

# Women with Christly Purpose

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## **Hymn. 82:1–3**

God is working His purpose out  
As year succeeds to year,  
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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.

Words: ARTHUR C. AINGER  
Music: H. Walford Davies

**Hymn. 349:1–3**

Thy will, almighty Father, Thine,  
And Thine alone be ever done;  
For Thou art Life and Truth and Love,  
The great, eternal, Holy One.

Reflecting truly all Thou art  
And all the sunshine of Thy love,  
No life we know from Thee apart,  
But peace on earth from heaven above.

We walk in freedom and in peace  
Thy holy purpose to fulfill,  
And Thou dost ever point the path  
For loving servants of Thy will.

Words: H.  
Music: Samuel S. Wesley, Reharmonized

**Hymn. 256:1–7**

O'er waiting harpstrings of the mind  
There sweeps a strain,  
Low, sad, and sweet, whose measures bind  
The power of pain,

And wake a white-winged angel throng  
Of thoughts, illumed  
By faith, and breathed in raptured song,  
With love perfumed.

Then His unveiled, sweet mercies show  
Life's burdens light.  
I kiss the cross, and wake to know  
A world more bright.

And o'er earth's troubled, angry sea  
I see Christ walk,  
And come to me, and tenderly,  
Divinely talk.

Thus Truth engrounds me on the rock,  
Upon Life's shore,  
'Gainst which the winds and waves can shock,  
Oh, nevermore!

From tired joy and grief afar,  
And nearer Thee,—  
Father, where Thine own children are,  
I love to be.

My prayer, some daily good to do  
To Thine, for Thee;  
An offering pure of Love, whereto  
God leadeth me.

Words: MARY BAKER EDDY

Music: Basil Harwood

**Prov. 31:10, 26, 30, 31**

- 10 ¶ Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price *is* far above rubies.  
26 She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue *is* the law of kindness.  
30 Favour *is* deceitful, and beauty *is* vain: *but* a woman *that* feareth the LORD, she shall be praised.

- 31 Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates.

### **John 2:1–11**

- 1 And the third day there was a marriage in Cana of Galilee; and the mother of Jesus was there:
- 2 And both Jesus was called, and his disciples, to the marriage.
- 3 And when they wanted wine, the mother of Jesus saith unto him, They have no wine.
- 4 Jesus saith unto her, Woman, what have I to do with thee? mine hour is not yet come.
- 5 His mother saith unto the servants, Whatsoever he saith unto you, do *it*.
- 6 And there were set there six waterpots of stone, after the manner of the purifying of the Jews, containing two or three firkins apiece.
- 7 Jesus saith unto them, Fill the waterpots with water. And they filled them up to the brim.
- 8 And he saith unto them, Draw out now, and bear unto the governor of the feast. And they bare *it*.
- 9 When the ruler of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and knew not whence it was: (but the servants which drew the water knew;) the governor of the feast called the bridegroom,
- 10 And saith unto him, Every man at the beginning doth set forth good wine; and when men have well drunk, then that which is worse: *but* thou hast kept the good wine until now.
- 11 This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee, and manifested forth his glory; and his disciples believed on him.

### **John 4:6, 7, 9–19, 21, 23–26, 28, 29**

- 6 Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied with *his* journey, sat thus on the well: *and* it was about the sixth hour.
- 7 There cometh a woman of Samaria to draw water: Jesus saith unto her, Give me to drink.
- 9 Then saith the woman of Samaria unto him, How is it that thou, being a Jew, askest drink of me, which am a woman of Samaria? for the Jews have no

dealings with the Samaritans.

10 Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water.

11 The woman saith unto him, Sir, thou hast nothing to draw with, and the well is deep: from whence then hast thou that living water?

12 Art thou greater than our father Jacob, which gave us the well, and drank thereof himself, and his children, and his cattle?

