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## **Hymns: 11, 226, 310**

Hymn 11

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MARION SUSAN CAMPBELL

(11)

### **SALZBURG**

JAKOB HINTZE

*Harmonized by J. S. Bach*

Angels at the Saviour's birth  
Woke with music all the earth,  
Shepherds in the eastern sky  
Saw a pale star passing by,  
Guiding them at break of day  
Where the babe in meekness lay,  
Born the gracious news to tell,  
God with us, Immanuel.

Star of being, still thy light  
Shines before us in the night,  
By those radiant beams we find  
Christ, the Truth, for all mankind,  
Still the tidings angels bring  
With their joyful caroling,  
Telling that the dawn has come,  
God and man fore'er at one.

Hymn 226

### **Hymn 226**

WASHINGTON GLADDEN\*

(226)

### **ELLACOMBE**

MAINZ GESANGBUCH, 1833

O Lord of life, to Thee we lift  
Our hearts in praise for those,  
Thy prophets, who have shown Thy gift  
Of grace that ever grows,

Of truth that spreads from shore to shore,  
Of wisdom's widening ray,  
Of light that shineth more and more  
Unto Thy perfect day.

Shine forth, O Light, that we may see,  
With hearts all unafraid,  
The meaning and the majesty  
Of things that Thou hast made:  
Shine forth, and let the darkling past  
Beneath Thy beam grow bright;  
Shine forth, and touch the future vast  
With Thine untroubled light.

Light up Thy word; the fettered page  
From darkened bondage free:  
Light up our way; lead forth this age  
In love's large liberty.  
O Light of light, within us dwell,  
Through us Thy radiance pour,  
That word and deed Thy truths may tell,  
And praise Thee evermore.

Hymn 310

### **Hymn 310**

JOHN RANDALL DUNN

(310)

### **BETHLEHEM**

MENDELSSOHN—CUMMINGS

Sing, ye joyous children, sing,  
Glorious is the Christ, our king,  
Truth has come again to earth,  
Through the lowly Saviour's birth.  
Men and angels, anthems raise;  
Hymns of joy and shouts of praise.  
Hear th' angelic song again:  
Peace on earth, good will to men.  
Sing, ye joyous children, sing,  
Glorious is the Christ, our king.

When the stars together sang,  
Then the Truth triumphant rang:  
Be there light; And there was light.  
Gone are chaos, fear and night;  
Truth hath rolled the mists away;  
Dawns on earth harmonious day.

Hear th' angelic song again:  
Peace on earth, good will to men.  
Sing, ye joyous children, sing,  
Glorious is the Christ, our king.

### **The Bible**

1. Gen 1:1, 2 (to 1st .), 3, 4 (to :), 16

- 1 IN the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.
- 2 And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness *was* upon the face of the deep.
- 3 And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.
- 4 And God saw the light, that *it was* good:
- 16 And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: *he made* the stars also.

2. Job 37:14 stand, 15

- 14 stand still, and consider the wondrous works of God.
- 15 Dost thou know when God disposed them, and caused the light of his cloud to shine?

3. Ps 27:1 (to ;)

- 1 THE LORD *is* my light and my salvation;

4. II Sam 22:29 thou

- 29 thou *art* my lamp, O LORD: and the LORD will lighten my darkness.

5. II Sam 23:4

- 4 And *he shall be* as the light of the morning, *when* the sun riseth, *even* a morning without clouds; *as* the tender grass *springing* out of the earth by clear shining after rain.

6. Isa 58:8 (to :), 14 (to ;)

- 8 ¶ Then shall thy light break forth as the morning, and thine health shall spring forth speedily:
- 14 Then shalt thou delight thyself in the LORD;

7. Isa 60:1-4 (to 1st :)

- 1 ARISE, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee.
- 2 For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the LORD shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee.

3 And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising.

4 Lift up thine eyes round about, and see:

8. Num. 24:17 there (to 4th ,)

17 there shall come a Star out of Jacob, and a Sceptre shall rise out of Israel,

9. II Pet. 1:19

19 We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts:

10. John 1:1, 4-9

1 IN the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

4 In him was life; and the life was the light of men.

5 And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.

6 ¶ There was a man sent from God, whose name *was* John.

