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## Hymns

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### 537

O church of God, built on a firm foundation,  
 Standing secure amid the storms of life,  
 Where all may come to learn of true salvation  
 And find release from discord, pain, and strife.

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We hear the Word, in song and sermon spoken,  
 In silent prayer, we turn to God today;  
 Our humble hearts receive the blessed token  
 Of truth that guides us in the upward way.

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O Spirit, feed us with Your bread from heaven,  
 We drink of Your living waters and are free;  
 And every lesson which Your love hath given,  
 Oh, may we learn it with humility.

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We feel Your peace, Your arms of Love enfolding,  
 We lift our hearts in praise and gratitude.  
 We, from this hour, a glimpse of heaven beholding,  
 Go forward with our joy and strength renewed.

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### 439

As a fire is meant for burning  
 With a bright and warming flame,  
 So a church is meant for healing  
 Giving glory to God's name.  
 Not to preach mere creed or custom,  
 But to prove God's loving care,  
 We join hands across the nations,  
 Finding neighbors everywhere.

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As a green bud in the springtime  
 Is a sign of life renewed,  
 May we grow as signs of oneness  
 'Mid earth's peoples, many hued.  
 As a rainbow lights the heavens  
 When a storm is past and gone,  
 May our lives reflect the radiance  
 Of God's new and glorious dawn.

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We are learners; we are teachers;  
 We are pilgrims on the way.  
 We are bearers of the gospel,  
 We are children of the day.  
 By our gentle, loving actions  
 We would show that Christ is light.  
 With a humble, listening spirit  
 We would live to God's delight.

Hymn 141

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### CHEERFULNESS

CHRISTOPH E. F. WEYSE

If the Lord build not the house  
 They that labor build in vain;  
 Father, may our corner stone  
 Stand foursquare, without a stain.

Make our planting timely, true,  
 Governed by a power benign;  
 Nourish by a heavenly dew  
 All the branches and the vine.

Fruitful shall our tillage be,  
 Known the work of perfect Mind,  
 Leaves be gathered from the tree  
 For the healing of mankind.

Cleansing men of fear and hate,  
 Lifting hope above the sod,  
 Truth will summon, soon or late,  
 All the earth to worship God.

### The Bible - New Living Translation

#### 1. 1 Corinthians 5:4

- 4 In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, when ye are gathered together, and my spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus Christ,

NLT: You must call a meeting of the church. I will be present with you in spirit, and so will the power of our Lord Jesus.

#### 2. II Cor. 5:17 if

- 17 if any man *be* in Christ, *he is* a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

NLT: anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!

#### 3. Isa 43:19 (to ?)

- 19 Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it?

NLT: I am about to do something new. See, I have already begun! Do you not see it?

4. Colossians 1:15, 18 (to :)

15 Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature:

18 And he is the head of the body, the church:

NLT: ....Christ is the visible image of the invisible God. He existed before anything was created and is supreme over all creation, ...Christ is also the head of the church...

**The Bible - King James Version**

5. Acts 20:28 (to 4th ,)

28 ¶ Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God,

6. I Cor. 14:12 forasmuch

12 forasmuch as ye are zealous of spiritual *gifts*, seek that ye may excel to the edifying of the church.

7. I Cor. 7:17 1st as

17 as God hath distributed to every man, as the Lord hath called every one, so let him walk. And so ordain I in all churches.

8. Isa. 54:2, 13

2 Enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of thine habitations: spare not, lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes;

13 And all thy children *shall be* taught of the LORD; and great *shall be* the peace of thy children.

9. Isa. 56:7 1st for

7 for mine house shall be called an house of prayer for all people.

10. Matt. 16:13-18

13 ¶ When Jesus came into the coasts of Cæsarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of man am?

14 And they said, Some *say that thou art* John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets.

15 He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am?

16 And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.

- 17 And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Bar-jona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed *it* unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.
- 18 And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

## 11. John 15:1, 2, 4-9

- 1 I AM the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman.
- 2 Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every *branch* that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit.
- 4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.
- 5 I am the vine, *ye are* the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.
- 6 If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast *them* into the fire, and they are burned.
- 7 If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.
- 8 Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.
- 9 As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love.

