

# Wed 12/11/24 - "Joy to the world"

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## **Hymn. 417:1-3**

Joy to the world, the Lord is come,  
Let earth receive her King;  
Let every heart prepare him room,  
And heaven and nature sing.

No more let sin and sorrow grow,  
Nor thorns infest the ground;  
Where'er he comes, his blessings flow,  
And hope and joy abound.

He rules the world with truth and grace,  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of his righteousness  
And wonders of his love.

Words: ISAAC WATTS, ADAPTED

Music: G. F. Häendel, arr. by Lowell Mason

## **Hymn. 425:1-3**

O weary pilgrim, lift your head,  
For joy cometh in the morning;  
For God in His own Word hath said  
That joy cometh in the morning.

### REFRAIN

Joy cometh in the morning,  
Joy cometh in the morning;

Weeping may endure for a night,  
But joy cometh in the morning.

Our God shall wipe all tears away,  
For joy cometh in the morning;  
Sorrow and sighing flee away,  
For joy cometh in the morning.

#### REFRAIN

Words: M. M. WIENLAND  
Music: Edmund S. Lorenz

#### **Hymn. 481:1–3**

Go to the world! Go into every place!  
Go live the word of God's redeeming grace;  
Go seek God's presence in each time and space.  
Alleluia!

Go to the world! Go comfort, bless, and pray.  
The nights of tears give way to joyful day.  
In serving God, we follow Christ's own way.  
Alleluia!

Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,  
For I am with you till the ages end,  
When all the hosts of glory cry, "Amen!"  
Alleluia!

Words: SYLVIA DUNSTAN, ADAPT.  
Music: Charles Villiers Stanford

#### **Rom. 13:12 (to :)**

12 The night is far spent, the day is at hand: ...

**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.

**Luke 1:26–28 in, 31, 36, 38–42, 44, 46, 47**

- 26 ... in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth,
- 27 To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary.
- 28 And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, *thou that art* highly favoured, the Lord *is* with thee: blessed *art* thou among women.
- 31 And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS.
- 36 And, behold, thy cousin Elisabeth, she hath also conceived a son in her old age: and this is the sixth month with her, who was called barren.
- 38 And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her.
- 39 And Mary arose in those days, and went into the hill country with haste, into a city of Juda;
- 40 And entered into the house of Zacharias, and saluted Elisabeth.
- 41 And it came to pass, that, when Elisabeth heard the salutation of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb; and Elisabeth was filled with the Holy Ghost:
- 42 And she spake out with a loud voice, and said, Blessed *art* thou among women, and blessed *is* the fruit of thy womb.
- 44 For, lo, as soon as the voice of thy salutation sounded in mine ears, the babe leaped in my womb for joy.
- 46 And Mary said, My soul doth magnify the Lord,
- 47 And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

### **Luke 2:8–11, 14**

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.

10 And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

14 Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

### **Rev. 22:16 2nd I**

16 ... I am the root and the offspring of David, *and* the bright and morning star.

### **Isa. 61:1, 3 (to ;)**

1 The spirit of the Lord GOD *is* upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to *them that are* bound;

3 To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; ...

### **Ps. 30:5 weeping**

5 ... weeping may endure for a night, but joy *cometh* in the morning.

### **Matt. 4:23 Jesus**

23 ... Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people.

### **Matt. 5:1, 2, 4**

1 And seeing the multitudes, he went up into a mountain: and when he was set, his disciples came unto him:

2 And he opened his mouth, and taught them, saying,

4 Blessed *are* they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.

### **Luke 6:21 2nd Blessed**

21 ... Blessed *are ye* that weep now: for ye shall laugh.

### **Luke 7:11–16 he**

- 11 ... he went into a city called Nain; and many of his disciples went with him, and much people.
- 12 Now when he came nigh to the gate of the city, behold, there was a dead man carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow: and much people of the city was with her.
- 13 And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her, and said unto her, Weep not.
- 14 And he came and touched the bier: and they that bare *him* stood still. And he said, Young man, I say unto thee, Arise.
- 15 And he that was dead sat up, and began to speak. And he delivered him to his mother.
- 16 And there came a fear on all: and they glorified God, saying, That a great prophet is risen up among us; and, That God hath visited his people.

### **Ps. 30:11**

- 11 Thou hast turned for me my mourning into dancing: thou hast put off my sackcloth, and girded me with gladness;

### **Zeph. 3:17**

- 17 The LORD thy God in the midst of thee *is* mighty; he will save, he will rejoice over thee with joy; he will rest in his love, he will joy over thee with singing.

### **John 16:20–22, 24 ask**

- 20 Verily, verily, I say unto you, That ye shall weep and lament, but the world shall rejoice: and ye shall be sorrowful, but your sorrow shall be turned into joy.
- 21 A woman when she is in travail hath sorrow, because her hour is come: but as soon as she is delivered of the child, she remembereth no more the anguish, for joy that a man is born into the world.
- 22 And ye now therefore have sorrow: but I will see you again, and your heart

shall rejoice, and your joy no man taketh from you.

24 ... ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.

### Isa. 55:12 ye

12 ... ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace: the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap *their* hands.

