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God is Ever-Present Wednesday, March 8, 2023

<u>Hymns</u>

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Hymn Lyrics

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PEACEFIELD

ANCIENT IRISH MELODY

They who seek the throne of grace, Find that throne in every place: If we live a life of prayer, God is present everywhere.

In our sickness, in our health, In our want, or in our wealth, If we look to God in prayer, God is present everywhere.

Then, my heart, in every strait, To thy Father come, and wait; He will answer every prayer, God is present everywhere.

Hymn 587

There is a presence walks with us On every pathless way, A light outshining midday sun However dark the day.

We reach our hand—and feel God near; We cry—and She replies. We open eyes that sense had dimmed; We stretch our wings and rise

Above the mist, above the dark, Above the threats of fear, Upheld by Love that never fails And is forever near.

We cannot stray beyond Love's care, For Love does fill all space; And where we go the path is marked By angels of Love's grace.

Hymn 53

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Based on a hymn by John R. Macduff

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GALLIARD

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Everlasting arms of Love Are beneath, around, above; God it is who bears us on, His the arm we lean upon.

He our ever-present guide Faithful is, whate'er betide; Gladly then we journey on, With His arm to lean upon.

From earth's fears and vain alarms Safe in His encircling arms, He will keep us all the way, God, our refuge, strength and stay.

<u>The Bible</u>

1. Ps 139:7-10

- 7 Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence?
- 8 If I ascend up into heaven, thou *art* there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou *art there*.
- 9 *If* I take the wings of the morning, *and* dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea;
- 10 Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me.

2. Isa 59:1, 19-21

- 1 BEHOLD, the LORD's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear:
- 19 So shall they fear the name of the LORD from the west, and his glory from the rising of the sun. When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the spirit

of the LORD shall lift up a standard against him.

- 20 ¶ And the Redeemer shall come to Zion, and unto them that turn from transgression in Jacob, saith the LORD.
- 21 As for me, this *is* my covenant with them, saith the LORD; My spirit that *is* upon thee, and my words which I have put in thy mouth, shall not depart out of thy mouth, nor out of the mouth of thy seed, nor out of the mouth of thy seed's seed, saith the LORD, from henceforth and for ever.

3. Isa. 43:1 now, 2, 5-7

- 1 now thus saith the LORD that created thee, O Jacob, and he that formed thee, O Israel, Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called *thee* by thy name; thou *art* mine.
- 2 When thou passest through the waters, I *will be* with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee.
- 5 Fear not: for I *am* with thee: I will bring thy seed from the east, and gather thee from the west;
- ⁶ I will say to the north, Give up; and to the south, Keep not back: bring my sons from far, and my daughters from the ends of the earth;
- 7 *Even* every one that is called by my name: for I have created him for my glory, I have formed him; yea, I have made him.

4. Isa 44:6, 24

- ⁶ Thus saith the LORD the King of Israel, and his redeemer the LORD of hosts; I *am* the first, and I *am* the last; and beside me *there is* no God.
- ²⁴ Thus saith the LORD, thy redeemer, and he that formed thee from the womb, I *am* the LORD that maketh all *things;* that stretcheth forth the heavens alone; that spreadeth abroad the earth by myself;

5. Ps. 90:1, 2

- 1 LORD, thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations.
- 2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou *art* God.

6. John 10:23-30 Jesus, 37-39

- 23 Jesus walked in the temple in Solomon's porch.
- ²⁴ Then came the Jews round about him, and said unto him, How long dost thou make us to doubt? If thou be the Christ, tell us plainly.
- ²⁵ Jesus answered them, I told you, and ye believed not: the works that I do in my Father's name, they bear witness of me.
- 26 But ye believe not, because ye are not of my sheep, as I said unto you.
- 27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:

