

Wed 9/25/24 - Never born and never dying



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Hymn. 135:1, 2

I know no life divided,
O Lord of life, from Thee;
In Thee is life provided
For all mankind and me:
I know no death, O Father,
Because I live in Thee;
Thy life it is that frees us
From death eternally.

I fear no tribulation,
Since, whatsoe'er it be,
It makes no separation
Between my Lord and me:
Since Thou, my God and Father,
Dost claim me as Thine own,
I richly shall inherit
All good, from Thee alone.

Words: RICHARD MASSIE, TR., ADAPTED

Music: William H. Monk

Hymn. 449:0-5

“Christmas Morn”

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, always.

Words: MARY BAKER EDDY

Music: Désirée Goyette

Hymn. 436:1, 2

All may seem vain, but we are forever
With You, written in the book of Life.
You are forever, You are forever,
All may seem vain, but You endure.
You, You endure; You, You endure,
With those written in the book of Life.

Life is eternal, infinite light, and
It gives us conviction, strength, and might.

Infinite light, infinite light,
Life is eternal, infinite light.
Infinite light, infinite light,
It gives us conviction, and strength, and might.

Words: VERSE 1 GERHARD FRITZSCHE; VERSE 2 JULIANE KLEIN; ENG. TR. CSPS
Music: Theophil Rothenberg

Prov. 12:28

28 In the way of righteousness *is* life; and *in* the pathway *thereof there is* no death.

Isa. 38:18 the (to :), 19 (to 3rd ,)

18 ... the grave cannot praise thee, death can *not* celebrate thee: ...

19 The living, the living, he shall praise thee, ...

Jer. 1:5

5 Before I formed thee in the belly, I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, *and* I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations.

John 17:24 3rd thou

24 ... thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world.

John 3:16 God

16 ... God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Rom. 6:23 2nd the

23 ... the gift of God *is* eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Isa. 9:2, 6

2 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.

6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

John 10:23–30 Jesus

- 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.

John 10:10 I

- 10 ... I am come that they might have life, and that they might have *it* more abundantly.

John 5:24

- 24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.

John 16:33 2nd In; 17:1–3

- 33 ... In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.
- 1 These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee:
- 2 As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him.
- 3 And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.

Matt. 20:17–19

- 17 ¶ And Jesus going up to Jerusalem took the twelve disciples apart in the way, and said unto them,
- 18 Behold, we go up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man shall be betrayed unto the chief priests and unto the scribes, and they shall condemn him to death,
- 19 And shall deliver him to the Gentiles to mock, and to scourge, and to crucify *him*: and the third day he shall rise again.

Mark 15:25 it

- 25 ... it was the third hour, and they crucified him.

Luke 24:1 (to 3rd), 2–10, 13–20, 25–34 (to 2nd)

- 1 Now upon the first *day* of the week, very early in the morning, they came unto the sepulchre, ...
- 2 And they found the stone rolled away from the sepulchre.
- 3 And they entered in, and found not the body of the Lord Jesus.
- 4 And it came to pass, as they were much perplexed thereabout, behold, two men stood by them in shining garments:
- 5 And as they were afraid, and bowed down *their* faces to the earth, they said unto them, Why seek ye the living among the dead?
- 6 He is not here, but is risen: remember how he spake unto you when he was yet in Galilee,
- 7 Saying, The Son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.
- 8 And they remembered his words,
- 9 And returned from the sepulchre, and told all these things unto the eleven, and to all the rest.
- 10 It was Mary Magdalene, and Joanna, and Mary *the mother* of James, and other *women that were* with them, which told these things unto the apostles.
- 13 ¶ And, behold, two of them went that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was from Jerusalem *about* threescore furlongs.
- 14 And they talked together of all these things which had happened.
- 15 And it came to pass, that, while they communed *together* and reasoned, Jesus himself drew near, and went with them.

- 16 But their eyes were holden that they should not know him.
- 17 And he said unto them, What manner of communications *are* these that ye have one to another, as ye walk, and are sad?
- 18 And the one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answering said unto him, Art thou only a stranger in Jerusalem, and hast not known the things which are come to pass there in these days?
- 19 And he said unto them, What things? And they said unto him, Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, which was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people:
- 20 And how the chief priests and our rulers delivered him to be condemned to death, and have crucified him.
- 25 Then he said unto them, O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken:
- 26 Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory?
- 27 And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself.
- 28 And they drew nigh unto the village, whither they went: and he made as though he would have gone further.
- 29 But they constrained him, saying, Abide with us: for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent. And he went in to tarry with them.
- 30 And it came to pass, as he sat at meat with them, he took bread, and blessed *it*, and brake, and gave to them.
- 31 And their eyes were opened, and they knew him; and he vanished out of their sight.
- 32 And they said one to another, Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the scriptures?
- 33 And they rose up the same hour, and returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven gathered together, and them that were with them,
- 34 Saying, The Lord is risen indeed, ...

