

# Wed 2/11/25 - Love is always at hand



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## **Hymn. 587:1–4**

There is a presence walks with us  
On every pathless way,  
A light outshining midday sun  
However dark the day.

We reach our hand—and feel God near;  
We cry—and She replies.  
We open eyes that sense had dimmed;  
We stretch our wings and rise

Above the mist, above the dark,  
Above the threats of fear,  
Upheld by Love that never fails  
And is forever near.

We cannot stray beyond Love's care,  
For Love does fill all space;  
And where we go the path is marked  
By angels of Love's grace.

Words: KATHRYN PAULSON GROUNDS, ALT.  
Music: Peter Johnson

## **Hymn. 192:1–6**

Nearer, my God, to Thee,  
Nearer to Thee:  
E'en though it be a cross

That raiseth me;  
Still all my song shall be,

REFRAIN

Nearer, my God, to Thee,  
Nearer, my God, to Thee,  
Nearer to Thee.

Though like the wanderer,  
The sun gone down,  
Darkness be over me,  
My rest a stone;  
Yet in my dreams I'd be

REFRAIN

There let the way appear,  
Steps unto heaven;  
All that Thou sendest me  
In mercy given;  
Angels to beckon me

REFRAIN

Then, with my waking thoughts  
Bright with Thy praise,  
Out of my stony griefs  
Bethel I'll raise;  
So by my woes to be

REFRAIN

Or if on joyful wing  
Cleaving the sky,  
Sun, moon, and stars forgot,  
Upward I fly,

Still all my song shall be,

REFRAIN

Words: SARAH F. ADAMS

Music: Lowell Mason

**Hymn. 598:1, 2**

Where you're going, Love will lead you.  
Where you're walking, Love will guide.  
If you're hungry, Love will feed you.  
Love is always at your side.  
When you're sleeping, Love will guard you.  
When you waken, comfort give.  
Always faithful, Love surrounds you,  
For by Love alone we live.

Let not want or lack confine you,  
Love is ever your supply.  
God's great good shall now define you,  
As on Love your hopes rely.  
Though temptation may assail you,  
Love will save you lest you stray.  
Love's protection never fails you—  
God is Love and guards your way.

Words: ELENORA E. PIKE, ADAPT.

Music: American melody, Moore's Columbian Harmony, 1825; harm. CSPS

**I John 4:16 2nd God**

16 ... God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.

**Jer. 31:3**

3 The LORD hath appeared of old unto me, *saying*, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee.

**Jer. 23:23**

23 *Am* I a God at hand, saith the LORD, and not a God afar off?

**Isa. 49:16 (to ;)**

16 Behold, I have graven thee upon the palms of *my* hands; ...

**Isa. 41:13 I**

13 ... I the LORD thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not; I will help thee.

**Eccl. 9:1 (to :)**

1 For all this I considered in my heart even to declare all this, that the righteous, and the wise, and their works, *are* in the hand of God: ...

**Ruth 1:1, 2 (to 3rd ,), 3–6 (to :), 7, 8, 9 Then, 16, 22 (to :)**

1 Now it came to pass in the days when the judges ruled, that there was a famine in the land. And a certain man of Beth–lehem–judah went to sojourn in the country of Moab, he, and his wife, and his two sons.

2 And the name of the man *was* Elimelech, and the name of his wife Naomi, and the name of his two sons Mahlon and Chilion, ...

3 And Elimelech Naomi's husband died; and she was left, and her two sons.

4 And they took them wives of the women of Moab; the name of the one *was* Orpah, and the name of the other Ruth: and they dwelled there about ten years.

5 And Mahlon and Chilion died also both of them; and the woman was left of her two sons and her husband.

6 ¶ Then she arose with her daughters in law, that she might return from the country of Moab: ...

7 Wherefore she went forth out of the place where she was, and her two daughters in law with her; and they went on the way to return unto the land of Judah.

8 And Naomi said unto her two daughters in law, Go, return each to her mother's house: the LORD deal kindly with you, as ye have dealt with the dead, and with me.

9 ... Then she kissed them; and they lifted up their voice, and wept.

16 And Ruth said, Entreat me not to leave thee, *or* to return from following after

thee: for whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge: thy people *shall be* my people, and thy God my God:

- 22 So Naomi returned, and Ruth the Moabitess, her daughter in law, with her, which returned out of the country of Moab: ...

**Ps. 139:7–10**

- 7 Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence?  
8 If I ascend up into heaven, thou *art* there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou *art there*.  
9 *If* I take the wings of the morning, *and* dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea;  
10 Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me.