- 28 And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any *man* pluck them out of my hand.
- 29 My Father, which gave *them* me, is greater than all; and no *man* is able to pluck *them* out of my Father's hand.
- 30 I and my Father are one.
- 37 If I do not the works of my Father, believe me not.
- ³⁸ But if I do, though ye believe not me, believe the works: that ye may know, and believe, that the Father *is* in me, and I in him.
- 39 Therefore they sought again to take him: but he escaped out of their hand,
- 7. Luke 15:3, 4, 11-14, 20, 22 the, 24-31
 - 3 ¶ And he spake this parable unto them, saying,
 - 4 What man of you, having an hundred sheep, if he lose one of them, doth not leave the ninety and nine in the wilderness, and go after that which is lost, until he find it?
- 11 ¶ And he said, A certain man had two sons:
- 12 And the younger of them said to *his* father, Father, give me the portion of goods that falleth *to me*. And he divided unto them *his* living.
- 13 And not many days after the younger son gathered all together, and took his journey into a far country, and there wasted his substance with riotous living.
- 14 And when he had spent all, there arose a mighty famine in that land; and he began to be in want.
- 20 And he arose, and came to his father. But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him.
- the father said to his servants, Bring forth the best robe, and put *it* on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on *his* feet:
- For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found. And they began to be merry.
- 25 Now his elder son was in the field: and as he came and drew nigh to the house, he heard music and dancing.
- 26 And he called one of the servants, and asked what these things meant.
- 27 And he said unto him, Thy brother is come; and thy father hath killed the fatted calf, because he hath received him safe and sound.
- 28 And he was angry, and would not go in: therefore came his father out, and entreated him.
- 29 And he answering said to *his* father, Lo, these many years do I serve thee, neither transgressed I at any time thy commandment: and yet thou never gavest me a kid, that I might make merry with my friends:
- 30 But as soon as this thy son was come, which hath devoured thy living with

harlots, thou hast killed for him the fatted calf.

- 31 And he said unto him, Son, thou art ever with me, and all that I have is thine.
- 8. Isa. 37:16 (to :)
- 16 O LORD of hosts, God of Israel, that dwellest *between* the cherubims, thou *art* the God, *even* thou alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth:

9. Acts 17:22-24, 27 though, 28 in (to ;)

- 22 ¶ Then Paul stood in the midst of Mars' hill, and said, *Ye* men of Athens, I perceive that in all things ye are too superstitious.
- ²³ For as I passed by, and beheld your devotions, I found an altar with this inscription, TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Whom therefore ye ignorantly worship, him declare I unto you.
- God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands;
- 27 though he be not far from every one of us:
- in him we live, and move, and have our being;

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- 1. SH 473:7-10
 - The God-

principle is omnipresent and omnipotent. God is every-

- 9 where, and nothing apart from Him is present or has power.
- 2. SH 471:18-19

God is infinite, therefore ever present, and there is no other power nor presence.

- 3. SH 223:7-9 God
 - God is infinite omni-

present Spirit. If Spirit is all and is everywhere, what

⁹ and where is matter?

4. SH 107:1-3, 7

- 107:1 In the year 1866, I discovered the Christ Science or divine laws of Life, Truth, and Love, and
- ³ named my discovery Christian Science.
- ¹² This apodictical Principle points to the revelation of Immanuel, "God with us," the sovereign ever-pres-
- 9 ence, delivering the children of men from every ill "that flesh is heir to." Through

Soul greater than body

Christian Science discovered

Mission of Christian

Science

Christian Science, religion and medicine are inspired with a diviner nature and essence; fresh pinions are given to faith and understanding, and thoughts acquaint themselves intelligently with God.

5. SH 275:1-17 A, 20

275:1 A

partnership of mind with matter would ignore omnipres-

- ³ ent and omnipotent Mind. This shows that matter did not originate in God, Spirit, and is not eternal. Therefore matter is neither substantial, living,
- nor intelligent. The starting-point of divine Science is that God, Spirit, is All-in-all, and that there is no other might nor Mind, that God is Love, and therefore He
 is divine Principle.

To grasp the reality and order of being in its Science, you must begin by reckoning God as the divine Principle

- of all that really is. Spirit, Life, Truth, Love, combine as one, — and are the Scriptural names for God. All substance, intelligence, wisdom, being, im-
- ¹⁵ mortality, cause, and effect belong to God. These are His attributes, the eternal manifestations of the infinite divine Principle, Love.