7 The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all *men* through him might believe.

8 He was not that Light, but *was sent* to bear witness of that Light.

9 *That* was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.

11. Matt. 3:13-17

13 ¶ Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him.

14 But John forbad him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me?

15 And Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer *it to be so* now: for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness. Then he suffered him.

16 And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him:

17 And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

12. John 9:1-7 as

1 as *Jesus* passed by, he saw a man which was blind from *his* birth.

2 And his disciples asked him, saying, Master, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind?

- 3 Jesus answered, Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him.
- 4 I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.
- 5 As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.
- 6 When he had thus spoken, he spat on the ground, and made clay of the spittle, and he anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay,
- 7 And said unto him, Go, wash in the pool of Siloam, (which is by interpretation, Sent.) He went his way therefore, and washed, and came seeing.

13. Matt 4:12, 23

- 12 ¶ Now when Jesus had heard that John was cast into prison, he departed into Galilee;
- 23 ¶ And 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.

14. Matt 5:1, 2, 8, 14-16

- 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,
- 8 Blessed *are* the pure in heart: for they shall see God.
- 14 Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.
- 15 Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house.
- 16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

15. Matt 6:22

- 22 The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light.

16. Ps. 97:11, 12

- 11 Light is sown for the righteous, and gladness for the upright in heart.
- 12 Rejoice in the LORD, ye righteous; and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness.

17. Ps 18:28

- 28 For thou wilt light my candle: the LORD my God will enlighten my darkness.

18. Rev. 22:16

16 I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, *and* the bright and morning star.

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

1. SH 255:3-6

“Let there be light,”  
is the perpetual demand of Truth and Love,  
changing chaos into order and discord into the  
6 music of the spheres.

2. SH 503:18-14

18 *Genesis* i. 3. And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.

Immortal and divine Mind presents the idea of God:  
21 *first*, in light; *second*, in reflection; *third*, in spiritual and immortal forms of beauty and goodness. But this Mind creates no element nor symbol of  
24 discord and decay. God creates neither erring thought, mortal life, mutable truth, nor variable love.

Mind's idea  
faultless

27 *Genesis* i. 4. And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness.

God, Spirit, dwelling in infinite light and harmony  
504:1 from which emanates the true idea, is never reflected by aught but the good.

3 *Genesis* i. 5. And God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.

6 All questions as to the divine creation being both spiritual and material are answered in this passage, for though solar beams are not yet included in  
9 the record of creation, still there is light. This light is not from the sun nor from volcanic flames, but it is the revelation of Truth and of spiritual ideas. This  
12 also shows that there is no place where God's light is not seen, since Truth, Life, and Love fill immensity and are ever-present.

Light preceding  
the sun

3. SH 591:23

24 **MORNING.** Light; symbol of Truth; revelation and progress.

4. SH 584:1-8

584:1 **DAY.** The irradiance of Life; light, the spiritual idea  
of Truth and Love.

3 “And the evening and the morning were the first day.”  
(Genesis i. 5.) The objects of time and sense disappear  
6 in the illumination of spiritual understanding, and Mind  
measures time according to the good that is unfolded.  
This unfolding is God’s day, and “there shall be no night  
there.”

5. SH 131:26-9

The mission of Jesus confirmed prophecy, and ex-  
27 plained the so-called miracles of olden time as natural  
demonstrations of the divine power, demonstra-  
tions which were not understood. Jesus’ works  
30 established his claim to the Messiahship. In  
reply to John’s inquiry, “Art thou he that should come,”  
132:1 Jesus returned an affirmative reply, recounting his works  
instead of referring to his doctrine, confident that this  
3 exhibition of the divine power to heal would fully an-  
swer the question. Hence his reply: “Go and show  
John again those things which ye do hear and see: the  
6 blind receive their sight and the lame walk, the lepers  
are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up,  
and the poor have the gospel preached to them. And  
9 blessed is he, whosoever shall not be offended in me.”

John the Baptist,  
and the Messiah

6. SH 95:23

Led by a solitary star amid  
24 the darkness, the Magi of old foretold the Messiahship  
of Truth. Is the wise man of to-day believed, when he  
beholds the light which heralds Christ’s eternal dawn  
27 and describes its effulgence?

