"