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Watchfulness

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## **HYMNS**

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## **Hymn Lyrics**

Hymn 398

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*Adapted*

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### **ST. ETHELWALD**

WILLIAM H. MONK

Ye servants of the Lord,  
Each in his office wait,  
Observant of His heavenly word,  
And watchful at His gate.

Let all your lamps be bright,  
The golden flame burn clear;  
The signal cometh through the night;  
The bridegroom draweth near.

O, happy servant he,  
In watchful service found;  
He shall his Lord with rapture see,  
And be with honor crowned.

Hymn 368

### **Hymn 368, 369**

JOHN BOWRING

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### **WATCHMAN**

LOWELL MASON

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### **ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR**

GEORGE J. ELVEY

Watchman, tell us of the night,

What its signs of promise are;  
Traveler, o'er yon mountain's height  
See that glory-beaming star;  
Watchman, does its beauteous ray  
Aught of hope or joy foretell?  
Traveler, yes; it brings the day,  
Promised day of Israel.

Watchman, tell us of the night,  
Higher yet that star ascends;  
Traveler, blessedness and light,  
Peace and truth its course portends;  
Watchman, will its beams alone  
Gild the spot that gave them birth?  
Traveler, ages are its own;  
See, it bursts o'er all the earth.

Watchman, tell us of the night,  
For the morning seems to dawn;  
Traveler, darkness takes its flight,  
Doubt and terror are withdrawn;  
Watchman, let thy wanderings cease,  
Hie thee to thy quiet home.  
Traveler, lo, the Prince of Peace,  
Lo, the Son of God is come.

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O come, all ye faithful,  
Joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem.  
Come and behold him, born the King of Angels,

Refrain

O come let us adore him,  
O come let us adore him,  
O come let us adore him,  
Christ the Lord.

Sing, choirs of angels,  
Sing in exultation,  
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above.  
Glory to God, glory in the highest.

Refrain

Yea, Lord we greet thee,  
Born this happy morning,  
Jesus, to thee be all glory given.  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing.

Refrain

## READINGS ON THE ABOVE TOPIC

### The Bible

1. Ps. 102:7

7 I watch, and am as a sparrow alone upon the house top.

2. Prov. 8:34

34 Blessed *is* the man that heareth me, watching daily at my gates, waiting at the posts of my doors.

3. Isa. 21:5 (to :), 6

5 Prepare the table, watch in the watchtower, eat, drink:

6 For thus hath the Lord said unto me, Go, set a watchman, let him declare what he seeth.

4. Hab 2:1 (to 3rd ,)

1 I WILL stand upon my watch, and set me upon the tower, and will watch to see what he will say unto me,

5. Gen. 8:1 1st God, 5-9 (to :), 10, 11

1 God remembered Noah, and every living thing, and all the cattle that *was* with him in the ark: and God made a wind to pass over the earth, and the waters assuaged;

5 And the waters decreased continually until the tenth month: in the tenth *month*, on the first *day* of the month, were the tops of the mountains seen.

6 ¶ And it came to pass at the end of forty days, that Noah opened the window of the ark which he had made:

7 And he sent forth a raven, which went forth to and fro, until the waters were dried up from off the earth.

8 Also he sent forth a dove from him, to see if the waters were abated from off the face of the ground;

9 But the dove found no rest for the sole of her foot, and she returned unto him into the ark, for the waters *were* on the face of the whole earth:

10 And he stayed yet other seven days; and again he sent forth the dove out of the ark;

11 And the dove came in to him in the evening; and, lo, in her mouth *was* an olive leaf plucked off: so Noah knew that the waters were abated from off the earth.

6. Ps 80:1, 3

- 1 GIVE ear, O Shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a flock; thou that dwellest *between* the cherubims, shine forth.
- 3 Turn us again, O God, and cause thy face to shine; and we shall be saved.

