

Wednesday Readings 2025-05-28

May 28 2025



1. Hymn. 181

Loving Father, we Thy children / Look to Thee in fear's dark night / While the angels of Thy presence
/ Guide us upward to the light.

Then we feel the power that lifts us / To Thy holy secret place, / Where our gloom is lost in glory / As
we see Thee face to face.

We would learn, O gracious Father, / To reflect Thy healing love. / May we all awake to praise Thee /
For Thy good gifts from above.

Make us strong to bear the message / To Thy children far and near: / Fear shall have no more
dominion. / God is All, and heaven is here.

Words: ROSEMARY B. HACKETT

Music: Arr. from L. van Beethoven

2. Hymn. 406

O Love, our Mother, ever near, / To Thee we turn from doubt and fear! / In perfect peace our thoughts
abide; / Our hearts now in this truth confide: / Man is the child of God.

O Light, in Thy light we can see / That man is ever one with Thee. / In love our lives Thou dost
enfold, / And now our waiting hopes behold / That man is God's own child.

O joy that ever will remain, / Midst seeming sorrow, hate, and pain, / Our hearts to fill with this glad
song / That soars above the mists of wrong: / Man is the loved of Love.

Words: MARGARET GLENN MATTERS

Music: A. L. Peace

3. Hymn. 526

Lo! as we follow after good, / We find God's word is understood, / So we prove Him, / Praise and
prove Him! / Through us He does perform His will, / To us His promises fulfil, / For we love Him! /
Praise and love Him! / Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

O you to whom God's word is shown, / Make all His promises your own, / Rise and prove Him, /
Praise and prove Him! / His mighty love and holy power / Are here to bless us every hour, / Let us
love Him! / Praise and love Him! / Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Words: VIOLET HAY, ALT.

Music: German melody, Geistliche Kirchengesäng, 1623; harm. and arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams

1. Ps. 96:1, 4 (to :), 8 (to :)

O sing unto the LORD a new song: sing unto the LORD, all the earth. ...

For the LORD *is* great, and greatly to be praised: ...

Give unto the LORD the glory *due unto* his name: ...

2. Ps. 100:3

Know ye that the LORD he *is* God: *it is* he *that* hath made us, and not we ourselves; *we are* his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

3. Isa. 46:9 I, 13 (to :)

... I *am* God, and *there is* none else; I *am* God, and *there is* none like me, ...

I bring near my righteousness; ...

4. Isa. 52:6 my, 9, 10

... my people shall know my name: therefore *they shall know* in that day that I *am* he that doth speak: behold, *it is* I. ...

... ¶ Break forth into joy, sing together, ye waste places of Jerusalem: for the LORD hath comforted his people, he hath redeemed Jerusalem. The LORD hath made bare his holy arm in the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

5. Isa. 43:1 now, 2, 4 (to :), 5–7

... now thus saith the LORD that created thee, O Jacob, and he that formed thee, O Israel, Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called *thee* by thy name; thou *art* mine. When thou passest through the waters, I *will be* with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee. ...

Since thou wast precious in my sight, thou hast been honourable, and I have loved thee: ...

Fear not: for I *am* with thee: I will bring thy seed from the east, and gather thee from the west; I will say to the north, Give up; and to the south, Keep not back: bring my sons from far, and my daughters from the ends of the earth; *Even* every one that is called by my name: for I have created him for my glory, I have formed him; yea, I have made him.

6. Rom. 8:16, 17 (to 2nd ;)

The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; ...

7. Gal. 4:4–7 when

... when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father. Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

8. Matt. 4:23

¶ 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.

9. Mark 1:40–42

And there came a leper to him, beseeching him, and kneeling down to him, and saying unto him, If thou wilt, thou canst make me clean. And Jesus, moved with compassion, put forth *his* hand, and touched him, and saith unto him, I will; be thou clean. And as soon as he had spoken, immediately the leprosy departed from him, and he was cleansed.

