

First Hymn

1. Hymn. 590


To God compose a song of joy; / To God make melody, / Whose arm of strength does wondrous things, / Whose hand brings victory!

Before the nations God reveals / A just and righteous will, / With steadfast love and faithfulness / God loves all people still.

In every corner of the earth, / God comes to save and free; / Break forth with shouts of holy joy; / All lands, make melody.

Let seas in all their fullness roar; / Sing, people of all lands; / Let mountains join and shout for joy; / Let rivers clap their hands.

The God of justice comes to save; / Let earth make melody; / For God will judge with righteousness / And rule with equity.

 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. 56:1

Thus saith the Lord, Keep ye judgment, and do justice: for my salvation *is* near to come, and my righteousness to be revealed.

The Holy Bible

1. Ps. 82:1–4, 8

God standeth in the congregation of the mighty; he judgeth among the gods. How long will ye judge unjustly, and accept the persons of the wicked? Selah. Defend the poor and fatherless: do justice to the afflicted and needy. Deliver the poor and needy: rid *them* out of the hand of the wicked. ...

Arise, O God, judge the earth: for thou shalt inherit all nations.

2. I Chron. 18:14

¶ So David reigned over all Israel, and executed judgment and justice among all his people.

3. II Chron. 1:1

And Solomon the son of David was strengthened in his kingdom, and the Lord his God *was* with him, and magnified him exceedingly.

4. II Chron. 2:1

And Solomon determined to build an house for the name of the Lord, and an house for his kingdom.

5. II Chron. 9:3, 5 she, 8

And when the queen of Sheba had seen the wisdom of Solomon, and the house that he had built, ...

... she said to the king, *It was* a true report which I heard in mine own land of thine acts, and of thy wisdom: ...

Blessed be the Lord thy God, which delighted in thee to set thee on his throne, *to be* king for the Lord thy God: because thy God loved Israel, to establish them for ever, therefore made he thee king over them, to do judgment and justice.

6. Prov. 1:1–3, 5, 7–10, 15–17, 20–23

The proverbs of Solomon the son of David, king of Israel; To know wisdom and instruction; to perceive the words of understanding; To receive the instruction of wisdom, justice, and judgment, and equity; ...

A wise *man* will hear, and will increase learning; and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels: ...

... ¶ The fear of the Lord *is* the beginning of knowledge: *but* fools despise wisdom and instruction. My son, hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother: For they *shall be* an ornament of grace unto thy head, and chains about thy neck. ¶ My son, if sinners entice thee, consent thou not. ...

My son, walk not thou in the way with them; refrain thy foot from their path: For their feet run to evil, and make haste to shed blood. Surely in vain the net is spread in the sight of any bird. ...

... ¶ Wisdom crieth without; she uttereth her voice in the streets: She crieth in the chief place of concourse, in the openings of the gates: in the city she uttereth her words, *saying*, How long, ye simple ones, will ye love simplicity? and the scorers delight in their scorning, and fools hate knowledge? Turn you at my reproof: behold, I will pour out my spirit unto you, I will make known my words unto you.

7. Prov. 21:2–5, 21

Every way of a man *is* right in his own eyes: but the Lord pondereth the hearts. To do justice and judgment *is* more acceptable to the Lord than sacrifice. An high look, and a proud heart, *and* the plowing of the wicked, *is* sin. The thoughts of the diligent *tend* only to plenteousness; but of every one *that is* hasty only to want. ...

He that followeth after righteousness and mercy findeth life, righteousness, and honour.

8. Jer. 23:5, 6

¶ Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth. In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely: and this *is* his name whereby he shall be called, THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.

9. Isa. 9:2, 6 (to 2nd :), 7

The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined. ...

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: ...

Of the increase of *his* government and peace *there shall be* no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.

10. Luke 4:14, 15, 17–19, 21

¶ And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee: and there went out a fame of him through all the region round about. And he taught in their synagogues, being glorified of all. ...

And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Esaias. And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written, The Spirit of the Lord *is* upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, To preach the acceptable year of the Lord. ...

And he began to say unto them, This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears.

11. Matt. 6:25, 31–33

Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment? ...

Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

12. Ps. 89:8, 11, 13–16

O Lord God of hosts, who *is* a strong Lord like unto thee? or to thy faithfulness round about thee? ...

The heavens *are* thine, the earth also *is* thine: *as for* the world and the fulness thereof, thou hast founded them. ...

Thou hast a mighty arm: strong is thy hand, *and* high is thy right hand. Justice and judgment *are* the habitation of thy throne: mercy and truth shall go before thy face. Blessed *is* the people that know the joyful sound: they shall walk, O Lord, in the light of thy countenance. In thy name shall they rejoice all the day: and in thy righteousness shall they be exalted.



Science and Health

1. SH 465:8–1

Question. — What is God?

Answer. — God is incorporeal, divine, supreme, infinite Mind, Spirit, Soul, Principle, Life, Truth, Love.

Question. — Are these terms synonymous?

Answer. — They are. They refer to one absolute God. They are also intended to express the nature, essence, and wholeness of Deity. The attributes of God are justice, mercy, wisdom, goodness, and so on.

Question. — Is there more than one God or Principle?

Answer. — There is not. Principle and its idea is one, and this one is God, omnipotent, omniscient, and omnipresent Being, and His reflection is man and the universe.

2. SH 18:3–9

Jesus of Nazareth taught and demonstrated man's oneness with the Father, and for this we owe him endless homage. His mission was both individual and collective. He did life's work aright not only in justice to himself, but in mercy to mortals, — to show them how to do theirs, but not to do it for them nor to relieve them of a single responsibility.