7. Ezek. 3:17 (to :)

- 17 Son of man, I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel:

8. Luke 2:8, 9, 15, 16, 21 when, 22, 36 (to :), 37-40

- 8 And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.
- 9 And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.
- 15 And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.
- 16 And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.
- 21 when eight days were accomplished for the circumcising of the child, his name was called JESUS, which was so named of the angel before he was conceived in the womb.
- 22 And when the days of her purification according to the law of Moses were accomplished, they brought him to Jerusalem, to present *him* to the Lord;
- 36 And there was one Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Aser:
- 37 And she *was* a widow of about fourscore and four years, which departed not from the temple, but served *God* with fastings and prayers night and day.
- 38 And she coming in that instant gave thanks likewise unto the Lord, and spake of him to all them that looked for redemption in Jerusalem.
- 39 And when they had performed all things according to the law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own city Nazareth.
- 40 And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom: and the grace of God was upon him.

9. Matt. 23:1 Jesus

- 1 Jesus to the multitude, and to his disciples,

10. Matt. 25:1-13 1st the

- 1 the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom.
- 2 And five of them were wise, and five *were* foolish.

3 They that *were* foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them:  
4 But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps.  
5 While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept.  
6 And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him.  
7 Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps.  
8 And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out.  
9 But the wise answered, saying, *Not so*; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves.  
10 And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut.  
11 Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us.  
12 But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not.  
13 Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.

11. Luke 12:35, 36, 38-40 (to :)

35 Let your loins be girded about, and *your* lights burning;  
36 And ye yourselves like unto men that wait for their lord, when he will return from the wedding; that when he cometh and knocketh, they may open unto him immediately.  
38 And if he shall come in the second watch, or come in the third watch, and find *them* so, blessed are those servants.  
39 And this know, that if the goodman of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched, and not have suffered his house to be broken through.  
40 Be ye therefore ready also:

12. Mark 14:12 1st the, 13, 17, 22-24, 26, 32, 33, 37, 38

12 the first day of unleavened bread, when they killed the passover, his disciples said unto him, Where wilt thou that we go and prepare that thou mayest eat the passover?  
13 And he sendeth forth two of his disciples, and saith unto them, Go ye into the city, and there shall meet you a man bearing a pitcher of water: follow him.  
17 And in the evening he cometh with the twelve.  
22 ¶ And as they did eat, Jesus took bread, and blessed, and brake *it*, and gave to them, and said, Take, eat: this is my body.  
23 And he took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave *it* to them: and they all drank of it.

- 24 And he said unto them, This is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many.
- 26 ¶ And when they had sung an hymn, they went out into the mount of Olives.
- 32 And they came to a place which was named Gethsemane: and he saith to his disciples, Sit ye here, while I shall pray.
- 33 And he taketh with him Peter and James and John, and began to be sore amazed, and to be very heavy;
- 37 And he cometh, and findeth them sleeping, and saith unto Peter, Simon, sleepest thou? couldest not thou watch one hour?
- 38 Watch ye and pray, lest ye enter into temptation. The spirit truly *is* ready, but the flesh *is* weak.

13. I Cor. 15:20

- 20 But now is Christ risen from the dead, *and* become the firstfruits of them that slept.

14. Col. 3:1

- 1 IF ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.

15. I Pet. 4:7 be

- 7 be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer.

16. Rev. 16:15 Blessed (to 2nd ,)

- 15 Blessed *is* he that watcheth,

17. Mark 13:37 what

- 37 what I say unto you I say unto all, Watch.

18. Isa 52:8 (to :)

- 8 Thy watchmen shall lift up the voice; with the voice together shall they sing:

19. Isa. 7:14 Behold

- 14 Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

**Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures by Mary Baker Eddy**

1. SH 254:2-8

- 8 Individuals are consistent who, watching

and praying, can “run, and not be weary; . . . walk, and not faint,” who gain good rapidly and hold their position, or attain slowly and yield not to discouragement. God requires perfection, but not until the battle between Spirit and flesh is fought and the victory won.