## 12. John 13:34, 35

- 34 A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.
- 35 By this shall all *men* know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

## 13. I Cor. 1:2, 3

- 2 Unto the church of God which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called *to be* saints, with all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours:
- 3 Grace *be* unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and *from* the Lord Jesus Christ.

## 14. I Cor. 3:9 we, 10 let, 11, 16

- 9 we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, *ye are* God's building.
- 10 let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon.
- 11 For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.
- 16 Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and *that* the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?

## 15. Acts 15:40 Paul, 41

- 40 Paul chose Silas, and departed, being recommended by the brethren unto the grace of God.
- 41 And he went through Syria and Cilicia, confirming the churches.

## 16. Acts 16:1 (to 1st :), 4, 5

- 1 THEN came he to Derbe and Lystra:
- 4 And as they went through the cities, they delivered them the decrees for to keep, that were ordained of the apostles and elders which were at Jerusalem.
- 5 And so were the churches established in the faith, and increased in number daily.

## 17. Acts 2:46, 47

- 46 And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart,
- 47 Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.

## 18. I Peter 2:1-5, 9 ye, 10 (to :)

- 1 WHEREFORE laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings,
- 2 As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby:
- 3 If so be ye have tasted that the Lord *is* gracious.
- 4 To whom coming, *as unto* a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, *and* precious,
- 5 Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.
- 9 ye *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:
- 10 Which in time past *were* not a people, but *are* now the people of God:

## 19. Rom. 7:6 3rd we

- 6 we should serve in newness of spirit, and not *in* the oldness of the letter.

## 20. Rom. 16:16

- 16 Salute one another with an holy kiss. The churches of Christ salute you.

## 1. SH 136:1-2

136:1 Jesus established his church and maintained his mission on a spiritual foundation of Christ-healing.

## 2. SH 249:6-8

6 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.

Renewed  
selfhood

## 3. SH 201:7-9 Truth

Truth makes a new creature, in whom old things pass away and "all things are become new."

## 4. SH 583:12-19

12 **CHURCH.** The structure of Truth and Love; what-ever rests upon and proceeds from divine Principle. The Church is that institution, which affords proof of its utility and is found elevating the race, rousing the dormant understanding from material beliefs to the apprehension of spiritual ideas and the demonstration of divine Science, thereby casting out devils, or error, and healing the sick.

## 5. SH 595:7

**TEMPLE.** Body; the idea of Life, substance, and intelligence; the superstructure of Truth; the shrine of Love; a material superstructure, where mortals congregate for worship.

## 6. SH 288:20-30

The chief stones in the temple of Christian Science are to be found in the following postulates: that Life is God, good, and not evil; that Soul is sinless, not to be found in the body; that Spirit is not, and cannot be, materialized; that Life is not subject to death; that the spiritual real man has no birth, no material life, and no death.

The chief stones  
in the temple

27 Science reveals the glorious possibilities of immortal man, forever unlimited by the mortal senses. The Christ-element in the Messiah made him the Way-shower, Truth and Life.

The Christ-  
element

## 7. SH 35:20-25

We can unite with this church only as we are new-born of Spirit, as we reach the Life which is Truth and the Truth which is Life by bringing forth

Spiritual  
Eucharist

24 the fruits of Love, — casting out error and healing the  
sick.

#### 8. SH 41:14-18

The proofs of Truth, Life, and Love, which Jesus gave  
15 by casting out error and healing the sick, completed his  
earthly mission; but in the Christian Church  
this demonstration of healing was early lost,  
18 about three centuries after the crucifixion.

Healing early  
lost

#### 9. SH 351:8

The author became a member of the orthodox Con-  
9 gregational Church in early years. Later she learned  
that her own prayers failed to heal her as did the prayers  
of her devout parents and the church; but when the  
12 spiritual sense of the creed was discerned in the Science  
of Christianity, this spiritual sense was a *present help*. It  
was the living, palpitating presence of Christ, Truth, which  
15 healed the sick.

