

We are called for such a time as this

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Hymn. 82:1–3

God is working His purpose out
As year succeeds to year,
God is working His purpose out
And the time is drawing near;
Nearer and nearer draws the time,
The time that shall surely be,
When the earth shall be filled with
the glory of God
As the waters cover the sea.

What can we do to work God's work,
To prosper and increase
The brotherhood of all mankind,
The reign of the Prince of Peace?
What can we do to hasten the time,
The time that shall surely be,
When the earth shall be filled with
the glory of God
As the waters cover the sea?

March we forth in the strength of God
With the banner of Christ unfurled,
That the light of the glorious Gospel of truth
May shine throughout the world;
Fight we the fight with sorrow and sin,
To set their captives free,
That the earth may be filled with

the glory of God
As the waters cover the sea.

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Music: H. Walford Davies

Hymn. 527:1, 2

"Lord, ... open his eyes, that he may see,"
The mighty prophet prayed.
Send not armies great and strong,
Neither strength to battle wrong,
But lift his vision to behold
Your truth already here,
The legions of omnipotence,
The hosts of Your deliverance.
Awake, O man, and know
Love's all-embracing sphere.

Lord, open my eyes that I may see
Your presence everywhere,
My dwelling circled by Your might,
My mountaintop aflame with light,
The shining sentinels of Your love
Triumphant in this hour.
For You with me are greater far
Than all the seeming evils are.
Be still, O heart, and trust
God's omnipresent power.

Words: ELIZABETH GLASS BARLOW, ALT.
Music: Désirée Goyette

Hymn. 600:1–6

Who was that man in Galilee,
Healing and teaching beside the sea?

What was the power that made him strong?
How can we learn to sing his song?

He told us,
I am the light of the world,
I am the light of the world,
So follow me and shine out
For I am the light of the world!

Why are we here, and who are we?
What is his purpose for you and me?
Our little light seems small and dim
Next to the blaze that comes from him!

He told us,
You are the salt of the earth,
You are the light of the world.
So follow me and shine out
For you are the light of the world!

Christ is the light with which we shine,
Lit from within by this love divine.
Step out with courage, dare to go,
Give from the heart the love you know.

He told us,
We are the salt of the earth,
We are the light of the world.
We follow him and shine out
For Christ is the light of the world!

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Music: Andrew D. Brewis

Ps. 5:3, 8

- 3 My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O LORD; in the morning will I direct *my prayer* unto thee, and will look up.
- 8 Lead me, O LORD, in thy righteousness because of mine enemies; make thy way straight before my face.

II Chron. 20:15 Thus

- 15 ... Thus saith the LORD unto you, Be not afraid nor dismayed by reason of this great multitude; for the battle *is* not yours, but God's.

Eccl. 9:14, 15 (to ;)

- 14 *There was* a little city, and few men within it; and there came a great king against it, and besieged it, and built great bulwarks against it:
- 15 Now there was found in it a poor wise man, and he by his wisdom delivered the city; ...

Josh. 1:9

- 9 Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God *is* with thee whithersoever thou goest.

I Sam. 17:4, 8–11, 32–35 (to :), 37, 40, 45, 46 (to 1st ;), 47–50, 51 6th And

- 4 ¶ And there went out a champion out of the camp of the Philistines, named Goliath, of Gath, whose height *was* six cubits and a span.
- 8 And he stood and cried unto the armies of Israel, and said unto them, Why are ye come out to set *your* battle in array? *am* not I a Philistine, and ye servants to Saul? choose you a man for you, and let him come down to me.
- 9 If he be able to fight with me, and to kill me, then will we be your servants: but if I prevail against him, and kill him, then shall ye be our servants, and serve us.
- 10 And the Philistine said, I defy the armies of Israel this day; give me a man, that we may fight together.
- 11 When Saul and all Israel heard those words of the Philistine, they were dismayed, and greatly afraid.
- 32 ¶ And David said to Saul, Let no man's heart fail because of him; thy servant

will go and fight with this Philistine.