10. Matt. 9:20–22

¶ And, behold, a woman, which was diseased with an issue of blood twelve years, came behind *him*, and touched the hem of his garment: For she said within herself, If I may but touch his garment, I shall be whole. But Jesus turned him about, and when he saw her, he said, Daughter, be of good comfort; thy faith hath made thee whole. And the woman was made whole from that hour.

11. Mark 10:13–16

¶ And they brought young children to him, that he should touch them: and *his* disciples rebuked those that brought *them*. But when Jesus saw *it*, he was much displeased, and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God. Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein. And he took them up in his arms, put *his* hands upon them, and blessed them.

12. Prov. 4:1, 2, 4 Let

Hear, ye children, the instruction of a father, and attend to know understanding. For I give you good doctrine, forsake ye not my law. ...

... Let thine heart retain my words: keep my commandments, and live.

13. Matt. 5:13 (to :), 14, 16, 23 if, 24, 43–45 (to :)

¶ 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 your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven. ...

... if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath aught against thee; Leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift. ...

... ¶ Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy. But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you; That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: ...

14. John 13:34, 35

A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all *men* know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

15. John 15:9–12

As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love. If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love. These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and *that* your joy might be full. This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you.

16. Rom. 12:2 be, 9, 10, 11 fervent, 12, 14, 17, 18

... be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what *is* that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. ...

Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good. *Be* kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another;

... fervent in spirit; serving the Lord; Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer; ...

Bless them which persecute you: bless, and curse not. ...

Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men. If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men.

17. Gal. 5:13 brethren, 14, 22 the, 23, 25

... brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only *use* not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another. For all the law is fulfilled in one word, *even* in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. ...

... the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. ...

If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

18. I John 3:1 (to :)

Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: ...

19. I John 4:11

Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another.

20. I John 3:18

My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.

1. SH 332:4–5 Father-Mother

... Father-Mother is the name for Deity, which indicates His tender relationship to His spiritual creation.

2. SH 306:30

God's man, spiritually created, is not material and mortal.

3. SH 336:9–12 Immortal, 14

... Immortal man was and is God's image or idea, even the infinite expression of infinite Mind, and immortal man is coexistent and coeternal with that Mind. ... The spiritual man's consciousness and individuality are reflections of God. They are the emanations of Him who is Life, Truth, and Love. Immortal man is not and never was material, but always spiritual and eternal.

The real
manhood

4. SH 572:8–9 (to ;)

In Science we are children of God; ...

5. SH 582:28

CHILDREN. The spiritual thoughts and representatives of Life, Truth, and Love.

6. SH 63:5

In Science man is the offspring of Spirit. The beautiful, good, and pure constitute his ancestry. His origin is not, like that of mortals, in brute instinct, nor does he pass through material conditions prior to reaching intelligence. Spirit is his primitive and ultimate source of being; God is his Father, and Life is the law of his being.

Spiritual
origin

7. SH 288:31–1

The eternal Truth destroys what mortals seem to have learned from error, and man's real existence as a child of God comes to light.

8. SH 256:7

Love, the divine Principle, is the Father and Mother of the universe, including man.

9. SH 18:3–5

Jesus of Nazareth taught and demonstrated man's oneness with the Father, and for this we owe him endless homage.

10. SH 19:6

Jesus aided in reconciling man to God by giving man a truer sense of Love, the divine Principle of Jesus' teachings, and this truer sense of Love redeems man from the law of matter, sin, and death by the law of Spirit, — the law of divine Love.

11. SH 26:10–12

The Christ was the Spirit which Jesus implied in his own statements: "I am the way, the truth, and the life;" "I and my Father are one."

12. SH 332:9–15 Christ, 19 Jesus, 23–26 He, 31

Christ is the true idea voicing good, the divine message from God to men speaking to the human consciousness. The Christ is incorporeal, spiritual, — yea, the divine image and likeness, dispelling the illusions of the senses; the Way, the Truth, and the Life, healing the sick and casting out evils, destroying sin, disease, and death. ...

The Son
of God

... Jesus demonstrated Christ; he proved that Christ is the divine idea of God — the Holy Ghost, or Comforter, revealing the divine Principle, Love, and leading into all truth.