13 Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again:

14 But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.

15 The woman saith unto him, Sir, give me this water, that I thirst not, neither come hither to draw.

16 Jesus saith unto her, Go, call thy husband, and come hither.

17 The woman answered and said, I have no husband. Jesus said unto her, Thou hast well said, I have no husband:

18 For thou hast had five husbands; and he whom thou now hast is not thy husband: in that saidst thou truly.

19 The woman saith unto him, Sir, I perceive that thou art a prophet.

21 Jesus saith unto her, Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father.

23 But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.

24 God *is* a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship *him* in spirit and in truth.

25 The woman saith unto him, I know that Messiah cometh, which is called Christ: when he is come, he will tell us all things.

26 Jesus saith unto her, I that speak unto thee am *he*.

28 The woman then left her waterpot, and went her way into the city, and saith to the men,

- 29 Come, see a man, which told me all things that ever I did: is not this the Christ?

### **Luke 8:1–3**

- 1 And it came to pass afterward, that he went throughout every city and village, preaching and shewing the glad tidings of the kingdom of God: and the twelve *were* with him,
- 2 And certain women, which had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities, Mary called Magdalene, out of whom went seven devils,
- 3 And Joanna the wife of Chuza Herod's steward, and Susanna, and many others, which ministered unto him of their substance.

### **Luke 10:38–42**

- 38 ¶ Now it came to pass, as they went, that he entered into a certain village: and a certain woman named Martha received him into her house.
- 39 And she had a sister called Mary, which also sat at Jesus' feet, and heard his word.
- 40 But Martha was cumbered about much serving, and came to him, and said, Lord, dost thou not care that my sister hath left me to serve alone? bid her therefore that she help me.
- 41 And Jesus answered and said unto her, Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things:
- 42 But one thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her.

### **Matt. 26:6–13**

- 6 ¶ Now when Jesus was in Bethany, in the house of Simon the leper,
- 7 There came unto him a woman having an alabaster box of very precious ointment, and poured it on his head, as he sat *at meat*.
- 8 But when his disciples saw *it*, they had indignation, saying, To what purpose *is* this waste?
- 9 For this ointment might have been sold for much, and given to the poor.
- 10 When Jesus understood *it*, he said unto them, Why trouble ye the woman? for she hath wrought a good work upon me.
- 11 For ye have the poor always with you; but me ye have not always.

- 12 For in that she hath poured this ointment on my body, she did *it* for my burial.
- 13 Verily I say unto you, Wheresoever this gospel shall be preached in the whole world, *there* shall also this, that this woman hath done, be told for a memorial of her.

### **John 20:1–18**

- 1 The first *day* of the week cometh Mary Magdalene early, when it was yet dark, unto the sepulchre, and seeth the stone taken away from the sepulchre.
- 2 Then she runneth, and cometh to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple, whom Jesus loved, and saith unto them, They have taken away the Lord out of the sepulchre, and we know not where they have laid him.
- 3 Peter therefore went forth, and that other disciple, and came to the sepulchre.
- 4 So they ran both together: and the other disciple did outrun Peter, and came first to the sepulchre.
- 5 And he stooping down, *and looking in*, saw the linen clothes lying; yet went he not in.
- 6 Then cometh Simon Peter following him, and went into the sepulchre, and seeth the linen clothes lie,
- 7 And the napkin, that was about his head, not lying with the linen clothes, but wrapped together in a place by itself.
- 8 Then went in also that other disciple, which came first to the sepulchre, and he saw, and believed.
- 9 For as yet they knew not the scripture, that he must rise again from the dead.
- 10 Then the disciples went away again unto their own home.
- 11 ¶ But Mary stood without at the sepulchre weeping: and as she wept, she stooped down, *and looked* into the sepulchre,
- 12 And seeth two angels in white sitting, the one at the head, and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain.
- 13 And they say unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? She saith unto them, Because they have taken away my Lord, and I know not where they have laid him.
- 14 And when she had thus said, she turned herself back, and saw Jesus standing, and knew not that it was Jesus.
- 15 Jesus saith unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? whom seekest thou? She,

supposing him to be the gardener, saith unto him, Sir, if thou have borne him hence, tell me where thou hast laid him, and I will take him away.

16 Jesus saith unto her, Mary. She turned herself, and saith unto him, Rabboni; which is to say, Master.

17 Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and *to* my God, and your God.

18 Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord, and *that* he had spoken these things unto her.

