

# Gift of Christ - the Truth that sets you free



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## **Hymn. 13:1–3**

Arise ye people, take your stand,  
Cast out your idols from the land,  
Above all doctrine, form or creed  
Is found the Truth that meets your need.  
Christ's promise stands: they that believe  
His works shall do, his power receive.

Go forward then, and as ye preach  
So let your works confirm your speech,  
And prove to all with following sign  
The Word of God is power divine.  
In love and healing ministry  
Show forth the Truth that makes men free.

O Father-Mother God, whose plan  
Hath given dominion unto man,  
In Thine own image we may see  
Man pure and upright, whole and free.  
And ever through our work shall shine  
That light whose glory, Lord, is Thine.

Words: VIOLET HAY

Music: Johann Schop

## **Hymn. 139:1–3**

I walk with Love along the way,  
And O, it is a holy day;

No more I suffer cruel fear,  
I feel God's presence with me here;  
The joy that none can take away  
Is mine; I walk with Love today.

Who walks with Love along the way,  
Shall talk with Love and Love obey;  
God's healing truth is free to all,  
Our Father answers every call;  
'Tis He dispels the clouds of gray  
That all may walk with Love today.

Come, walk with Love along the way,  
Let childlike trust be yours today;  
Uplift your thought, with courage go,  
Give of your heart's rich overflow,  
And peace shall crown your joy-filled day.  
Come, walk with Love along the way.

Words: MINNY M. H. AYERS

Music: Henry Carey

**Hymn. 538:1-3**

O come, all ye faithful,  
Joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem.  
Come and behold him, born the King of Angels;  
O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him,  
Christ the Lord.

Sing, choirs of angels,  
Sing in exultation,  
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above.

Glory to God, glory in the highest.

O come, let us adore him,

O come, let us adore him,

O come, let us adore him,

Christ the Lord.

Yea, Lord, we greet thee,

Born this happy morning,

Jesus, to thee be all glory given.

Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing;

O come, let us adore him,

O come, let us adore him,

O come, let us adore him,

Christ the Lord.

Words: LATIN, 18TH C.; TR. FREDERICK OAKELEY AND OTHERS

Music: John Francis Wade; harm. The English Hymnal, 1906

**Ps. 86:11 (to :)**

- 11 Teach me thy way, O LORD; I will walk in thy truth: ...

**Ps. 100:5**

- 5 For the LORD *is* good; his mercy *is* everlasting; and his truth *endureth* to all generations.

**Isa. 11:1–6, 10**

- 1 And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots:
- 2 And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD;
- 3 And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the LORD: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears:
- 4 But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and

with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked.

- 5 And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins.
- 6 The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them.
- 10 ¶ And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek: and his rest shall be glorious.

### **Mark 1:1, 9**

- 1 The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God;
- 9 And it came to pass in those days, that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was baptized of John in Jordan.

### **Luke 4:14, 15**

- 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.

### **Mark 2:1–12, 15–17**

- 1 And again he entered into Capernaum after *some* days; and it was noised that he was in the house.
- 2 And straightway many were gathered together, insomuch that there was no room to receive *them*, no, not so much as about the door: and he preached the word unto them.
- 3 And they come unto him, bringing one sick of the palsy, which was borne of four.
- 4 And when they could not come nigh unto him for the press, they uncovered the roof where he was: and when they had broken *it* up, they let down the bed wherein the sick of the palsy lay.
- 5 When Jesus saw their faith, he said unto the sick of the palsy, Son, thy sins be forgiven thee.
- 6 But there were certain of the scribes sitting there, and reasoning in their hearts,
- 7 Why doth this *man* thus speak blasphemies? who can forgive sins but God only?

- 8 And immediately when Jesus perceived in his spirit that they so reasoned within themselves, he said unto them, Why reason ye these things in your hearts?
- 9 Whether is it easier to say to the sick of the palsy, *Thy sins be forgiven thee*; or to say, Arise, and take up thy bed, and walk?
- 10 But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (he saith to the sick of the palsy,)
- 11 I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy bed, and go thy way into thine house.
- 12 And immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went forth before them all; insomuch that they were all amazed, and glorified God, saying, We never saw it on this fashion.
- 15 And it came to pass, that, as Jesus sat at meat in his house, many publicans and sinners sat also together with Jesus and his disciples: for there were many, and they followed him.
- 16 And when the scribes and Pharisees saw him eat with publicans and sinners, they said unto his disciples, How is it that he eateth and drinketh with publicans and sinners?
- 17 When Jesus heard *it*, he saith unto them, They that are whole have no need of the physician, but they that are sick: I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.