33 And Saul said to David, Thou art not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him: for thou *art but* a youth, and he a man of war from his youth.

34 And David said unto Saul, Thy servant kept his father's sheep, and there came a lion, and a bear, and took a lamb out of the flock:

35 And I went out after him, and smote him, and delivered *it* out of his mouth: ...

37 David said moreover, The LORD that delivered me out of the paw of the lion, and out of the paw of the bear, he will deliver me out of the hand of this Philistine. And Saul said unto David, Go, and the LORD be with thee.

40 And he took his staff in his hand, and chose him five smooth stones out of the brook, and put them in a shepherd's bag which he had, even in a scrip; and his sling *was* in his hand: and he drew near to the Philistine.

45 Then said David to the Philistine, Thou comest to me with a sword, and with a spear, and with a shield: but I come to thee in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom thou hast defied.

46 This day will the LORD deliver thee into mine hand; ...

47 And all this assembly shall know that the LORD saveth not with sword and spear: for the battle *is* the LORD's, and he will give you into our hands.

48 And it came to pass, when the Philistine arose, and came and drew nigh to meet David, that David hasted, and ran toward the army to meet the Philistine.

49 And David put his hand in his bag, and took thence a stone, and slang *it*, and smote the Philistine in his forehead, that the stone sunk into his forehead; and he fell upon his face to the earth.

50 So David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and with a stone, and smote the Philistine, and slew him; but *there was* no sword in the hand of David.

51 ... And when the Philistines saw their champion was dead, they fled.

Ps. 27:1

1 The LORD *is* my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the LORD *is* the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Esth. 2:17; 3:1 (to Haman), 8, 9 (to :), 13 (to 5th ,)

17 And the king loved Esther above all the women, and she obtained grace and favour in his sight more than all the virgins; so that he set the royal crown

upon her head, and made her queen instead of Vashti.

1 After these things did king Ahasuerus promote Haman ...

8 ¶ And Haman said unto king Ahasuerus, There is a certain people scattered abroad and dispersed among the people in all the provinces of thy kingdom; and their laws *are* diverse from all people; neither keep they the king's laws: therefore it *is* not for the king's profit to suffer them.

9 If it please the king, let it be written that they may be destroyed: ...

13 And the letters were sent by posts into all the king's provinces, to destroy, to kill, and to cause to perish, all Jews, ...

Esth. 4:3, 7 (to Mordecai), 8–13 gave, 14 3rd and

3 And in every province, whithersoever the king's commandment and his decree came, *there was* great mourning among the Jews, and fasting, and weeping, and wailing; and many lay in sackcloth and ashes.

7 And Mordecai ...

8 ... gave him the copy of the writing of the decree that was given at Shushan to destroy them, to shew *it* unto Esther, and to declare *it* unto her, and to charge her that she should go in unto the king, to make supplication unto him, and to make request before him for her people.

9 And Hatach came and told Esther the words of Mordecai.

10 ¶ Again Esther spake unto Hatach, and gave him commandment unto Mordecai;

11 All the king's servants, and the people of the king's provinces, do know, that whosoever, whether man or woman, shall come unto the king into the inner court, who is not called, *there is* one law of his to put *him* to death, except such to whom the king shall hold out the golden sceptre, that he may live: but I have not been called to come in unto the king these thirty days.

12 And they told to Mordecai Esther's words.

13 Then Mordecai commanded to answer Esther, Think not with thyself that thou shalt escape in the king's house, more than all the Jews.

14 ... and who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for *such* a time as this?

Deut. 31:6

- 6 Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the LORD thy God, he *it is* that doth go with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.

Isa. 54:17 (to 1st .)

- 17 ¶ No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue *that* shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. ...

Luke 4:14–21

- 14 ¶ And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee: and there went out a fame of him through all the region round about.
- 15 And he taught in their synagogues, being glorified of all.
- 16 ¶ And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up for to read.
- 17 And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Esaias. And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written,
- 18 The Spirit of the Lord *is* upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,
- 19 To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.
- 20 And he closed the book, and he gave *it* again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him.
- 21 And he began to say unto them, This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears.