Divine metaphysics, as revealed to spiritual understand-

ing, shows clearly that all is Mind, and that Mind is
 God, omnipotence, omnipresence, omniscience,
 — that is, all power, all presence, all Science.

²⁴ Hence all is in reality the manifestation of Mind.

6. SH 109:32-3

The three great verities of Spirit, omnipotence, omni-^{110:1} presence, omniscience, — Spirit possessing all power,

- filling all space, constituting all Science, --- contradict
- ³ forever the belief that matter can be actual.

7. SH 16:30

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Thy kingdom come. Thy kingdom is come; Thou art ever-present.

8. SH 72:21-23

²¹ God, good, being ever present, it follows in divine logic that evil, the suppositional opposite of good, is never present.

9. SH 256:9-16

92 The theory of three persons in one God (that is, a per-

Spirit the starting-point

Divine synonyms

The divine completeness

God's allness learned

Scientific phenomena

sonal Trinity or Tri-unity) suggests polytheism, rather than the one ever-present I AM. "Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God is one Lord."

The everlasting I AM is not bounded nor compressed within the narrow limits of physical humanity, nor can He be understood aright through mortal concepts.

10. SH 218:19-23

If you do believe in God, why do you substitute drugs for the Almighty's power, and

21 employ means which lead only into material ways of obtaining help, instead of turning in time of need to God, divine Love, who is an ever-present help?

11. SH 287:13

God

being everywhere and all-inclusive, how can He be absentor suggest the absence of omnipresence and omnipotence?

12. SH 331:18-20, 22

- ¹⁸ VI. God is individual, incorporeal. He is divine Principle, Love, the universal cause, the only creator, and there is no other self-existence. He fills all space, and it is impossible to conceive of such omnipresence and in-
- 24 dividuality except as infinite Spirit or Mind. Hence all is Spirit and spiritual.

13. SH 445:15

You render the divine law of

How can there be more than all?

healing obscure and void, when you weigh the human in the scale with the divine, or limit in any direction of

thought the omnipresence and omnipotence of God.

14. SH 469:25-28

We lose the high signification of omnipotence, when after admitting that God, or good, is omnipresent and

²⁷ has all-power, we still believe there is another power, named *evil*.

15. SH 470:5

The supposed existence of

- ⁶ more than one mind was the basic error of idolatry. This error assumed the loss of spiritual power, the loss of the spiritual presence of Life as infinite Truth without an
- ⁹ unlikeness, and the loss of Love as ever present and

Tritheism impossible

No divine corporeality

The universal cause

The sole governor

universal.

16. SH 566:29-8

The Old Testament assigns to the angels, God's divine

- ³⁰ messages, different offices. Michael's characteristic is spiritual strength. He leads the hosts of heaven against the power of sin, Satan, and
- ^{567:1} fights the holy wars. Gabriel has the more quiet task of imparting a sense of the ever-presence of ministering
- ³ Love. These angels deliver us from the depths. Truth and Love come nearer in the hour of woe, when strong faith or spiritual strength wrestles and prevails through
- 6 the understanding of God. The Gabriel of His presence has no contests. To infinite, ever-present Love, all is Love, and there is no error, no sin, sickness, nor death.

17. SH 312:19-20

Mortals claim that death is inevitable; but man's eternal Principle is ever-present Life.

18. SH 180:25-27

When man is governed by God, the ever-present Mind who understands all things, man knows that with

God all things are possible.

19. SH 587:19

GOOD. God; Spirit; omnipotence; omniscience; omnipresence; omni-action.

20. SH 503:12-15

Divine Science, the Word of God, saith to the darkness upon the face of error, "God is All-in-all," and the light of ever-present Love illumines

15 the universe.

21. SH 306:25-29

Undisturbed amid the jarring testimony of the material senses, Science, still enthroned, is unfolding

to mortals the immutable, harmonious, divine Principle,
 — is unfolding Life and the universe, ever present and eternal.

22. SH 516:4-8

The substance, Life, intelligence, Truth, and Love, which constitute Deity, are reflected by His creation;

⁶ and when we subordinate the false testimony of the corporeal senses to the facts of Science, we shall see

Angelic offices

this true likeness and reflection everywhere.

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