### **Mark 5:21, 25–34**

- 21 And when Jesus was passed over again by ship unto the other side, much people gathered unto him: and he was nigh unto the sea.
- 25 And a certain woman, which had an issue of blood twelve years,
- 26 And had suffered many things of many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was nothing bettered, but rather grew worse,
- 27 When she had heard of Jesus, came in the press behind, and touched his garment.
- 28 For she said, If I may touch but his clothes, I shall be whole.
- 29 And straightway the fountain of her blood was dried up; and she felt in *her* body that she was healed of that plague.
- 30 And Jesus, immediately knowing in himself that virtue had gone out of him, turned him about in the press, and said, Who touched my clothes?

- 31 And his disciples said unto him, Thou seest the multitude thronging thee, and sayest thou, Who touched me?
- 32 And he looked round about to see her that had done this thing.
- 33 But the woman fearing and trembling, knowing what was done in her, came and fell down before him, and told him all the truth.
- 34 And he said unto her, Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace, and be whole of thy plague.

### **Mark 12:13–17, 28–34**

- 13 ¶ And they send unto him certain of the Pharisees and of the Herodians, to catch him in *his* words.
- 14 And when they were come, they say unto him, Master, we know that thou art true, and carest for no man: for thou regardest not the person of men, but teachest the way of God in truth: Is it lawful to give tribute to Cæsar, or not?
- 15 Shall we give, or shall we not give? But he, knowing their hypocrisy, said unto them, Why tempt ye me? bring me a penny, that I may see *it*.
- 16 And they brought *it*. And he saith unto them, Whose *is* this image and superscription? And they said unto him, Cæsar's.
- 17 And Jesus answering said unto them, Render to Cæsar the things that are Cæsar's, and to God the things that are God's. And they marvelled at him.
- 28 ¶ And one of the scribes came, and having heard them reasoning together, and perceiving that he had answered them well, asked him, Which is the first commandment of all?
- 29 And Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments *is*, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord:
- 30 And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: *this is* the first commandment.
- 31 And the second *is* like, *namely* this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these.
- 32 And the scribe said unto him, Well, Master, thou hast said the truth: for there is one God; and there is none other but he:
- 33 And to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the soul, and with all the strength, and to love *his* neighbour as himself, is more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.

34 And when Jesus saw that he answered discreetly, he said unto him, Thou art not far from the kingdom of God. And no man after that durst ask him *any question*.

### **John 8:31, 32**

31 Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, *then* are ye my disciples indeed;  
32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

### **SH 95:23–3**

Led by a solitary star amid

24 the darkness, the Magi of old foretold the Messiahship of Truth. Is the wise man of to-day believed, when he beholds the light which heralds Christ's eternal dawn  
27 and describes its effulgence?

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

30 Material sense does not unfold the facts of existence; but spiritual sense lifts human consciousness into eternal Truth. Humanity advances  
1 slowly out of sinning sense into spiritual understanding; unwillingness to learn all things rightly, binds Christen-  
3 dom with chains.

Spiritual  
awakening

### **SH 135:26**

Christianity as Jesus taught it was not

27 a creed, nor a system of ceremonies, nor a special gift from a ritualistic Jehovah; but it was the demonstration of divine Love casting out error and healing the sick,  
30 not merely in the *name* of Christ, or Truth, but in demonstration of Truth, as must be the case in the cycles of divine light.

## SH 12:10

It is neither Science nor Truth which  
acts through blind belief, nor is it the human under-  
12 standing of the divine healing Principle as manifested  
in Jesus, whose humble prayers were deep and con-  
scientious protests of Truth, — of man's likeness to  
15 God and of man's unity with Truth and Love.

## SH 31:12–13

12 First in the list of Christian duties, he taught his fol-  
lowers the healing power of Truth and Love.

## SH 38:30

30 He  
taught that the material senses shut out Truth and its  
healing power.

## SH 227:19

Love and Truth make free, but evil and error  
lead into captivity.

## SH 205:28–6

Selfishness tips the beam of human existence towards  
the side of error, not towards Truth. Denial of the one-  
30 ness of Mind throws our weight into the scale, not of  
Spirit, God, good, but of matter.

