

# The Gift of Christ - Peace

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## Hymn. 236:1–4

O peace of the world, O hope in each breast,  
O Bethlehem star that ages have blest,  
A day of fresh promise breaks over the land,  
Gaunt warfare is doomed, and God's kingdom at hand!

From cannon and sword shape tillers of soil,  
No more let dire hate man's spirit despoil,  
Let Truth be proclaimed, let God's love be retold,  
That men of good will may their brethren uphold.

As stars in their courses never contend,  
As blossoms their hues in harmony blend,  
As bird voices mingle in joyful refrain,  
So God's loving children in concord remain.

Our God is one Mind, the Mind we adore;  
Ineffable joy His love doth outpour;  
Let nations be one in a union of love,  
God's bountiful peace, all earth's treasures above.

Words: IRVING C. TOMLINSON

Music: William Croft

## 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. 511:1–3**

It came upon the midnight clear,  
That glorious song of old,  
The angels, bending near the earth,  
Their wondrous story told  
Of peace on earth, good will to men,  
From heaven's all-gracious King;  
The world in solemn stillness lay  
To hear the angels sing.

O ye beneath life's crushing load  
Whose forms are bending low,  
Who toil along the climbing way  
With painful steps and slow;  
Look now, for glad and golden hours  
Come swiftly on the wing;  
O rest beside the weary road,  
And hear the angels sing.

For lo, the days are hastening on,  
By prophets seen of old,  
When with the ever-circling years

Shall come the time foretold;  
When the new heaven and earth shall own  
The Prince of Peace their King,  
And all the world send back the song  
Which now the angels sing.

Words: EDMUND H. SEARS, ADAPT.

Music: Richard Storrs Willis

**Luke 2:1, 3–14**

- 1 And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Cæsar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed.
- 3 And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.
- 4 And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judæa, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:)
- 5 To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.
- 6 And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.
- 7 And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.
- 8 And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.
- 9 And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.
- 10 And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.
- 11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.
- 12 And this *shall be* a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.
- 13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,
- 14 Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

### Isa. 9:6, 7

- 6 For 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, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

### Isa. 54:13

- 13 And all thy children *shall be* taught of the LORD; and great *shall be* the peace of thy children.

### Mark 3:7–15, 22–26

- 7 But Jesus withdrew himself with his disciples to the sea: and a great multitude from Galilee followed him, and from Judæa,
- 8 And from Jerusalem, and from Idumæa, and *from* beyond Jordan; and they about Tyre and Sidon, a great multitude, when they had heard what great things he did, came unto him.
- 9 And he spake to his disciples, that a small ship should wait on him because of the multitude, lest they should throng him.
- 10 For he had healed many; insomuch that they pressed upon him for to touch him, as many as had plagues.
- 11 And unclean spirits, when they saw him, fell down before him, and cried, saying, Thou art the Son of God.
- 12 And he straitly charged them that they should not make him known.
- 13 And he goeth up into a mountain, and calleth *unto him* whom he would: and they came unto him.
- 14 And he ordained twelve, that they should be with him, and that he might send them forth to preach,
- 15 And to have power to heal sicknesses, and to cast out devils:
- 22 ¶ And the scribes which came down from Jerusalem said, He hath Beelzebub, and by the prince of the devils casteth he out devils.
- 23 And he called them *unto him*, and said unto them in parables, How can Satan

cast out Satan?

24 And if a kingdom be divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand.

25 And if a house be divided against itself, that house cannot stand.

26 And if Satan rise up against himself, and be divided, he cannot stand, but hath an end.

### **Matt. 17:14–18**

14 ¶ And when they were come to the multitude, there came to him a *certain* man, kneeling down to him, and saying,

15 Lord, have mercy on my son: for he is lunatic, and sore vexed: for oftentimes he falleth into the fire, and oft into the water.

16 And I brought him to thy disciples, and they could not cure him.

17 Then Jesus answered and said, O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? how long shall I suffer you? bring him hither to me.

18 And Jesus rebuked the devil; and he departed out of him: and the child was cured from that very hour.

### **Mark 4:35–39**

35 And the same day, when the even was come, he saith unto them, Let us pass over unto the other side.

36 And when they had sent away the multitude, they took him even as he was in the ship. And there were also with him other little ships.

37 And there arose a great storm of wind, and the waves beat into the ship, so that it was now full.

38 And he was in the hinder part of the ship, asleep on a pillow: and they awake him, and say unto him, Master, carest thou not that we perish?

39 And he arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm.

### **John 14:26 the, 27**

26 ... 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.

### **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.

### **Rom. 8:1, 5, 6**

- 1 *There is* therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.
- 5 For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit.
- 6 For to be carnally minded *is* death; but to be spiritually minded *is* life and peace.

### **II Cor. 13:11**

- 11 Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you.

### **Rom. 1:7 Grace**

- 7 ... Grace to you and peace from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.

