

Rock of Ages - Wed 12/31/25

Hymns

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Hymn. 566

Rock of Ages, Truth divine,
Be Thy strength forever mine;
Let me rest secure on Thee,
Safe above life's raging sea.
Rock of Ages, Truth divine,
Be Thy strength forever mine.

Rock of Truth, our fortress strong,
Thou our refuge from all wrong,
When from mortal sense I flee,
Let me hide myself in Thee.
Rock of Ages, Truth divine,
Be Thy strength forever mine.

Christ, the Truth, foundation sure,
On this rock we are secure;
Peace is there our life to fill,
Cure is there for every ill.
Rock of Ages, Truth divine,
Be Thy strength forever mine.

Hymn. 257

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.

Hymn. 71

Glorious things of thee are spoken,
Zion, city of our God;
He whose word cannot be broken,
Formed thee for His own abode:
On the Rock of Ages founded,
What can shake thy sure repose?
By salvation's walls surrounded
Thou mayst smile at all thy foes.

Round each habitation hovering,
See the cloud and fire appear
For a glory and a covering,
Showing that the Lord is near.
Thus deriving from their banner,
Light by night, and shade by day,
Safe they feed upon the manna,
Which He gives them when they pray.

See, the streams of living waters,
Springing from eternal Love,

Well supply thy sons and daughters,
And all fear of want remove.
Who can faint, while such a river
Ever shall their thirst assuage,—
Grace, which like the Lord, the giver,
Never fails from age to age?

THE BIBLE

1. Isa. 28:16 thus (to :)

16 ... thus saith the Lord GOD, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner *stone*, a sure foundation: ...

2. Isa. 42:11 2nd let

11 ... let the inhabitants of the rock sing, let them shout from the top of the mountains.

3. Ps. 18:1, 2, 31, 46

1 I will love thee, O LORD, my strength.

2 The LORD *is* my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, *and* my high tower.

31 For who *is* God save the LORD? or who *is* a rock save our God?

46 The LORD liveth; and blessed *be* my rock; and let the God of my salvation be exalted.

4. I Sam. 2:2

2 *There is* none holy as the LORD: for *there is* none beside thee: neither *is there* any rock like our God.

5. II Sam. 22:2 The, 3, 5–7, 17, 31–33, 47

2 ... The LORD *is* my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer;

3 The God of my rock; in him will I trust: *he is* my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my high tower, and my refuge, my saviour; thou savest me from violence.

5 When the waves of death compassed me, the floods of ungodly men made me afraid;

6 The sorrows of hell compassed me about; the snares of death prevented me;

7 In my distress I called upon the LORD, and cried to my God: and he did hear my voice out of his temple, and my cry *did enter* into his ears.

17 He sent from above, he took me; he drew me out of many waters;

31 *As for* God, his way *is* perfect; the word of the LORD *is* tried: he *is* a buckler to all them that trust in him.

32 For who *is* God, save the LORD? and who *is* a rock, save our God?

33 God *is* my strength *and* power: And he maketh my way perfect.

47 The LORD liveth; and blessed *be* my rock; and exalted be the God of the rock of my salvation.

6. I Cor. 3:11 other

11 ... other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

7. Luke 6:20, 35–37 love, 46–48

- 20 ¶ And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said, Blessed *be ye* poor: for yours is the kingdom of God.
- 35 ... love ye your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again; and your reward shall be great, and ye shall be the children of the Highest: for he is kind unto the unthankful and *to* the evil.
- 36 Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful.
- 37 Judge not, and ye shall not be judged: condemn not, and ye shall not be condemned: forgive, and ye shall be forgiven:
- 46 ¶ And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?
- 47 Whosoever cometh to me, and heareth my sayings, and doeth them, I will shew you to whom he is like:
- 48 He is like a man which built an house, and digged deep, and laid the foundation on a rock: and when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently upon that house, and could not shake it: for it was founded upon a rock.

8. Matt. 16:13–19 (to 1st :)

- 13 ¶ When Jesus came into the coasts of Cæsarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of man am?
- 14 And they said, Some *say that thou art* John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets.
- 15 He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am?
- 16 And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.
- 17 And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Bar-jona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed *it* unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.
- 18 And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.
- 19 And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: ...

