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Sunday, December 29, 2024

Sunday Service Hymns, Bible Readings, etc.

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~ Hymn 392

Hymn 392, 393

LAURA C. NOURSE

(392) GOLDEN SHEAVES

ARTHUR S. SULLIVAN

(393) ACH GOTT UND HERR

Melody by C. Peter

With love and peace and joy supreme We hail the new appearing; From out the darkness and the dream, The haven of rest is nearing.

With gifts of healing in his wings To light the Christ now guides us, The heart that knows him burns and sings, For endless joy betides us.

His touch the door of Life unseals And bids us freely enter, His word the heaven of heavens reveals With Love its bound and center.

For God is all, and Christ the way; Our meek and bold defender Has cleft the night and lo, the day Bursts forth in mighty splendor.

Scriptural Selection

1. Isaiah 9:2

- 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.
- 2. Micah 5:2 thou
 - 2 thou, Beth–lehem Ephratah, *though* thou be little among the thousands of Judah, *yet* out of thee shall he come forth unto me *that is* to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth *have been* from of old, from everlasting.

3. Dan 7:13, 14

- 13 I saw in the night visions, and, behold, *one* like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him.
- 14 And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion *is* an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom *that* which shall not be destroyed.

4. John 1:17

17 For the law was given by Moses, *but* grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.

5. 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.

6. John 8:12

¹² ¶ Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

7. John 16:7-11, 13 (to :), 28

7 Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.

- 8 And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:
- 9 Of sin, because they believe not on me;
- 10 Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more;
- 11 Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged.
- 13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth:
- ²⁸ I came forth from the Father, and am come into the world: again, I leave the world, and go to the Father.

8. John 17:1, 3

- 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:
- 3 And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.

9. John 14:18

18 I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.

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Hymn 30–32, 434, 435

Love

Mary Baker Eddy

(30)

LOVE Walter E. Young

(31)

VITA

EATON FANING Music by permission of the executor of the late Dr. Joseph Eaton Faning

(32)

GOTTLOB Johann Sebastian Bach, alt.

Brood o'er us with Thy shelt'ring wing, 'Neath which our spirits blend

Like brother birds, that soar and sing, And on the same branch bend. The arrow that doth wound the dove Darts not from those who watch and love.

If thou the bending reed wouldst break By thought or word unkind, Pray that his spirit you partake, Who loved and healed mankind: Seek holy thoughts and heavenly strain, That make men one in love remain.

Learn, too, that wisdom's rod is given For faith to kiss, and know; That greetings glorious from high heaven, Whence joys supernal flow, Come from that Love, divinely near, Which chastens pride and earth-born fear,

Through God, who gave that word of might Which swelled creation's lay: "Let there be light, and there was light." What chased the clouds away? 'Twas Love whose finger traced aloud A bow of promise on the cloud.

Thou to whose power our hope we give, Free us from human strife. Fed by Thy love divine we live, For Love alone is Life; And life most sweet, as heart to heart Speaks kindly when we meet and part.

<u>Solo</u>

"Peace, Peace, Peace" Soloist: Lisa Rotondi

Bible Lesson

Subject: Christian Science (see Christian Science Quarterly for citations)

Hymn 221

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MARGARET GLENN MATTERS

(221)

ST. HILDA Justin H. Knecht O Jesus, our dear Master, Thy works, now understood, Reveal their full effulgence Through love and brotherhood. Today Christ's precious Science Thy healing power makes plain: With joy may all obey thee And cast out sin and pain.

The Christ, eternal manhood, As God's own Son beloved, A tender ever-presence Within each heart is proved. O God, our Father-Mother, Thy name we see expressed By man, who in Thy Science Is perfect, holy, blessed.

O Science, God-sent message To tired humanity, Thou art Love's revelation Of Truth that makes us free. Thy kingdom, God, within us Shows forth Love's sweet control. God's idea, man, rejoices; He knows the reign of Soul.

Scientific Statement of Being

SH 468:9 There

- 9 There is no life, truth, intelligence, nor substance in matter. All is infinite Mind and its infinite manifestation, for God is All-in-all. Spirit is immortal
- Truth; matter is mortal error. Spirit is the real and eternal; matter is the unreal and temporal. Spirit is God, and man is His image and likeness. Therefore
- ¹⁵ man is not material; he is spiritual.

Correlative Scripture

I John 3:1-3

- 1 BEHOLD, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.
- 2 Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.
- 3 And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.

Benediction

Daniel - Chapter 5 v 14 (NKJV)

I have heard of you, that the Spirit of God is in you, and that light and understanding and excellent wisdom are found in you.

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