Wed Comforter 2025 07 09 - from Concord

Wed Comforter 2025 07 09

Comforter Wednesday, July 9, 2025

<u>Hymns</u>

465 540 40

Hymn Lyrics

Hymn 465

Dear Shepherd, You are Love divine, You meet my every need. Where fields are green and waters still I rest, I drink, I feed.

Your love restores my thirsty soul And leads me from the wild To walk in ways of Truth and Life As Your beloved child.

And even when the shade of death Suggests that we can part, No fear of evil enters here; Your strength and guidance, ever near, Bring comfort to my heart.

Your goodness spreads before my eyes; No enemy You know. Your oil is poured upon my head; My cup, it overflows.

Your grace and mercy every day Bring blessings from above. I'm living in the house of God The consciousness of Love.

540, see also Hymn 207

Hymn 207–212

Mother's Evening Prayer Mary Baker Eddy

(207) **MORECAMBE** Frederick C. Atkinson, arr. by A. F. Conant

(208) BENEDICTION (ELLERS)

Edward J. Hopkins

(209) EXPECTATION

ANDREAS P. BERGGREEN

(210)

LIMPSFIELD

ANDREW FREEMAN Music by permission of Andrew Freeman

(211)

PRESENCE Percy Whitlock

(212) SONG 22

ORLANDO GIBBONS *Music from the Yattendon Hymnal:* By permission of Mrs. Bridges and the Oxford University Press

O gentle presence, peace and joy and power; O Life divine, that owns each waiting hour, Thou Love that guards the nestling's faltering flight! Keep Thou my child on upward wing tonight.

Love is our refuge; only with mine eye Can I behold the snare, the pit, the fall: His habitation high is here, and nigh, His arm encircles me, and mine, and all.

O make me glad for every scalding tear, For hope deferred, ingratitude, disdain! Wait, and love more for every hate, and fear No ill,—since God is good, and loss is gain.

Beneath the shadow of His mighty wing; In that sweet secret of the narrow way, Seeking and finding, with the angels sing: "Lo, I am with you alway,"—watch and pray.

No snare, no fowler, pestilence or pain; No night drops down upon the troubled breast, When heaven's aftersmile earth's tear-drops gain, And mother finds her home and heav'nly rest.

Hymn 40

Hymn 40

THOMAS MOORE AND THOMAS HASTINGS *Adapted*

(40) CONSOLATOR

SAMUEL WEBBE

Come, ye disconsolate, where'er ye languish, Here health and peace are found, Life, Truth, and Love; Here bring your wounded hearts, here tell your anguish; Earth has no sorrow but Love can remove.

Joy of the desolate, light of the straying, Hope of the penitent, fadeless and pure; Here speaks the Comforter, tenderly saying, Earth has no sorrow that Love cannot cure.

Here see the Bread of Life, see waters flowing Forth from the throne of God, pure from above; Come to the feast of love, come, ever knowing, Earth has no sorrow but Love can remove.

The Bible

1. Isa 49:13 the Lord

13 the LORD hath comforted his people, and will have mercy upon his afflicted.

2. Isa 66:13

13 As one whom his mother comforteth, so will I comfort you; and ye shall be comforted in Jerusalem.

3. Ps 27:10

10 When my father and my mother forsake me, then the LORD will take me up.

4. Ps 119:76, 77 (to :), 117 (to :)

- ⁷⁶ Let, I pray thee, thy merciful kindness be for my comfort, according to thy word unto thy servant.
- 77 Let thy tender mercies come unto me, that I may live:
- 117 Hold thou me up, and I shall be safe:

5. Ps. 94:19

19 In the multitude of my thoughts within me thy comforts delight my soul.

6. Eccl. 3:14, 16 I (to ;)

- 14 I know that, whatsoever God doeth, it shall be for ever: nothing can be put to it, nor any thing taken from it: and God doeth *it*, that *men* should fear before him.
- 16 I saw under the sun the place of judgment, *that* wickedness *was* there;

7. Eccl. 4:1 I

¹ I returned, and considered all the oppressions that are done under the sun: and behold the tears of *such as were* oppressed, and they had no comforter; and on the side of their oppressors *there was* power; but they had no comforter.

8. Lam. 1:16

16 For these *things* I weep; mine eye, mine eye runneth down with water, because the comforter that should relieve my soul is far from me: my children are desolate, because the enemy prevailed.