9. John 11:1, 5–7, 14, 15, 17, 18, 32–36, 38, 41–44

- 1 Now a certain *man* was sick, *named* Lazarus, of Bethany, the town of Mary and her sister Martha.
- 5 Now Jesus loved Martha, and her sister, and Lazarus.
- 6 When he had heard therefore that he was sick, he abode two days still in the same place where he was.
- 7 Then after that saith he *to his* disciples, Let us go into Judæa again.
- 14 Then said Jesus unto them plainly, Lazarus is dead.
- 15 And I am glad for your sakes that I was not there, to the intent ye may believe; nevertheless let us go unto him.
- 17 Then when Jesus came, he found that he had *lain* in the grave four days already.
- 18 Now Bethany was nigh unto Jerusalem, about fifteen furlongs off:
- 32 Then when Mary was come where Jesus was, and saw him, she fell down at his feet, saying unto him, Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died.
- 33 When Jesus therefore saw her weeping, and the Jews also weeping which came with her, he groaned in the spirit, and was troubled,
- 34 And said, Where have ye laid him? They said unto him, Lord, come and see.
- 35 Jesus wept.
- 36 Then said the Jews, Behold how he loved him!

38 Jesus therefore again groaning in himself cometh to the grave. It was a cave, and a stone lay upon it.
41 Then they took away the stone *from the place* where the dead was laid. And Jesus lifted up *his* eyes, and said, Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me.
42 And I knew that thou hearest me always: but because of the people which stand by I said *it*, that they may believe that thou hast sent me.
43 And when he thus had spoken, he cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth.
44 And he that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with graveclothes: and his face was bound about with a napkin. Jesus saith unto them, Loose him, and let him go.

10. Ps. 61:2 lead

2 ... lead me to the rock *that* is higher than I.

11. Ps. 62:7

7 In God is my salvation and my glory: the rock of my strength, *and* my refuge, *is* in God.

12. Col. 1:19 it, 26

19 ... it pleased *the Father* that in him should all fulness dwell;
26 *Even* the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints:

13. II Tim. 2:19 the (to 1st .)


19 ... the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. ...

14. Eph. 2:4 God, 6, 7, 18, 20, 22

4 ... God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us,
6 And hath raised *us* up together, and made *us* sit together in heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus:
7 That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in *his* kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.
18 For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father.
20 And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner *stone*;
22 In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.

15. Eph. 3:21

21 Unto him *be* glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

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

1. SH 593:18 (only)

18 **Rock.** Spiritual foundation; Truth.



2. SH 118:10

Ag^{es} pass, but this leaven of Truth is ever at work. It
must destroy the entire mass of error, and so be eternally
12 glorified in man's spiritual freedom.

3. SH vii:25

Future ages must declare what the pioneer
has accomplished.

4. SH 456:25–32

A Christian Scientist requires my work SCIENCE AND
HEALTH for his textbook, and so do all his students and
27 patients. Why? *First*: Because it is the voice
of Truth to this age, and contains the full
statement of Christian Science, or the Science of healing
30 through Mind. *Second*: Because it was the first book
known, containing a thorough statement of Christian
Science.

This volume
indispensable

5. SH 241:23–27

One's aim, a point beyond faith, should be to find the
24 footsteps of Truth, the way to health and holiness. We
should strive to reach the Horeb height where God is re-
vealed; and the corner-stone of all spiritual building is
27 purity.

6. SH 136:9–12

9 The question then as now was, How did Jesus heal the
sick? His answer to this question the world rejected.
He appealed to his students: "Whom do
12 men say that I, the Son of man, am?"

Ancient
spiritualism

7. SH 137:16–21, 26–18

With his usual impetuosity, Simon replied for his
brethren, and his reply set forth a great fact: "Thou
18 art the Christ, the Son of the living God!"
That is: The Messiah is what thou hast de-
clared, — Christ, the spirit of God, of Truth, Life, and
21 Love, which heals mentally.

A divine
response

Before this the impetuous disciple had been called
27 only by his common names, Simon Bar-jona, or son of
Jona; but now the Master gave him a spir-
itual name in these words: "And I say also
30 unto thee, That thou art Peter; and upon this rock [the
meaning of the Greek word *petros*, or *stone*] I will build

The true and
living rock

my church; and the gates of hell [*hades*, the under-
1 world, or the *grave*] shall not prevail against it.” In
other words, Jesus purposed founding his society, not
3 on the personal Peter as a mortal, but on the God-
power which lay behind Peter’s confession of the true
Messiah.