7. SH 191:13

Thus the whole  
earth will be transformed by Truth on its pinions of light,  
15 chasing away the darkness of error.

8. SH 557:18

Divine  
Science rolls back the clouds of error with the light of  
Truth, and lifts the curtain on man as never born and as  
21 never dying, but as coexistent with his creator.

9. SH 293:28

30 Christian Science

brings to light Truth and its supremacy, universal harmony, the entireness of God, good, and the nothingness of evil.

10. SH 42:6-8

Death

will be found at length to be a mortal dream,  
which comes in darkness and disappears with the light.

11. SH 215:12-21

Whatever is governed by God, is never for an instant deprived of the light and might of intelligence and Life.

15 We are sometimes led to believe that darkness is as real as light; but Science affirms darkness to be only a mortal sense of the absence of light, at the coming of  
18 which darkness loses the appearance of reality.  
So sin and sorrow, disease and death, are the suppositional absence of Life, God, and flee as phantoms of error before  
21 truth and love.

Light and  
darkness

12. SH 240:7

Suns and planets teach grand lessons.

The stars make night beautiful, and the leaflet turns naturally towards the light.  
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13. SH 458:32-3

Christianity causes men to turn naturally from matter  
459:1 to Spirit, as the flower turns from darkness to light.

Man then appropriates those things which "eye hath  
3 not seen nor ear heard."

Advancement by  
sacrifice

14. SH 266:24-29 (to 1st .)

24 Mortals must follow Jesus' sayings and his demonstrations, which dominate the flesh. Perfect and infinite Mind enthroned is heaven. The evil beliefs  
27 which originate in mortals are hell. Man is the idea of Spirit; he reflects the beatific presence, illumining the universe with light.

Beatific presence

15. SH 562:11 1st The (only), 16

The spiritual idea is crowned with twelve stars. These are the stars in the crown of rejoicing. They are the lamps in the spiritual heavens  
18 of the age, which show the workings of the spiritual idea by healing the sick and the sinning, and by manifesting the light which shines "unto the perfect day" as the night  
21 of materialism wanes.



16. SH 282:31-1

The rule of inversion infers from  
error its opposite, Truth; but Truth is the light which  
283:1 dispels error.

17. SH 418:28-32

Speak the  
truth to every form of error. Tumors, ulcers,  
30 tubercles, inflammation, pain, deformed joints, are wak-  
ing dream-shadows, dark images of mortal thought, which  
flee before the light of Truth.

18. SH 295:16

The manifestation of God through mortals is as light  
passing through the window-pane. The light and the  
18 glass never mingle, but as matter, the glass  
is less opaque than the walls. The mortal  
mind through which Truth appears most vividly is that  
21 one which has lost much materiality — much error — in  
order to become a better transparency for Truth. Then,  
like a cloud melting into thin vapor, it no longer hides  
24 the sun.

Goodness  
transparent

19. SH 305:6-8, 22-27

Man, in the  
likeness of his Maker, reflects the central light  
of being, the invisible God.  
In  
the illusion of life that is here to-day and  
24 gone to-morrow, man would be wholly mortal, were  
it not that Love, the divine Principle that obtains in  
divine Science, destroys all error and brings immor-  
27 tality to light.

Human  
reflection

20. SH 347:14

12 Christ, as the spir-  
15 itual or true idea of God, comes now as of  
old, preaching the gospel to the poor, heal-  
ing the sick, and casting out evils. Is it error which  
18 is restoring an essential element of Christianity, —  
namely, apostolic, divine healing? No; it is the Science  
of Christianity which is restoring it, and is the light  
21 shining in darkness, which the darkness comprehends  
not.

21. SH 474:31-2 (to 1st .)

475:1 Truth destroys falsity and error, for light and

darkness cannot dwell together. Light extinguishes the darkness, and the Scripture declares that there is “no night there.”

22. SH 452:7-12

Walking in the light, we are accustomed to the light and require it; we cannot see in darkness. But eyes accustomed to darkness are pained by the light. When outgrowing the old, you should not fear to put on the new. Your advancing course may provoke envy, but it will also attract respect.

Egotistic  
darkness

23. SH 367:17

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 lose not its saltness, and that this light be not hid, but radiate and glow into noontide glory.

The salt of the  
earth