### SH vii:1

1 **T**O those leaning on the sustaining infinite, to-day is  
big with blessings. The wakeful shepherd beholds  
3 the first faint morning beams, ere cometh the full radiance  
of a risen day. So shone the pale star to the prophet-  
shepherds; yet it traversed the night, and came where, in  
6 cradled obscurity, lay the Bethlehem babe, the human  
herald of Christ, Truth, who would make plain to be-  
nighted understanding the way of salvation through Christ  
9 Jesus, till across a night of error should dawn the morn-  
ing beams and shine the guiding star of being. The Wise-  
men were led to behold and to follow this daystar of  
12 divine Science, lighting the way to eternal harmony.

### SH 174:9–14

9 The footsteps of thought, rising above material stand-  
points, are slow, and portend a long night to the traveller;  
but the angels of His presence — the spiritual  
12 intuitions that tell us when “the night is far  
spent, the day is at hand” — are our guardians in the  
gloom.

Rise of  
thought

### SH 299:7–11

My angels are exalted thoughts, appearing at the door  
of some sepulchre, in which human belief has buried  
9 its fondest earthly hopes. With white fin-  
gers they point upward to a new and glo-

Our angelic  
messengers

rified trust, to higher ideals of life and its joys.

### SH 548:9–13

9 How little light or heat reach our earth when clouds  
cover the sun's face! So Christian Science can be seen  
only as the clouds of corporeal sense roll away.

12 Earth has little light or joy for mortals before  
Life is spiritually learned.

The clouds  
dissolving

### SH 265:23

Who that has felt the loss of human peace has not gained  
24 stronger desires for spiritual joy? The aspiration after  
heavenly good comes even before we discover  
what belongs to wisdom and Love. The loss  
27 of earthly hopes and pleasures brightens the ascending  
path of many a heart. The pains of sense quickly inform  
us that the pleasures of sense are mortal and that joy is  
30 spiritual.

Blessings  
from pain

### SH 39:8

We must have trials and self-denials, as well as  
9 joys and victories, until all error is destroyed.

### SH 66:10–14

Trials are

proofs of God's care. Spiritual development germi-  
12 nates not from seed sown in the soil of material hopes,  
but when these decay, Love propagates anew the higher  
joys of Spirit, which have no taint of earth.

### SH 566:1–9

1 As the children of Israel were guided triumphantly  
through the Red Sea, the dark ebbing and flowing tides  
3 of human fear, — as they were led through the  
wilderness, walking wearily through the great  
desert of human hopes, and anticipating the promised

Spiritual  
guidance

6 joy, — so shall the spiritual idea guide all right desires  
in their passage from sense to Soul, from a material sense  
of existence to the spiritual, up to the glory prepared for  
9 them who love God.

### SH 125:12–16

12 As human thought changes from one stage to another of conscious pain and painlessness, sorrow and  
joy, — from fear to hope and from faith to understand-  
15 ing, — the visible manifestation will at last be man gov-  
erned by Soul, not by material sense.

### SH 298:13–15, 19–20

Spiritual sense, contradicting the material senses, in-  
volves intuition, hope, faith, understanding, fruition, real-  
15 ity.

When the real is attained, which is announced by Science,  
joy is no longer a trembler, nor is hope a cheat.

### SH 76:22–26

The sinless joy, — the perfect harmony and immortality  
of Life, possessing unlimited divine beauty and goodness  
24 without a single bodily pleasure or pain, —  
constitutes the only veritable, indestructible  
man, whose being is spiritual.

Immaterial  
pleasure

### 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 342:21–24

21 Christian Science awakens the sinner, reclaims the  
infidel, and raises from the couch of pain the helpless  
invalid. It speaks to the dumb the words of  
24 Truth, and they answer with rejoicing.

Argument of  
good works

## SH 516:16–19 2nd The

The  
sunlight glints from the church-dome, glances into the  
18 prison-cell, glides into the sick-chamber, brightens the  
flower, beautifies the landscape, blesses the earth.

## SH 367:17

A Christian Scientist occupies the place at this period  
18 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 can-  
21 not be hid.” Let us watch, work, and pray that this salt  
lose not its saltness, and that this light be not hid, but  
radiate and glow into noontide glory.

The salt of  
the earth

## SH 55:15–21

15 Truth’s immortal idea is sweeping down the centuries,  
gathering beneath its wings the sick and sinning. My  
weary hope tries to realize that happy day, when man shall  
18 recognize the Science of Christ and love his neighbor as  
himself, — when he shall realize God’s omnipotence and  
the healing power of the divine Love in what it has done  
21 and is doing for mankind.

## SH 634:21–28; 635:5–10

I  
had been a sufferer from catarrh and sore throat for over  
thirty years, and in the last five were added several others,  
including dyspepsia, and bronchitis, and a loss in flesh of

sixty pounds. I was completely healed, and regained health, strength, and flesh through the spiritual understanding of Christian Science, the result of about six weeks' study.

While most grateful for the physical healing, my gratitude for the mental and spiritual regeneration is beyond expression. When I learned that Jesus' mission of healing sickness as well as sin did not end with his short stay upon earth, but is practical in all ages, my joy was unbounded.