I Cor. 15:55, 57

- 55 O death, where *is* thy sting? O grave, where *is* thy victory?
- 57 But thanks *be* to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Matt. 28:20 2nd I (to 1st .)

20 ... I am with you always, *even* unto the end of the world. ...

Rom. 8:38 I, 39

38 ... I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities,
nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,
39 Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from
the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Col. 3:3 your, 4

3 ... your life is hid with Christ in God.
4 When Christ, *who* is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him
in glory.

Rom. 6:4 like

4 ... like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so
we also should walk in newness of life.

Ps. 16:11

11 Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence *is* fulness of joy; at thy
right hand *there are* pleasures for evermore.

SH 394:28–29

We should remember that Life is God, and that God
is omnipotent.

SH 246:27–28 (to 1st .)

27 Life is eternal. We should find this out, and begin the
demonstration thereof.

SH 430:7–9

When man
gives up his belief in death, he will advance more rapidly
9 towards God, Life, and Love.

SH 468:25–29; 469:1–3, 4 2nd Life

Question. — What is Life?

Answer. — Life is divine Principle, Mind, Soul, Spirit.

27 Life is without beginning and without end.

Eternity, not time, expresses the thought of
Life, and time is no part of eternity.

Eternity
of Life

1 Life is neither in nor of mat-
ter. What is termed matter is unknown to Spirit, which
3 includes in itself all substance and is Life eternal.

Life is not
limited. Death and finiteness are unknown to Life. If
6 Life ever had a beginning, it would also have an ending.

SH 428:3–8

3 Life is real, and death is the illusion. A demonstra-
tion of the facts of Soul in Jesus' way resolves the dark
visions of material sense into harmony and
6 immortality. Man's privilege at this supreme
moment is to prove the words of our Master: "If a man
keep my saying, he shall never see death."

Vision
opening

SH 27:10

That Life is God, Jesus proved by his reappearance
after the crucifixion in strict accordance with his scien-
12 tific statement: "Destroy this temple [body],
and in three days I [Spirit] will raise it up."
It is as if he had said: The I — the Life, substance,
15 and intelligence of the universe — is not in matter to
be destroyed.

Living
temple

SH 289:14, 31

The fact that the Christ, or Truth, overcame and still
15 overcomes death proves the “king of terrors” to be but
a mortal belief, or error, which Truth destroys
with the spiritual evidences of Life; and this
18 shows that what appears to the senses to be death is but a
mortal illusion, for to the real man and the real universe
there is no death-process.

Death but
an illusion

Man is not the offspring of flesh, but of Spirit, — of
Life, not of matter. Because Life is God, Life must be
1 eternal, self-existent. Life is the everlasting I AM, the Be-
ing who was and is and shall be, whom nothing can erase.

SH 124:25–26 (to 1st .)

Spirit is the life, substance, and continuity of all
things.

SH 266:29

Man is deathless, spiritual. He
30 is above sin or frailty. He does not cross the barriers
of time into the vast forever of Life, but he coexists with
God and the universe.

SH 426:16–19, 23–28

When
it is learned that disease cannot destroy life, and that
18 mortals are not saved from sin or sickness by death, this
understanding will quicken into newness of life.

The relinquishment of all faith in death and also of
24 the fear of its sting would raise the standard of health
and morals far beyond its present elevation,
and would enable us to hold the banner of

Christian
standard

27 Christianity aloft with unflinching faith in God, in Life eternal.

SH 427:1–5, 14–16

1 If it is true that man lives, this fact can never change
in Science to the opposite belief that man dies. Life is
3 the law of Soul, even the law of the spirit of
Truth, and Soul is never without its represent-
ative.

Life not
contingent
on matter

Nothing can interfere with the
15 harmony of being nor end the existence of
man in Science.

Mortality
vanquished

SH 302:8–9

It is impossible that man should lose
9 aught that is real, when God is all and eternally his.

SH 406:20–25 We

We can, and ultimately
21 shall, so rise as to avail ourselves in every direc-
tion of the supremacy of Truth over error, Life
over death, and good over evil, and this growth will go
24 on until we arrive at the fulness of God’s idea, and no
more fear that we shall be sick and die.

Resist to
the end

SH 304:9–14

9 This is the doctrine of Christian
Science: that divine Love cannot be deprived of its
manifestation, or object; that joy cannot be turned into
12 sorrow, for sorrow is not the master of joy; that good can
never produce evil; that matter can never produce mind
nor life result in death.

SH 37:22–25

It is possible, — yea, it is the duty
and privilege of every child, man, and woman, — to follow
24 in some degree the example of the Master by the demon-
stration of Truth and Life, of health and holiness.

SH 209:1–2

1 Man, being immortal, has a perfect
indestructible life.