

Peace is power

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Hymn. 362:1–3

To us a Child of Hope is born,
To us a Son is given;
Him shall the tribes of earth obey,
And all the hosts of heaven.

His name shall be the Prince of Peace,
Forevermore adored;
The Wonderful, the Counsellor,
The great and mighty Lord.

His power, increasing, still shall spread;
His reign shall never cease;
For justice ever guards his throne,
And all his paths are peace.

Words: JOHN MORISON, ADAPTED
Music: Georg Friedrich Händel

Hymn. 346:1–3

Thou whose almighty Word
Chaos and darkness heard,
And took their flight;
Hear us, we humbly pray,
And where the Gospel-day
Sheds not its glorious ray,
Let there be light.

Christ, thou dost come to bring
On thy redeeming wing

Healing and sight,
Health to the sick in mind,
Sight to the inly blind;
Ah, now to all mankind
Let there be light.

Spirit of truth and love,
Life-giving, holy dove,
Speed forth thy flight;
Move on the waters' face,
Bearing the lamp of grace,
And in earth's darkest place
Let there be light.

Words: JOHN MARRIOTT*

Music: Arr. from Felice de Giardini

Hymn. 44:1–3

Come to the land of peace;
From shadows come away;
Where all the sounds of weeping cease,
And storms no more have sway.

Fear hath no dwelling here;
But pure repose and love
Breathe through the bright, celestial air
The spirit of the dove.

In this divine abode,
Change leaves no saddening trace;
Come, trusting heart, come to thy God,
Thy holy resting-place.

Words: FELICIA D. HEMANS, ADAPTED

Music: König's Choralbuch, arr. by W. H. Havergal

Isa. 9:6 unto, 7 (to 1st ,)

- 6 ... unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.
- 7 Of the increase of *his* government and peace *there shall be* no end, ...

Luke 1:68, 69, 79

- 68 Blessed *be* the Lord God of Israel; for he hath visited and redeemed his people,
- 69 And hath raised up an horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David;
- 79 To give light to them that sit in darkness and *in* the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Matt. 3:1, 13, 16, 17; 4:1–11

- 1 In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judæa,
- 13 ¶ Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of 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.
- 1 Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil.
- 2 And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an hungered.
- 3 And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread.
- 4 But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.
- 5 Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple,
- 6 And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in *their* hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone.

- 7 Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.
- 8 Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them;
- 9 And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me.
- 10 Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.
- 11 Then the devil leaveth him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him.

Isa. 26:3

- 3 Thou wilt keep *him* in perfect peace, *whose mind is stayed on thee*: because he trusteth in thee.

Isa. 2:2, 4, 5

- 2 And it shall come to pass in the last days, *that* the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it.
- 4 And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.
- 5 O house of Jacob, come ye, and let us walk in the light of the LORD.

Isa. 32:16–18

- 16 Then judgment shall dwell in the wilderness, and righteousness remain in the fruitful field.
- 17 And the work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness quietness and assurance for ever.
- 18 And my people shall dwell in a peaceable habitation, and in sure dwellings, and in quiet resting places;

Luke 10:1–3, 5

- 1 After these things the Lord appointed other seventy also, and sent them two and two before his face into every city and place, whither he himself would come.

- 2 Therefore said he unto them, The harvest truly *is* great, but the labourers *are* few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest.
- 3 Go your ways: behold, I send you forth as lambs among wolves.
- 5 And into whatsoever house ye enter, first say, Peace *be* to this house.

Mark 5:1–3, 6–15 (to :)

- 1 And they came over unto the other side of the sea, into the country of the Gadarenes.
- 2 And when he was come out of the ship, immediately there met him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit,
- 3 Who had *his* dwelling among the tombs; and no man could bind him, no, not with chains:
- 6 But when he saw Jesus afar off, he ran and worshipped him,
- 7 And cried with a loud voice, and said, What have I to do with thee, Jesus, *thou* Son of the most high God? I adjure thee by God, that thou torment me not.
- 8 For he said unto him, Come out of the man, *thou* unclean spirit.
- 9 And he asked him, What *is* thy name? And he answered, saying, My name *is* Legion: for we are many.
- 10 And he besought him much that he would not send them away out of the country.
- 11 Now there was there nigh unto the mountains a great herd of swine feeding.
- 12 And all the devils besought him, saying, Send us into the swine, that we may enter into them.
- 13 And forthwith Jesus gave them leave. And the unclean spirits went out, and entered into the swine: and the herd ran violently down a steep place into the sea, (they were about two thousand;) and were choked in the sea.
- 14 And they that fed the swine fled, and told *it* in the city, and in the country. And they went out to see what it was that was done.
- 15 And they come to Jesus, and see him that was possessed with the devil, and had the legion, sitting, and clothed, and in his right mind: ...

