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Sunday, September 19, 2021

SUNDAY SERVICE DETAILS**HYMNS: 370, 450, 14****Hymn #370**

We are hid with Christ forever
 In the Father's holy plan.
 In this pure eternal union
 We behold the perfect man;
 And we know that sin can never
 Overthrow the sacred rod
 Of dominion over evil:
 We are hid with Christ in God.

Hid with Christ in God, O gladness:
 O the meekness and the might,
 When the risen Christ has lifted
 All our thoughts into the light,
 Light of Truth wherein no sadness
 Dims the radiant peace we find,
 As we set our whole affection
 On the beauteous things of Mind.

Scriptural Selection

Matt. 3:1-3, 11, 12

- 1 IN those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judæa,
- 2 And saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.
- 3 For this is he that was spoken of by the prophet Esaias, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.
- 11 I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and *with* fire:
- 12 Whose fan *is* in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and gather his wheat into the garner; but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.

Matt 20:17

- 17 ¶ And Jesus going up to Jerusalem took the twelve disciples apart in the way, and said unto them,

Matt. 13:24-30 The Kingdom

- 24 The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field:
- 25 But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way.
- 26 But when the blade was sprung up, and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also.
- 27 So the servants of the householder came and said unto him, Sir, didst not thou sow good seed in thy field? from whence then hath it tares?
- 28 He said unto them, An enemy hath done this. The servants said unto him, Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up?
- 29 But he said, Nay; lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them.
- 30 Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn.

I John 4:1, 6

- 1 BELOVED, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.
- 6 We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us. Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error.

I John 2:15-17

- 15 Love not the world, neither the things *that are* in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.
- 16 For all that *is* in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.
- 17 And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.

Prayer

Silent prayer, followed by the audible repetition of the Lord's Prayer with its spiritual interpretation by Mary Baker Eddy

Our Father which art in heaven,

Our Father-Mother God, all-harmonious,

Hallowed be Thy name.

Adorable One.

Thy kingdom come.

Thy kingdom is come; Thou art ever-present.

Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

Enable us to know, — as in heaven, so on earth, — God is omnipotent, supreme.

Give us this day our daily bread;

Give us grace for to-day; feed the famished affections;

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And Love is reflected in love;

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil;

And God leadeth us not into temptation, but delivereth us from sin, disease, and death.

For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.

For God is infinite, all-power, all Life, Truth, Love, over all, and All.

Hymn #450 (Lyrics by Mary Baker Eddy)

Blest Christmas morn, though murky clouds

Pursue thy way,

Thy light was born where storm enshrouds

Nor dawn nor day!

Dear Christ, forever here and near,

No cradle song,

No natal hour and mother's tear,

To thee belong.

Thou God-idea, Life-encrowned,

The Bethlehem babe—

Beloved, replete, by flesh embound—

Was but thy shade!

Thou gentle beam of living Love,

And deathless Life!

Truth infinite,—so far above

All mortal strife,

Or cruel creed, or earth-born taint:

Fill us today

With all thou art—be thou our saint,

Our stay, alway.

Notices

Solo

Fear thou not, The Solo Committee

Explanatory Note

Golden Text and Responsive Reading

GOLDEN TEXT: Isaiah

Stand up, shake the dust off yourself!

The Golden Text is from the Holman Christian Standard Bible®.

RESPONSIVE READING: Isaiah, Galatians

Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.

Behold, I will make thee a new sharp threshing instrument having teeth: thou shalt thresh the mountains, and beat them small, and shalt make the hills as chaff.

Thou shalt fan them, and the wind shall carry them away, and the whirlwind shall scatter them: and thou shalt rejoice in the Lord, and shalt glory in the Holy One of Israel.

And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

O Zion, that bringest good tidings, get thee up into the high mountain; O Jerusalem, that bringest good tidings, lift up thy voice with strength; lift it up, be not afraid; say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God!

He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength. Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall:

But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.

. . . having begun in the Spirit, are ye now made perfect by the flesh?

Bible Lesson-sermon

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Hymn #14

Arise, arise and shine,
On thee hath dawned the day;
God is thy sun, and Christ thy light,
Be thou a steadfast ray.

Sing praise, O waking heart,
For all thy God hath wrought;
For Truth's clear light on thee hath shone,
And purified thy thought.

No more shall sin and wrong
Obscure the light divine,
For God hath given thee His Son,
And lo, all things are thine.

Arise, arise and shine,
Uplift thee from the sod,
And let thy living light show forth
Man's unity with God.

Scientific Statement of Being

SH 468:9 There

- 9 There is no life, truth, intelligence, nor substance in matter. All is infinite Mind and its infinite manifestation, for God is All-in-all. Spirit is immortal
- 12 Truth; matter is mortal error. Spirit is the real and eternal; matter is the unreal and temporal. Spirit is God, and man is His image and likeness. Therefore
- 15 man is not material; he is spiritual.

Correlative Scripture

I John 3:1-3

- BEHOLD, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we
- 1 should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.
 - 2 Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.
 - 3 And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.

Benediction

...stand straight and look up! For your salvation is near.

Luke 21:28, The Living Bible

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