### **Acts 26:16**

16 But rise, and stand upon thy feet: for I have appeared unto thee for this purpose, to make thee a minister and a witness both of these things which thou hast seen, and of those things in the which I will appear unto thee;

### **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.

### **SH 29:26**

The Christ dwelt forever

27 an idea in the bosom of God, the divine Principle of the man Jesus, and woman perceived this spiritual idea, though at first faintly developed.

### **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 demonstrate 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 516:21**

21 Man and woman as coexistent and eternal with God forever reflect, in glorified quality,



the infinite Father-Mother God.

### SH 517:10

The ideal woman corresponds to Life and to Love. In  
divine Science, we have not as much authority for con-  
12 sidering God masculine, as we have for considering  
Him feminine, for Love imparts the clearest idea of  
Deity.

### SH 57:23–24

Love enriches the nature, en-  
24 larging, purifying, and elevating it.

### SH 587:5–6 (to 1st ;)

**GOD.** The great I AM; the all-knowing, all-seeing,  
6 all-acting, all-wise, all-loving, and eternal; ...

### SH 588:11

There is but one I, or Us, but one divine Principle, or  
12 Mind, governing all existence; man and woman un-  
changed forever in their individual characters, even as  
numbers which never blend with each other, though they  
15 are governed by one Principle. All the objects of God's  
creation reflect one Mind, and whatever reflects not this  
one Mind, is false and erroneous, even the belief that  
18 life, substance, and intelligence are both mental and  
material.

### 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 107:1

1 I N the year 1866, I discovered the Christ Science or  
divine laws of Life, Truth, and Love, and  
3 named my discovery Christian Science. God  
had been graciously preparing me during many  
years for the reception of this final revelation of the ab-  
6 solute divine Principle of scientific mental healing.

Christian  
Science  
discovered

## SH 150:4

To-day the healing power of Truth is widely demon-  
strated 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.

The main  
purpose

## SH x:22–27

The divine Principle of healing is proved in the  
personal experience of any sincere seeker of Truth. Its  
24 purpose is good, and its practice is safer and more po-  
tent than that of any other sanitary method. The un-  
biased Christian thought is soonest touched by Truth,  
27 and convinced of it.

## SH 37:22–25

It is possible, — yea, it is the duty  
and privilege of every child, man, and woman, — to follow  
24 in some degree the example of the Master by the demon-  
stration of Truth and Life, of health and holiness.

## SH 8:28–30

We should examine ourselves and learn what is the  
affection and purpose of the heart, for in this way  
30 only can we learn what we honestly are.

## 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 570:14

Millions of unprejudiced minds — simple seekers for  
15 Truth, weary wanderers, athirst in the desert — are wait-  
ing and watching for rest and drink. Give  
them a cup of cold water in Christ’s name,  
18 and never fear the consequences. What if the old dragon  
should send forth a new flood to drown the Christ-idea?  
He can neither drown your voice with its roar, nor again  
sink the world into the deep waters of chaos and old night.

Receptive  
hearts

21 In this age the earth will help the woman; the spiritual  
idea will be understood. Those ready for the blessing  
24 you impart will give thanks. The waters will be paci-  
fied, and Christ will command the wave.

## SH 84:28–14

All we correctly know of Spirit comes from God, divine  
Principle, and is learned through Christ and Christian  
30 Science. If this Science has been thoroughly  
learned and properly digested, we can know  
the truth more accurately than the astronomer can read  
1 the stars or calculate an eclipse. This Mind-reading  
is the opposite of clairvoyance. It is the illumination of  
3 the spiritual understanding which demonstrates the ca-  
pacity of Soul, not of material sense. This Soul-sense  
comes to the human mind when the latter yields to the  
6 divine Mind.

Scientific  
foreknowing

Such intuitions reveal whatever constitutes and per-  
petuates harmony, enabling one to do good, but not  
9 evil. You will reach the perfect Science of  
healing when you are able to read the human  
mind after this manner and discern the error you would  
12 destroy. The Samaritan woman said: “Come, see a  
man, which told me all things that ever I did: is not this  
the Christ?”

Value of  
intuition