Divine
oneness

3. SH 5:30–32

We should follow our divine Exemplar, and seek the destruction of all evil works, error and disease included.

Diabolism
destroyed

4. SH 11:22–27

We know that a desire for holiness is requisite in order to gain holiness; but if we desire holiness above all else, we shall sacrifice everything for it. We must be willing to do this, that we may walk securely in the only practical road to holiness.

Desire for
holiness

5. SH 15:18–20

We must resolve to take up the cross, and go forth with honest hearts to work and watch for wisdom, Truth, and Love.

6. SH 6:17–18

“God is Love.” More than this we cannot ask, higher we cannot look, farther we cannot go.

7. SH 467:1–13

Question. — What are the demands of the Science of Soul?

Answer. — The first demand of this Science is, “Thou shalt have no other gods before me.” This *me* is Spirit. Therefore the command means this: Thou shalt have no intelligence, no life, no substance, no truth, no love, but that which is spiritual. The second is like unto it, “Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.” It should be thoroughly understood that all men have one Mind, one God and Father, one Life, Truth, and Love. Mankind will become perfect in proportion as this fact becomes apparent, war will cease and the true brotherhood of man will be established.

Two chief
commands

8. SH 64:2

Our forefathers exercised their faith in the direction taught by the Apostle James, when he said: “Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father, is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.”

9. SH 224:22, 29–22

A higher and more practical Christianity, demonstrating justice and meeting the needs of mortals in sickness and in health, stands at the door of this age, knocking for admission. Will you open or close the door upon this angel visitant, who cometh in the quiet of meekness, as he came of old to the patriarch at noonday?

... The power of God brings deliverance to the captive. No power can withstand divine Love. What is this supposed power, which opposes itself to God? Whence cometh it? What is it that binds man with iron shackles to sin, sickness, and death? Whatever enslaves man is opposed to the divine government. Truth makes man free.

Mental
emancipation

You may know when first Truth leads by the fewness and faithfulness of its followers. Thus it is that the march of time bears onward freedom's banner. The powers of this world will fight, and will command their sentinels not to let truth pass the guard until it subscribes to their systems; but Science, heeding not the pointed bayonet, marches on. There is always some tumult, but there is a rallying to truth's standard.

Truth's
ordeal

The history of our country, like all history, illustrates the might of Mind, and shows human power to be proportionate to its embodiment of right thinking. A few immortal sentences, breathing the omnipotence of divine justice, have been potent to break despotic fetters and abolish the whipping-post and slave market; but oppression neither went down in blood, nor did the breath of freedom come from the cannon's mouth. Love is the liberator.

Immortal
sentences

10. SH 454:18–23

Love inspires, illumines, designates, and leads the way. Right motives give pinions to thought, and strength and freedom to speech and action. Love is priestess at the altar of Truth. Wait patiently for divine Love to move upon the waters of mortal mind, and form the perfect concept.

11. SH 248:12–9

The sculptor turns from the marble to his model in order to perfect his conception. We are all sculptors, working at various forms, moulding and chiseling thought. What is the model before mortal mind? Is it imperfection, joy, sorrow, sin, suffering? Have you accepted the mortal model? Are you reproducing it? Then you are haunted in your work by vicious sculptors and hideous forms. Do you not hear from all mankind of the imperfect model? The world is holding it before your gaze continually. The result is that you are liable to follow those lower patterns, limit your life-work, and adopt into your experience the angular outline and deformity of matter models.

Mental
sculpture

To remedy this, we must first turn our gaze in the right direction, and then walk that way. We must form perfect models in thought and look at them continually, or we shall never carve them out in grand and noble lives. Let unselfishness, goodness, mercy, justice, health, holiness, love — the kingdom of heaven — reign within us, and sin, disease, and death will diminish until they finally disappear.

Perfect
models

Let us accept Science, relinquish all theories based on sense-testimony, give up imperfect models and illusive ideals; and so let us have one God, one Mind, and that one perfect, producing His own models of excellence.

Let the “male and female” of God's creating appear. Let us feel the divine energy of Spirit, bringing us into newness of life and recognizing no mortal nor material power as able to destroy. Let us rejoice that we are subject to the divine “powers that be.”

Renewed
selfhood



2. Hymn. 519

Lean on the sustaining infinite / And blessings will be yours. / Lean not on person, place, or thing, / Or economic laws; / But lean upon all-blessing God / Who will all needs supply / And give to all abundant good / That money cannot buy.

Let the healing reign of Truth and Life, / The reign of Love divine, / Be now established within me / To show Soul's clear design / Of Oneness, indivisible— / Of God and me as one— / As water is to ocean wave, / As sunbeam is to sun.

Love with a heart of tenderness / Your enemies and friends; / However hard this may appear, / This quality just mends. / For Love is God in action true, / A presence that is felt; / A healing and a saving power / That will all discord melt.

So lean, and let, and love; / This is the balanced Way. / It's free from self-will, pressure, stress; / It welcomes in God's day. / The leaning is so gentle; / The letting is so free. / And loving is the only way / To think, and speak, and be.

3. Hymn. 586

REFRAIN / This is the day, this is the day, / This is the day that God has made!

Open, now open the doorways of justice, / Let us be glad as we pass through those gates. / There is the place where the righteous may enter, / Singing to God with thanksgiving and praise. // REFRAIN / I will sing praises because You have heard me, / Offering salvation with grace upon grace. / Turning the stone that the builders rejected, / Into the cornerstone, rock of our faith. // REFRAIN / It is the Lord who has done all these wonders; / I have seen marvelous, marvelous things. / This is the day that the Lord has created; / Join the rejoicing as every heart sings. // REFRAIN