#### 10. SH 358:29-5

Is it likely that church-members have more faith in  
30 some Christian Scientist, whom they have perhaps  
never seen and against whom they have been warned,  
than they have in their own accredited and orthodox  
359:1 pastors, whom they have seen and have been taught  
to love and to trust?

3 Let any clergyman try to cure his friends by their  
faith in him. Will that faith heal them? Yet Scien-  
tists will take the same cases, and cures will follow.

#### 11. SH 235:7-10, 28

The teachers of schools and the readers in churches  
should be selected with as direct reference to their  
9 morals as to their learning or their correct  
reading.

Teachers'  
functions

Clergymen, occupying the watchtowers of the world,  
should uplift the standard of Truth. They should so raise  
30 their hearers spiritually, that their listeners  
will love to grapple with a new, right idea  
and broaden their concepts. Love of Christianity, rather  
236:1 than love of popularity, should stimulate clerical labor  
and progress. Truth should emanate from the pulpit,  
3 but never be strangled there. A special privilege is vested  
in the ministry. How shall it be used? Sacredly, in the  
interests of humanity, not of sect.

Clergymen's  
duty

#### 12. SH 142:18

18 As in Jesus' time, so to-day, tyranny and pride need to  
 be whipped out of the temple, and humility and divine Sci-  
 21 ence to be welcomed in. The strong cords of  
 scientific demonstration, as twisted and wielded  
 by Jesus, are still needed to purge the temples of their  
 24 vain traffic in worldly worship and to make them meet  
 dwelling-places for the Most High.

Temple cleansed

## 13. SH 136:32-138:5

Jesus patiently persisted in  
 137:1 teaching and demonstrating the truth of being. His stu-  
 dents saw this power of Truth heal the sick, cast out evil,  
 3 raise the dead; but the ultimate of this wonderful work  
 was not spiritually discerned, even by them, until after the  
 crucifixion, when their immaculate Teacher stood before  
 6 them, the victor over sickness, sin, disease, death, and  
 the grave.

Yearning to be understood, the Master repeated,  
 9 "But whom say ye that I am?" This renewed inquiry  
 meant: Who or what is it that is able to do the work, so  
 mysterious to the popular mind? In his rejection of the  
 12 answer already given and his renewal of the question,  
 it is plain that Jesus completely eschewed the narrow  
 opinion implied in their citation of the common report  
 15 about him.

With his usual impetuosity, Simon replied for his  
 brethren, and his reply set forth a great fact: "Thou  
 18 art the Christ, the Son of the living God!"  
 That is: The Messiah is what thou hast de-  
 21 clared, — Christ, the spirit of God, of Truth, Life, and  
 Love, which heals mentally. This assertion elicited from  
 Jesus the benediction, "Blessed art thou, Simon Bar-  
 24 jona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee,  
 but my Father which is in heaven;" that is, Love hath  
 shown thee the way of Life!

A divine  
response

Before this the impetuous disciple had been called  
 27 only by his common names, Simon Bar-jona, or son of  
 Jona; but now the Master gave him a spir-  
 itual name in these words: "And I say also  
 30 unto thee, That thou art Peter; and upon this rock [the  
 meaning of the Greek word *petros*, or *stone*] I will build  
 138:1 my church; and the gates of hell [*hades*, the *under-*  
*world*, or the *grave*] shall not prevail against it." In  
 other words, Jesus purposed founding his society, not  
 3 on the personal Peter as a mortal, but on the God-  
 power which lay behind Peter's confession of the true  
 Messiah.

The true and  
living rock



## 14. SH 28:9-11

- 9 While respecting all that is good in the Church or out of it, one's consecration to Christ is more on the ground of demonstration than of profession.

## 15. SH 576:8-14

- 9 In Revelation xxi. 22, further describing this holy city, the beloved Disciple writes: —

And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it.

- 12 There was no temple, — that is, no material structure in which to worship God, for He must be worshipped in spirit and in love.

The shrine  
celestial

## 16. SH 35:19-20 2nd Our

Our  
church is built on the divine Principle, Love.