... He was appointed to speak God's word and to appear to mortals in such a form of humanity as they could understand as well as perceive. ... Into the real and ideal man the fleshly element cannot enter. Thus it is that Christ illustrates the coincidence, or spiritual agreement, between God and man in His image.

Holy Ghost
or Comforter

Christ
Jesus

13. SH 68:4

Sometime we shall learn how Spirit, the great architect, has created men and women in Science. We ought to weary of the fleeting and false and to cherish nothing which hinders our highest selfhood.

Basis of true
religion

14. SH 69:2–5, 7–10

The scientific fact that man and the universe are evolved from Spirit, and so are spiritual, is as fixed in divine Science as is the proof that mortals gain the sense of health only as they lose the sense of sin and disease. ... God's children already created will be cognized only as man finds the truth of being. Thus it is that the real, ideal man appears in proportion as the false and material disappears.

15. SH 130:15–19, 20

Christian Science, properly understood, would disabuse the human mind of material beliefs which war against spiritual facts; and these material beliefs must be denied and cast out to make place for truth. ... Laboring long to shake the adult's faith in matter and to inculcate a grain of faith in God, — an inkling of the ability of Spirit to make the body harmonious, — the author has often remembered our Master's love for little children, and understood how truly such as they belong to the heavenly kingdom.

Children
and adults

16. SH 365:31

The poor suffering heart needs its rightful nutriment, such as peace, patience in tribulation, and a priceless sense of the dear Father's loving-kindness.

17. SH 444:27

Immortals, or God's children in divine Science, are one harmonious family; but mortals, or the "children of men" in material sense, are discordant and oftentimes false brethren.

18. SH 572:6–8

"Love one another" (I John, iii. 23), is the most simple and profound counsel of the inspired writer.

Native nothingness of sin

19. SH 9:5–14

The test of all prayer lies in the answer to these questions: Do we love our neighbor better because of this asking? Do we pursue the old selfishness, satisfied with having prayed for something better, though we give no evidence of the sincerity of our requests by living consistently with our prayer? If selfishness has given place to kindness, we shall regard our neighbor unselfishly, and bless them that curse us; but we shall never meet this great duty simply by asking that it may be done.

Summit of
aspiration

20. SH 365:15–19

If the Scientist reaches his patient through divine Love, the healing work will be accomplished at one visit, and the disease will vanish into its native nothingness like dew before the morning sunshine.

Speedy
healing

21. SH 95:6–10

We approach God, or Life, in proportion to our spirituality, our fidelity to Truth and Love; and in that ratio we know all human need and are able to discern the thought of the sick and the sinning for the purpose of healing them.

22. SH 241:19

The substance of all devotion is the reflection and demonstration of divine Love, healing sickness and destroying sin. Our Master said, “If ye love me, keep my commandments.”

23. SH 366:30

If we would open their prison doors for the sick, we must first learn to bind up the broken-hearted. If we would heal by the Spirit, we must not hide the talent of spiritual healing under the napkin of its form, nor bury the *morale* of Christian Science in the grave-clothes of its letter. The tender word and Christian encouragement of an invalid, pitiful patience with his fears and the removal of them, are better than hecatombs of gushing theories, stereotyped borrowed speeches, and the doling of arguments, which are but so many parodies on legitimate Christian Science, aflame with divine Love.

Genuine
healing

24. SH 57:22

Human affection is not poured forth vainly, even though it meet no return. Love enriches the nature, enlarging, purifying, and elevating it. The wintry blasts of earth may uproot the flowers of affection, and scatter them to the winds; but this severance 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 heaven.

Help and
discipline

25. SH 55:16–21

My weary hope tries to realize that happy day, when man shall 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 and is doing for mankind.

26. SH 259:6 (only), 11

In divine Science, man is the true image of God. ... The Christlike understanding of scientific being and divine healing includes a perfect Principle and idea, — perfect God and perfect man, — as the basis of thought and demonstration.