9. Isa. 40:1, 2 (to :)

- 1 COMFORT ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God.
- 2 Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned:

10. Isa. 12:1 in

1 in that day thou shalt say, O LORD, I will praise thee: though thou wast angry with me, thine anger is turned away, and thou comfortedst me.

11. Deut 33:1, 3 he, 7, 12

- 1 AND this *is* the blessing, wherewith Moses the man of God blessed the children of Israel before his death.
- ³ he loved the people; all his saints *are* in thy hand: and they sat down at thy feet; *every one* shall receive of thy words.
- ⁷ ¶ And this *is the blessing* of Judah: and he said, Hear, LORD, the voice of Judah, and bring him unto his people: let his hands be sufficient for him; and be thou an help *to him* from his enemies.
- 12 \P And of Benjamin he said, The beloved of the LORD shall dwell in safety by him; and the LORD shall cover him all the day long, and he shall dwell between his shoulders.

12. Ps. 71:21

21 Thou shalt increase my greatness, and comfort me on every side.

13. Ps. 23:1, 4 1st thy

- 1 THE LORD *is* my shepherd; I shall not want.
- 4 thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

14. John 4:46, 47, 50-53

- 46 So Jesus came again into Cana of Galilee, where he made the water wine. And there was a certain nobleman, whose son was sick at Capernaum.
- 47 When he heard that Jesus was come out of Judæa into Galilee, he went unto him, and besought him that he would come down, and heal his son: for he was at the point of death.
- ⁵⁰ Jesus saith unto him, Go thy way; thy son liveth. And the man believed the word that Jesus had spoken unto him, and he went his way.
- 51 And as he was now going down, his servants met him, and told *him,* saying, Thy son liveth.
- 52 Then inquired he of them the hour when he began to amend. And they said unto him, Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him.
- 53 So the father knew that *it was* at the same hour, in the which Jesus said unto him, Thy son liveth: and himself believed, and his whole house.
- 15. Gen 50:21 he
- 21 he comforted them, and spake kindly unto them.

16. John 14:5-7, 12-19, 21-23, 25-27

- 5 Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way?
- ⁶ Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.
- 7 If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him.
- 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.
- 13 And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.
- 14 If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do *it*.
- 15 ¶ If ye love me, keep my commandments.
- 16 And 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.
- 19 Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also.
- 21 He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.
- 22 Judas saith unto him, not Iscariot, Lord, how is it that thou wilt manifest thyself unto us, and not unto the world?
- 23 Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.
- 25 These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you.
- 26 But the Comforter, *which is* the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.
- 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.
- 17. John 15:26 when
- ²⁶ when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, *even* the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me:

18. 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.

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

- 1. SH 55:27
- 27 In the words of St. John: "He shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you *forever*." This Comforter I understand to be Divine Science.

2. SH 123:16-27

The term CHRISTIAN SCIENCE was introduced by

the author to designate the scientific system of divine

- 18 healing.
 - The revelation consists of two parts:
 - 1. The discovery of this divine Science of Mind-
- 21 healing, through a spiritual sense of the Scriptures and through the teachings of the Comforter, as promised by the Master.
- 24

2. The proof, by present demonstration, that the socalled miracles of Jesus did not specially belong to a dispensation now ended, but that they illustrated an ever-operative divine Principle.

3. SH 127:26

Science is an emanation of

divine Mind, and is alone able to interpret God aright.
It has a spiritual, and not a material origin. It is a divine utterance, — the Comforter which leadeth into all truth.

4. SH 359:20

- ¹⁸ From Puritan parents, the discov-
- 21 erer of Christian Science early received her religious education. In childhood, she often listened with joy to these words, falling from the lips of her
- 24 saintly mother, "God is able to raise you up from sickness;" and she pondered the meaning of that Scripture she so often quotes: "And these signs shall follow them
- 27 that believe; . . . they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover."

5. SH 101:28-31

Discomfort under error is

preferable to comfort. In no instance is the effect of

30 animal magnetism, recently called hypnotism, other than the effect of illusion.

6. SH 234:4-8

Whatever inspires with wisdom, Truth, or Love — be it song, sermon, or Science — blesses the human family

6 with crumbs of comfort from Christ's table, feeding the hungry and giving living waters to the thirsty.