**Ezek. 34:11 thus, 12, 15, 16 (to :)**

- 11 ... thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I, *even* I, will both search my sheep, and seek them out.  
12 As a shepherd seeketh out his flock in the day that he is among his sheep *that are* scattered; so will I seek out my sheep, and will deliver them out of all places where they have been scattered in the cloudy and dark day.  
15 I will feed my flock, and I will cause them to lie down, saith the Lord GOD.  
16 I will seek that which was lost, and bring again that which was driven away, and will bind up *that which* was broken, and will strengthen that which was sick: ...

**Ps. 34:18 (to ;)**

- 18 The LORD *is* nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; ...

**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.

**Luke 7:11–15 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.

**Matt. 5:4**

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

**II Cor. 1:3, 4**

- 3 Blessed *be* God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of  
mercies, and the God of all comfort;
- 4 Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them  
which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are  
comforted of God.

**John 14:16–18 I**

- 16 ... I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may  
abide with you for ever;
- 17 *Even* the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him  
not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and  
shall be in you.
- 18 I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.

**Rom. 8:35, 37–39**

- 35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? *shall* tribulation, or distress, or  
persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?
- 37 Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved  
us.
- 38 For 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.

## SH 2:23–28

24 God is Love. Can we ask Him to be more? God is intelligence. Can we inform the infinite Mind of anything He does not already comprehend?

27 Do we expect to change perfection? Shall we plead for more at the open fount, which is pouring forth more than we accept?

God's  
standard

## SH 520:3–5 The (to .)

3 The depth, breadth,  
height, might, majesty, and glory of infinite Love fill all space.

## SH 6:17–18 More

18 More than this we cannot ask,  
higher we cannot look, farther we cannot go.

## 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 361:16

18 As a drop of water is one with the ocean, a ray of light one with the sun, even so God and man, Father and son, are one in being. The Scripture reads: “For in Him we live, and move, and have our being.”

## SH 306:13–19

If Life or Soul and its representative, man, unite for a period and then are separated as by a law of divorce to

15 be brought together again at some uncertain future time  
and in a manner unknown, — and this is the general  
religious opinion of mankind, — we are left without a  
18 rational proof of immortality. But man cannot be sep-  
arated for an instant from God, if man reflects God.

### SH 91:5–7

Let us rid ourselves of the belief that man is separated  
6 from God, and obey only the divine Principle, Life and  
Love.

### SH 303:30

30 When the evidence  
before the material senses yielded to spiritual sense, the  
apostle declared that nothing could alienate him from  
1 God, from the sweet sense and presence of Life and  
Truth.

### 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 57:24

24 The wintry  
blasts of earth may uproot the flowers of affec-  
tion, and scatter them to the winds; but this severance  
27 of fleshly ties serves to unite thought more closely to  
God, for Love supports the struggling heart until it ceases  
to sigh over the world and begins to unfold its wings for  
30 heaven.

Help and  
discipline



## SH 266:6–10

6 Would existence without personal friends be to you  
a blank? Then the time will come when you will be  
solitary, left without sympathy; but this  
9 seeming vacuum is already filled with divine  
Love.

Uses of  
adversity

## SH 567:3–6 Truth, 7–8

3 Truth  
and Love come nearer in the hour of woe, when strong  
faith or spiritual strength wrestles and prevails through  
6 the understanding of God.

To infinite, ever-present Love, all is  
Love, and there is no error, no sin, sickness, nor death.

## SH 569:11–14

He that touches the hem  
12 of Christ's robe and masters his mortal beliefs, animality,  
and hate, rejoices in the proof of healing, — in a sweet  
and certain sense that God is Love.

## SH 45:16

Glory be to God, and peace to the struggling hearts!  
Christ hath rolled away the stone from the door of hu-  
18 man hope and faith, and through the reve-  
lation and demonstration of life in God, hath  
elevated them to possible at-one-ment with the spiritual  
21 idea of man and his divine Principle, Love.

The stone  
rolled away

## SH 494:10

Divine Love always has met and always will meet every  
human need. It is not well to imagine that Jesus demon-  
12 strated the divine power to heal only for a select number  
or for a limited period of time, since to all mankind and

in every hour, divine Love supplies all good.

**SH 578:5–18**

[DIVINE LOVE] is my shepherd; I shall not want.

6 [LOVE] maketh me to lie down in green pastures:  
[LOVE] leadeth me beside the still waters.

[LOVE] restoreth my soul [spiritual sense]: [LOVE] lead-  
9 eth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of  
death, I will fear no evil: for [LOVE] is with me; [LOVE's]  
12 rod and [LOVE's] staff they comfort me.

[LOVE] prepareth a table before me in the presence of  
mine enemies: [LOVE] anointeth my head with oil; my cup  
15 runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of  
my life; and I will dwell in the house [the consciousness]  
18 of [LOVE] for ever.