Luke 6:17, 19

- 17 ¶ And he came down with them, and stood in the plain, and the company of his disciples, and a great multitude of people out of all Judæa and Jerusalem, and from the sea coast of Tyre and Sidon, which came to hear him, and to be healed of their diseases;
- 19 And the whole multitude sought to touch him: for there went virtue out of him, and healed *them* all.

John 14:9 (to saith), 12, 16

- 9 Jesus saith ...
- 12 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater *works* than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.
- 16 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;

II Tim. 1:7

- 7 For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

Phil. 4:13

- 13 I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

Luke 1:37

- 37 For with God nothing shall be impossible.

SH 150:4

- To-day the healing power of Truth is widely demonstrated as an immanent, eternal Science, instead of a
- 6 phenomenal exhibition. Its appearing is the coming anew of the gospel of “on earth peace, good-will toward men.” This coming, as was promised
- 9 by the Master, is for its establishment as a permanent dispensation among men; but the mission of Christian Science now, as in the time of its earlier demonstration,
- 12 is not primarily one of physical healing. Now, as then, signs and wonders are wrought in the metaphysical healing of physical disease; but these signs are only to demonstrate its divine origin, — to attest the reality of the higher
- 15 mission of the Christ-power to take away the sins of the world.

The main
purpose

SH 10:12–15

12 Christian Science reveals a necessity for overcoming the
world, the flesh, and evil, and thus destroying all error.

Seeking is not sufficient. It is striving that enables
15 us to enter.

SH 135:17

There is to-day danger of repeating
18 the offence of the Jews by limiting the Holy One of Israel
and asking: “Can God furnish a table in the wilderness?”
What cannot God do?

SH 268:9

9 Material-
istic hypotheses challenge metaphysics to meet in final
combat. In this revolutionary period, like the shep-
12 herd-boy with his sling, woman goes forth to battle with
Goliath.

SH 95:28–29, 32; 96:12–27, 31

Lulled by stupefying illusions, the world is asleep
in the cradle of infancy, dreaming away the hours.

Humanity advances
1 slowly out of sinning sense into spiritual understanding;
unwillingness to learn all things rightly, binds Christen-
3 dom with chains.

12 This material world is even now becoming the arena
for conflicting forces. On one side there will be discord
and dismay; on the other side there will be
15 Science and peace. The breaking up of mate-
rial beliefs may seem to be famine and pestilence, want
and woe, sin, sickness, and death, which assume new

Arena of
contest

18 phases until their nothingness appears. These disturbances will continue until the end of error, when all discord will be swallowed up in spiritual Truth.

21 Mortal error will vanish in a moral chemicalization. This mental fermentation has begun, and will continue until all errors of belief yield to understanding. Belief is
24 changeable, but spiritual understanding is changeless.

As this consummation draws nearer, he who has shaped his course in accordance with divine Science
27 will endure to the end.

During this final conflict, wicked minds will endeavor to find means by which to accomplish more evil; but
1 those who discern Christian Science will hold crime in check. They will aid in the ejection of error. They
3 will maintain law and order, and cheerfully await the certainty of ultimate perfection.

SH 97:17–25

The more material the belief, the more
18 obvious its error, until divine Spirit, supreme in its domain, dominates all matter, and man is found in the likeness of Spirit, his original being.

21 The broadest facts array the most falsities against themselves, for they bring error from under cover. It requires courage to utter truth; for the higher Truth
24 lifts her voice, the louder will error scream, until its inarticulate sound is forever silenced in oblivion.

SH 97:32–7

Earth has no repayment for the persecutions which
1 attend a new step in Christianity; but the spiritual recompense of the persecuted is assured in the elevation of existence above mortal discord and in the gift of divine Love.
3

The prophet of to-day beholds in the mental horizon
the signs of these times, the reappearance of the Chris-
6 tianity which heals the sick and destroys error,
and no other sign shall be given.