7. SH 582:4 (only, to .), 9

BENJAMIN (Jacob's son).

- 9 Renewal of affections; self-offering; an improved state of mortal mind; the introduction of a more spiritual origin; a gleam of the infinite idea of the infinite Prin-
- ¹² ciple; a spiritual type; that which comforts, consoles, and supports.

8. SH 587:23-24

HEART. Mortal feelings, motives, affections, joys, and sorrows.

9. SH 386:16-2

24

Crumbs of comfort

A blundering despatch, mistakenly announcing the death of a friend, occasions the same grief that the friend's

- real death would bring. You think that your anguish is occasioned by your loss. Another despatch, correcting the mistake, heals your grief, and
- 21 you learn that your suffering was merely the result of your belief. Thus it is with all sorrow, sickness, and death. You will learn at length that there is no cause
- 24 for grief, and divine wisdom will then be understood. Error, not Truth, produces all the suffering on earth. If a Christian Scientist had said, while you were labor-
- 27 ing under the influence of the belief of grief, "Your sorrow is without cause," you would not have understood him, although the correctness of
- the assertion might afterwards be proved to you. So, when our friends pass from our sight and we lament, that lamentation is needless and causeless. We shall
- ^{387:1} perceive this to be true when we grow into the understanding of Life, and know that there is no death.

10. SH 577:32-18

In the following Psalm one word shows, though faintly, 578:1 the light which Christian Science throws on the Scriptures by substituting for the corporeal sense, the incorporeal

³ or spiritual sense of Deity: —

PSALM XXIII

6

9

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

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

[LOVE] restoreth my soul [spiritual sense]: [LOVE] lead-

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.

11. SH 78:28

Spirit blesses man, but man cannot "tell whence it cometh." By it the sick are healed, the sorrowing are

³⁰ comforted, and the sinning are reformed. These are the

Erroneous despatch

Mourning causeless

effects of one universal God, the invisible good dwelling in eternal Science.

12. SH 69:13-16

Spiritually to understand that there is but

one creator, God, unfolds all creation, confirms the Scrip-

- tures, brings the sweet assurance of no parting, no pain, and of man deathless and perfect and eternal.
- 13. SH 331:26-31 Life

Life, Truth, and Love constitute the triune Person

- 27 called God, that is, the triply divine Principle, Love. They represent a trinity in unity, three in one, — the same in essence, though multi-
- ³⁰ form in office: God the Father-Mother; Christ the spiritual idea of sonship; divine Science or the Holy Comforter.

14. SH 497:5 We

We acknowledge and adore one supreme and in-

6 finite God. We acknowledge His Son, one Christ; the Holy Ghost or divine Comforter; and man in God's image and likeness.

15. SH 10:6-8

If good enough to profit by Jesus' cup of earthly sorrows, God will sustain us under these sorrows.

16. SH 332:19 Jesus

Jesus demonstrated Christ; he proved that Christ is the divine idea of God — the Holy Ghost,

21 or Comforter, revealing the divine Principle, Love, and leading into all truth.

17. SH 43:11-12

Jesus' last proof was the highest, the most convincing, the most profitable to his students.

18. SH 24:27-28

12

²⁷ The efficacy of the crucifixion lay in the practical affection and goodness it demonstrated for mankind.

19. SH 44:28-31

His disciples believed Jesus to be dead while he was hidden in the sepulchre, whereas he was alive, demon-

³⁰ strating within the narrow tomb the power of Spirit to overrule mortal, material sense. Divine trinity

Holy Ghost or Comforter

20. SH 31:22 For

For what says Paul? "As often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do show the Lord's

- ²⁴ death till he come."
- 21. SH 33:10-12
- 9 They had borne this bread from house to house, *breaking* (explaining) it to
 12 others, and now it comforted themselves
- ¹² others, and now it comforted themselves.
- 22. SH 271:20-22

Our Master said, "But the Comforter . . . shall

- ²¹ teach you all things." When the Science of Christianity appears, it will lead you into all truth.
- 23. SH 57:24-30
 - 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
- 30 heaven.

New Testament basis

Printed from CONCORD: A CHRISTIAN SCIENCE STUDY RESOURCE, published by The Christian Science Board of Directors in Boston, MA, USA. This content may be under copyright and may not be further reproduced or distributed, unless permitted under the Concord User License Agreement.