6 It was now evident to Peter that divine Life, Truth, and
Love, and not a human personality, was the healer of the
sick and a rock, a firm foundation in the realm
9 of harmony. On this spiritually scientific basis
Jesus explained his cures, which appeared miraculous to
outsiders. He showed that diseases were cast out neither
12 by corporeality, by *materia medica*, nor by hygiene, but by
the divine Spirit, casting out the errors of mortal mind.
The supremacy of Spirit was the foundation on which
15 Jesus built. His sublime summary points to the religion
of Love.

Sublime
summary

Jesus established in the Christian era the precedent for
18 all Christianity, theology, and healing.

8. SH 170:22

Spiritual causation is the one question to be considered,
for more than all others spiritual causation relates to
24 human progress. The age seems ready to
approach this subject, to ponder somewhat
the supremacy of Spirit, and at least to touch the hem
27 of Truth’s garment.

Causation
considered

9. SH 254:16–20

During the sensual ages, absolute Christian Science
may not be achieved prior to the change called death,
18 for we have not the power to demonstrate what we do
not understand. But the human self must be evangel-
ized.

10. SH 297:26–28 (to 1st .)

A belief in Truth is better than a
27 belief in error, but no mortal testimony is founded on the
divine rock.

11. SH 204:20

When will the ages under-
21 stand the Ego, and realize only one God, one
Mind or intelligence?

Unscientific
theories

12. SH 140:31–4

What is the god of a mortal, but a mortal
magnified?

- 1 This indicates the distance between the theological and
ritualistic religion of the ages and the truth preached by
3 Jesus. More than profession is requisite for
Christian demonstration.

More than
profession
required

13. SH 380:4

- Truth is always the victor. Sickness and sin fall
by their own weight. Truth is the rock of ages, the head-
6 stone of the corner, “but on whomsoever it shall fall, it
will grind him to powder.”

14. SH 98:4–12, 18

- The prophet of to-day beholds in the mental horizon
the signs of these times, the reappearance of the Chris-
6 tianity which heals the sick and destroys error,
and no other sign shall be given. Body can-
not be saved except through Mind. The Science of Chris-
9 tianity is misinterpreted by a material age, for it is the
healing influence of Spirit (not *spirits*) which the material
senses cannot comprehend, — which can only be spiritu-
12 ally discerned.

Spiritual fore-
shadowings

- 18 It is imperious throughout all ages
as Christ’s revelation of Truth, of Life, and of Love, which
remains inviolate for every man to understand and to
21 practise.

Revelation
of Science

15. SH 244:23

- Man in Science is neither young nor old. He has
24 neither birth nor death. He is not a beast, a vegetable,
nor a migratory mind. He does not pass from
matter to Mind, from the mortal to the im-
27 mortal, from evil to good, or from good to evil. Such
admissions cast us headlong into darkness and dogma.
Even Shakespeare’s poetry pictures age as infancy, as
30 helplessness and decadence, instead of assigning to man
the everlasting grandeur and immortality of development,
power, and prestige.

Man not
evolved

16. SH 246:10–12, 17–20

The measurement of life by solar years robs youth and
gives ugliness to age. The radiant sun of virtue and truth

12 coexists with being.

Never record ages. Chronological data are no part
18 of the vast forever. Time-tables of birth and death are
so many conspiracies against manhood and
womanhood.

Undesirable
records

17. SH 482:19

Jesus was the highest human
concept of the perfect man. He was inseparable from
21 Christ, the Messiah, — the divine idea of God outside
the flesh. This enabled Jesus to demonstrate his con-
trol over matter. Angels announced to the Wisemen of
24 old this dual appearing, and angels whisper it, through
faith, to the hungering heart in every age.

18. SH 174:17–20 (to 2nd .)

The thunder of Sinai and the Sermon on the Mount
18 are pursuing and will overtake the ages, rebuking in
their course all error and proclaiming the kingdom of
heaven on earth. Truth is revealed.

19. SH 271:1–5

1 Christ's
Christianity is the chain of scientific being reappearing
3 in all ages, maintaining its obvious correspondence with
the Scriptures and uniting all periods in the design of
God.