Spiritual fore-
shadowings

SH 95:5, 19–23

Paul

6 said, “To be spiritually minded is life.” We approach
God, or Life, in proportion to our spirituality, our fidel-
ity to Truth and Love; and in that ratio we know all
9 human need and are able to discern the thought of the
sick and the sinning for the purpose of healing them.
Error of any kind cannot hide from the law of God.

We welcome the increase of knowledge and the end
of error, because even human invention must have its
21 day, and we want that day to be succeeded
by Christian Science, by divine reality. Mid-
night foretells the dawn.

Christ’s
reappearance

SH 109:32–12

The three great verities of Spirit, omnipotence, omni-
1 presence, omniscience, — Spirit possessing all power,
filling all space, constituting all Science, — contradict
3 forever the belief that matter can be actual.
These eternal verities reveal primeval exist-
ence as the radiant reality of God’s creation,
6 in which all that He has made is pronounced by His wis-
dom good.

God’s
allness
learned

Thus it was that I beheld, as never before, the awful
9 unreality called evil. The equipollence of God brought
to light another glorious proposition, — man’s perfecti-
bility and the establishment of the kingdom of heaven on
12 earth.

SH 506:18

- 18 Spirit, God, gathers unformed thoughts into their
proper channels, and unfolds these thoughts,
even as He opens the petals of a holy purpose
21 in order that the purpose may appear.

Unfolding
of thoughts

SH 326:16

- The purpose and motive to live aright can be gained
now. This point won, you have started as you should.
18 You have begun at the numeration-table of Christian
Science, and nothing but wrong intention can hinder your
advancement. Working and praying with true motives,
21 your Father will open the way. “Who did hinder you,
that ye should not obey the truth?”

SH 395:6–10

- 6 Like the great Exemplar, the healer should speak to
disease as one having authority over it, leaving Soul to
master the false evidences of the corporeal
9 senses and to assert its claims over mortal-
ity and disease.

Divine
authority

SH 273:24

- 24 Jesus walked on the
waves, fed the multitude, healed the sick, and raised the
dead in direct opposition to material laws. His acts were
27 the demonstration of Science, overcoming the false claims
of material sense or law.

Spiritual law
the only law

SH 25:13–16, 22–26

- Jesus taught the way of Life by demonstration, that
we may understand how this divine Principle heals
15 the sick, casts out error, and triumphs over
death.

Effective
triumph

Though demonstrating his control over sin and disease,
the great Teacher by no means relieved others from giving
24 the requisite proofs of their own piety. He worked for
their guidance, that they might demonstrate this power as
he did and understand its divine Principle.

SH 37:16–17, 20–22

When will Jesus' professed followers learn to emulate
him in *all* his ways and to imitate his mighty works?

May

21 the Christians of to-day take up the more practical im-
port of that career!

SH 483:13–19

After the author's sacred discovery, she affixed the
name "Science" to Christianity, the name "error" to
15 corporeal sense, and the name "substance" to
Mind. Science has called the world to battle
over this issue and its demonstration, which
18 heals the sick, destroys error, and reveals the universal
harmony.

Terms
adopted by
the author

SH 340:23

One infinite God, good, unifies men and nations; con-
24 stitutes the brotherhood of man; ends wars; fulfils the
Scripture, "Love thy neighbor as thyself;" annihilates
pagan and Christian idolatry, — whatever is wrong in
27 social, civil, criminal, political, and religious codes;
equalizes the sexes; annuls the curse on man, and leaves
nothing that can sin, suffer, be punished or destroyed.

SH 39:18–22

18 "Now," cried the apostle, "is the accepted time; be-
hold, *now* is the day of salvation," — meaning, not that

now men must prepare for a future-world salva-
21 tion, or safety, but that now is the time in which
to experience that salvation in spirit and in life.

Present
salvation

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