2. SH 579:8-9

**ABEL.** Watchfulness; self-offering; surrendering to  
9 the creator the early fruits of experience.

3. SH 592:22

**NOAH.** A corporeal mortal; knowledge of the nothingness of material things and of the immortality of all  
24 that is spiritual.

4. SH 584:26-27

**DOVE.** A symbol of divine Science; purity and peace;  
27 hope and faith.

5. SH vii:2-4

vii:1 The wakeful shepherd beholds  
3 the first faint morning beams, ere cometh the full radiance  
of a risen day.

6. SH 324:13 Be (only)

Be watchful, sober, and vigilant.

7. SH 1:6-9

6 Prayer, watching, and working, combined with self-immolation, are God’s gracious means for accomplishing  
9 whatever has been successfully done for the Christianization and health of mankind.

8. SH 4:17-22

Simply asking that we may love God will never  
18 make us love Him; but the longing to be better and holier, expressed in daily watchfulness and in striving to assimilate more of  
21 the divine character, will mould and fashion us anew, until we awake in His likeness.

Watchfulness  
requisite

9. SH 367:17

18 A Christian Scientist occupies the place at this period of which Jesus spoke to his disciples, when he said: “Ye are the salt of the earth.” “Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.” Let us watch, work, and pray that this salt  
21 lose not its saltness, and that this light be not hid, but

The salt of the  
earth

radiate and glow into noontide glory.

10. SH 445:2-5

Also the teacher must thoroughly fit his students to defend  
3 themselves against sin, and to guard against the  
attacks of the would-be *mental assassin*, who  
attempts to kill morally and physically.

Conforming to  
explicit rules

11. SH 392:32-3

The issues of pain or  
393:1 pleasure must come through mind, and like a watchman  
forsaking his post, we admit the intruding belief, forget-  
3 ting that through divine help we can forbid this entrance.

12. SH 463:32-2

It has been said to the author, “The world is bene-  
464:1 fited by you, but it feels your influence without seeing  
you.

13. SH 464:10

9 She therefore remains unseen at her post, seeking no self-  
aggrandizement but praying, watching, and working for  
12 the redemption of mankind.

14. SH 235:28-2

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.

Clergymen’s  
duty

15. SH 435:19-23

Watching beside the couch of pain in the exercise of a  
love that “is the fulfilling of the law,” — doing “unto  
21 others as ye would that they should do unto you,” — this  
is no infringement of law, for no demand, human or divine,  
renders it just to punish a man for acting justly.

16. SH 234:9-12

9 We should become more familiar with good than with  
evil, and guard against false beliefs as watchfully as we  
bar our doors against the approach of thieves  
12 and murderers.

Hospitality to  
health and good

17. SH 442:30

30 Christian Scientists, be a law to yourselves that mental



malpractice cannot harm you either when asleep or when awake.

18. SH 131:14-18

This Science has come

15 already, after the manner of God's appoint-  
ing, but the churches seem not ready to re-  
ceive it, according to the Scriptural saying, "He came  
18 unto his own, and his own received him not."

Churchly neglect

19. SH 47:31

During his night of gloom and glory in the garden,  
Jesus realized the utter error of a belief in any possi-  
48:1 ble material intelligence. The pangs of neglect and the  
staves of bigoted ignorance smote him sorely. His stu-  
3 dents slept. He said unto them: "Could ye  
not watch with me one hour?" Could they  
not watch with him who, waiting and struggling in voice-  
6 less agony, held uncomplaining guard over a world?  
There was no response to that human yearning, and so  
Jesus turned forever away from earth to heaven, from  
9 sense to Soul.

Gethsemane  
glorified

20. SH 15:18-22

We must resolve to  
take up the cross, and go forth with honest hearts to  
work and watch for wisdom, Truth, and Love. We  
21 must "pray without ceasing." Such prayer is an-  
swered, in so far as we put our desires into practice.

21. SH 497:24-27 And

24 And we solemnly promise to watch, and pray for  
that Mind to be in us which was also in Christ Jesus; to  
do unto others as we would have them do unto us; and  
27 to be merciful, just, and pure.