John 14:27

- 27 Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

Luke 22:1–4, 7 (to), 39, 40, 47–51

- 1 Now the feast of unleavened bread drew nigh, which is called the Passover.
2 And the chief priests and scribes sought how they might kill him; for they feared the people.
3 ¶ Then entered Satan into Judas surnamed Iscariot, being of the number of the twelve.
4 And he went his way, and communed with the chief priests and captains, how he might betray him unto them.
7 ¶ Then came the day of unleavened bread, ...
39 ¶ And he came out, and went, as he was wont, to the mount of Olives; and his disciples also followed him.
40 And when he was at the place, he said unto them, Pray that ye enter not into temptation.
47 ¶ And while he yet spake, behold a multitude, and he that was called Judas, one of the twelve, went before them, and drew near unto Jesus to kiss him.
48 But Jesus said unto him, Judas, betrayest thou the Son of man with a kiss?
49 When they which were about him saw what would follow, they said unto him, Lord, shall we smite with the sword?
50 ¶ And one of them smote the servant of the high priest, and cut off his right ear.
51 And Jesus answered and said, Suffer ye thus far. And he touched his ear, and healed him.

John 16:33

- 33 These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

II Cor. 10:1 (to 1st), 3–5

- 1 Now I Paul myself beseech you by the meekness and gentleness of Christ, ...
3 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh:

- 4 (For the weapons of our warfare *are* not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)
- 5 Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;

Rom. 15:13

- 13 Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.

Luke 2:14

- 14 Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

SH 45:16 (only)

Glory be to God, and peace to the struggling hearts!

SH 333:16–23

- XIII. The advent of Jesus of Nazareth marked the first century of the Christian era, but the Christ is
- 18 without beginning of years or end of days.
- Throughout all generations both before and
- after the Christian era, the Christ, as the spirit-
- 21 ual idea, — the reflection of God, — has come with some measure of power and grace to all prepared to receive Christ, Truth.

The divine
Principle
and idea

SH 109:24–31

- 24 When a new spiritual idea is borne to earth, the prophetic Scripture of Isaiah is renewedly fulfilled:
- “Unto us a child is born, . . . and his name shall be
- 27 called Wonderful.”

- Jesus once said of his lessons: “My doctrine is not mine, but His that sent me. If any man will do His will,
- 30 he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself.” (John vii. 16, 17.)

SH 18:3

3 Jesus of Nazareth taught and demonstrated
man's oneness with the Father, and for this we owe him
endless homage. His mission was both in-
6 dividual and collective. He did life's work
aright not only in justice to himself, but in mercy to
mortals, — to show them how to do theirs, but not to do
9 it for them nor to relieve them of a single responsibility.
Jesus acted boldly, against the accredited evidence of the
senses, against Pharisaical creeds and practices, and he
12 refuted all opponents with his healing power.

Divine
oneness

SH 51:19–24

His consummate example was for the salvation of us
all, but only through doing the works which he did and
21 taught others to do. His purpose in healing
was not alone to restore health, but to demon-
strate his divine Principle. He was inspired by God, by
24 Truth and Love, in all that he said and did.

Example for
our salvation

SH 48:17

Judas had the world's weapons. Jesus had not one
18 of them, and chose not the world's means of defence.
“He opened not his mouth.” The great dem-
onstrator of Truth and Love was silent before
21 envy and hate. Peter would have smitten the enemies of
his Master, but Jesus forbade him, thus rebuking re-
sentment or animal courage. He said: “Put up thy
24 sword.”

Defensive
weapons

SH 43:32 (only)

Love must triumph over hate.

SH 97:11

The more destructive matter becomes, the
12 more its nothingness will appear, until matter reaches
its mortal zenith in illusion and forever disappears. The
nearer a false belief approaches truth without passing
15 the boundary where, having been destroyed by divine
Love, it ceases to be even an illusion, the riper it becomes
for destruction. The more material the belief, the more
18 obvious its error, until divine Spirit, supreme in its do-
main, dominates all matter, and man is found in the like-
ness of Spirit, his original being.

SH 265:23; 266:2

Who that has felt the loss of human peace has not gained
24 stronger desires for spiritual joy? The aspiration after
heavenly good comes even before we discover
what belongs to wisdom and Love. The loss
27 of earthly hopes and pleasures brightens the ascending
path of many a heart. The pains of sense quickly inform
us that the pleasures of sense are mortal and that joy is
30 spiritual.

Blessings
from pain

Such is the sword of
3 Science, with which Truth decapitates error,
materiality giving place to man's higher individuality and
destiny.

Decapitation
of error

SH 215:15–18

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.

Light and
darkness

SH 365:31

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

SH 214:32

Spirit's senses are without pain, and they are forever at peace. Nothing can hide
from them the harmony of all things and the might and
3 permanence of Truth.

SH 144:20

Truth, and
21 not corporeal will, is the divine power which says to
disease, "Peace, be still."

SH 516:9–21

9 God fashions all things, after His own likeness. Life
is reflected in existence, Truth in truthfulness, God in
goodness, which impart their own peace and
12 permanence. Love, redolent with unselfish-
ness, bathes all in beauty and light. The grass beneath
our feet silently exclaims, "The meek shall inherit the
15 earth." The modest arbutus sends her sweet breath to
heaven. The great rock gives shadow and shelter. The
sunlight glints from the church-dome, glances into the
18 prison-cell, glides into the sick-chamber, brightens the
flower, beautifies the landscape, blesses the earth. Man,
made in His likeness, possesses and reflects God's domin-
21 ion over all the earth.

Love imparts
beauty

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 heal-
ing of physical disease; but these signs are only to demon-
15 strate its divine origin, — to attest the reality of the higher
mission of the Christ-power to take away the sins of the
world.