### **SH 45:16**

- Glory be to God, and peace to the struggling hearts!  
Christ hath rolled away the stone from the door of hu-  
18 man hope and faith, and through the reve-  
lation and demonstration of life in God, hath  
elevated them to possible at-one-ment with the spiritual  
21 idea of man and his divine Principle, Love.

The stone  
rolled away

### **SH vii:10**

- The Wise-  
men were led to behold and to follow this daystar of  
12 divine Science, lighting the way to eternal harmony.

### **SH 54:5**

The world acknowledged not his righteousness,  
seeing it not; but earth received the harmony his glorified

6 example introduced.

### SH 329:26 If

If

27 men understood their real spiritual source to be all bless-  
edness, they would struggle for recourse to the spiritual  
and be at peace; but the deeper the error into which mor-  
30 tal mind is plunged, the more intense the opposition to  
spirituality, till error yields to Truth.

### SH 242:9

9 There is but one way to heaven, harmony, and Christ  
in divine Science shows us this way. It is to know no  
other reality — to have no other conscious-  
12 ness of life — than good, God and His reflec-  
tion, and to rise superior to the so-called pain and pleasure  
of the senses.

The one  
only way

### SH 536:10–11, 24

The way of error is awful to contemplate. The illu-  
sion of sin is without hope or God.

24 Mortal mind accepts the erroneous, material concep-  
tion of life and joy, but the true idea is gained from the  
immortal side. Through toil, struggle, and sor-  
27 row, what do mortals attain? They give up  
their belief in perishable life and happiness; the mortal  
and material return to dust, and the immortal is reached.

True  
attainment

### SH 416:24

24 The sick know nothing of the mental process by  
which they are depleted, and next to nothing of the  
metaphysical method by which they can be  
27 healed. If they ask about their disease, tell  
them only what is best for them to know. Assure them

Evil thought  
depletes

that they think too much about their ailments, and  
30 have already heard too much on that subject. Turn  
their thoughts away from their bodies to higher ob-  
jects. Teach them that their being is sustained by  
1 Spirit, not by matter, and that they find health, peace,  
and harmony in God, divine Love.

## SH 2:15–17

15 Prayer cannot change the Science of being, but it  
tends to bring us into harmony with it. Goodness at-  
tains the demonstration of Truth.

## SH 390:7–9

It is our ignorance of God, the  
divine Principle, which produces apparent discord, and  
9 the right understanding of Him restores harmony.

Ultimate  
harmony

## SH 338:1–2

1 Christian Science, rightly under-  
stood, leads to eternal harmony.

## SH 567:7–8

To infinite, ever-present Love, all is  
Love, and there is no error, no sin, sickness, nor death.

## SH 324:2–12

Gladness to leave the false landmarks  
3 and joy to see them disappear, — this disposition helps  
to precipitate the ultimate harmony. The purification  
of sense and self is a proof of progress. “Blessed are the  
6 pure in heart: for they shall see God.”

Unless the harmony and immortality of man are be-  
coming more apparent, we are not gaining the true idea  
9 of God; and the body will reflect what gov-  
erns it, whether it be Truth or error,  
understanding or belief, Spirit or matter. Therefore

Narrow  
pathway



12 “acquaint now thyself with Him, and be at peace.”

### SH 224:8

There should  
9 be painless progress, attended by life and peace instead  
of discord and death.

### SH 445:19–24

Christian Science silences human will, quiets fear with  
Truth and Love, and illustrates the unlabored motion  
21 of the divine energy in healing the sick. Self-  
seeking, envy, passion, pride, hatred, and  
revenge are cast out by the divine Mind which heals  
24 disease.

Divine  
energy

### SH 169:27

27 Only the action of Truth, Life, and Love can give  
harmony.

### SH 260:31

If we look to the body for pleasure, we find pain; for  
Life, we find death; for Truth, we find error; for Spirit,  
1 we find its opposite, matter. Now reverse this action.  
Look away from the body into Truth and Love,  
3 the Principle of all happiness, harmony, and  
immortality. Hold thought steadfastly to the endur-  
ing, the good, and the true, and you will bring these  
6 into your experience proportionably to their occupancy  
of your thoughts.

Thoughts  
are things

### SH 201:9

9 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.

## SH 60:24–31

24 An ill-attuned ear calls discord harmony, not appreciating concord. So physical sense, not discerning the true happiness of being, places it on a false basis.

27 Science will correct the discord, and teach us life's sweeter harmonies.

Soul has infinite resources with which to bless mankind,  
30 and happiness would be more readily attained and would be more secure in our keeping, if sought in Soul.

Spiritual  
concord

## SH 60:2

Science inevitably lifts one's being higher in the scale of  
3 harmony and happiness.

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

The main  
purpose

## SH 208:20

Let us learn

21 of the real and eternal, and prepare for the reign of Spirit, the kingdom of heaven, — the reign and rule of

universal harmony, which cannot be lost nor remain  
24 forever unseen.

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