When we fully understand our relation to the Divine,  
1 we can have no other Mind but His, — no other Love,  
wisdom, or Truth, no other sense of Life, and no con-  
3 sciousness of the existence of matter or error.

The power of the human will should be exercised only  
in subordination to Truth; else it will misguide the judg-  
6 ment and free the lower propensities.



## SH 224:28

Truth brings the elements of liberty. On its banner  
is the Soul-inspired motto, "Slavery is abolished." The  
30 power of God brings deliverance to the cap-  
tative. No power can withstand divine Love.  
What is this supposed power, which opposes itself to God?  
1 Whence cometh it? What is it that binds man with iron  
shackles to sin, sickness, and death? Whatever enslaves  
3 man is opposed to the divine government. Truth makes  
man free.

Mental  
emancipation

## SH 495:6–24

6 If sickness is true or the idea of Truth, you cannot  
destroy sickness, and it would be absurd to try. Then  
classify sickness and error as our Master did,  
9 when he spoke of the sick, "whom Satan hath  
bound," and find a sovereign antidote for error in the life-  
giving power of Truth acting on human belief, a power  
12 which opens the prison doors to such as are bound, and  
sets the captive free physically and morally.

Destruction  
of all evil

When the illusion of sickness or sin tempts you, cling  
15 steadfastly to God and His idea. Allow nothing but His  
likeness to abide in your thought. Let neither  
fear nor doubt overshadow your clear sense and  
18 calm trust, that the recognition of life harmonious — as  
Life eternally is — can destroy any painful sense of, or  
belief in, that which Life is not. Let Christian Science,  
21 instead of corporeal sense, support your understanding of  
being, and this understanding will supplant error with  
Truth, replace mortality with immortality, and silence dis-  
24 cord with harmony.

Steadfast and  
calm trust

## SH 201:1–19

1 THE best sermon ever preached is Truth practised  
and demonstrated by the destruction of sin, sickness,  
3 and death. Knowing this and knowing too  
that one affection would be supreme in us and  
take the lead in our lives, Jesus said, “No man can serve  
6 two masters.”

Practical  
preaching

We cannot build safely on false foundations. Truth  
makes a new creature, in whom old things pass away  
9 and “all things are become new.” Passions, selfishness,  
false appetites, hatred, fear, all sensuality, yield to spirit-  
uality, and the superabundance of being is on the side  
12 of God, good.

We cannot fill vessels already full. They must first be  
emptied. Let us disrobe error. Then, when  
15 the winds of God blow, we shall not hug our  
tatters close about us.

The uses  
of truth

The way to extract error from mortal mind is to pour  
18 in truth through flood-tides of Love. Christian perfec-  
tion is won on no other basis.

## SH 171:4

Through discernment of the spiritual opposite of ma-  
teriality, even the way through Christ, Truth, man will  
6 reopen with the key of divine Science the gates  
of Paradise which human beliefs have closed,  
and will find himself unfallen, upright, pure, and free,  
9 not needing to consult almanacs for the probabilities either  
of his life or of the weather, not needing to study brain-  
ology to learn how much of a man he is.

Paradise  
regained

## SH 167:30

30 Only through radical reliance on  
Truth can scientific healing power be realized.

## SH 152:8

### Truth

9 has a healing effect, even when not fully understood.

## SH 411:10

If Spirit or the power of divine Love bear  
witness to the truth, this is the ultimatum, the scientific  
12 way, and the healing is instantaneous.

## SH x:22–23

The divine Principle of healing is proved in the  
personal experience of any sincere seeker of Truth.

## SH 496:9

9 We all must learn that Life is God. Ask yourself:  
Am I living the life that approaches the supreme good?  
Am I demonstrating the healing power of  
12 Truth and Love? If so, then the way will  
grow brighter “unto the perfect day.” Your fruits  
will prove what the understanding of God brings to man.  
15 Hold perpetually this thought, — that it is the spiritual  
idea, the Holy Ghost and Christ, which enables you to  
demonstrate, with scientific certainty, the rule of healing,  
18 based upon its divine Principle, Love, underlying, over-  
lying, and encompassing all true being.

Condition  
of progress

## SH 150:4–6

To-day the healing power of Truth is widely demon-  
strated as an immanent, eternal Science, instead of a  
6 phenomenal exhibition.

## SH 97:29–32

Christianity is again demonstrating the Life that is  
30 Truth, and the Truth that is Life, by the apos-  
tolic work of casting out error and healing the

Christianity  
still rejected

sick.

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