

Blessed are they that mourn

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Hymn. 40:1–3

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.

Words: THOMAS MOORE AND THOMAS HASTINGS, ADAPTED
Music: Samuel Webbe

Hymn. 569

Saw ye my Saviour? Heard ye the glad sound?
Felt ye the power of the Word?
'Twas the Truth that made us free,
And was found by you and me
In the life and the love of our Lord.

Mourner, it calls you,—“Come to my bosom,
Love wipes your tears all away,

And will lift the shade of gloom,
And for you make radiant room
Midst the glories of one endless day.”

Sinner, it calls you,—“Come to this fountain,
Cleanse the foul senses within;
'Tis the Spirit that makes pure,
That exalts thee, and will cure
All thy sorrow and sickness and sin.”

Strongest deliverer, friend of the friendless,
Life of all being divine:
Thou the Christ, and not the creed;
Thou the Truth in thought and deed;
Thou the water, the bread, and the wine.

Words: MARY BAKER EDDY

Music: Désirée Goyette

Hymn. 523:1–3

Like as a mother, God comforts all Her children;
Comfort is calm, that bids all tumult cease;
Comfort is hope and courage for endeavor,
Comfort is love, whose home abides in peace.

Love is true solace in giving joy for sorrow,—
O, in that light, all earthly loss is gain;
Joy must endure, Love's giving is forever;
Life is of God, whose radiance cannot wane.

O holy presence, that stills all our demanding,
O love of God, that needs but to be known!
Heaven is at hand, when Your pure touch persuades us,
Comfort of God, that seeks and finds Her own.

Words: MARIA LOUISE BAUM, ALT.

Music: Suzanne Montgomery

Matt. 5:4

- 4 Blessed *are* they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.

Ps. 23:4

- 4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou *art* with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Ps. 94:17–19

- 17 Unless the LORD *had been* my help, my soul had almost dwelt in silence.
18 When I said, My foot slippeth; thy mercy, O LORD, held me up.
19 In the multitude of my thoughts within me thy comforts delight my soul.

Isa. 40:1

- 1 Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God.

Isa. 66:13

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

Isa. 51:12, 13 (to ;)

- 12 I, *even* I, *am* he that comforteth you: who *art* thou, that thou shouldest be afraid of a man *that* shall die, and of the son of man *which* shall be made *as* grass;
13 And forgettest the LORD thy maker, that hath stretched forth the heavens, and laid the foundations of the earth; ...

Isa. 49:13

- 13 ¶ Sing, O heavens; and be joyful, O earth; and break forth into singing, O mountains: for the LORD hath comforted his people, and will have mercy upon his afflicted.

John 11:1, 4–7, 19, 20 (to :), 21–27, 32–44

- 1 Now a certain *man* was sick, *named* Lazarus, of Bethany, the town of Mary and her sister Martha.
4 When Jesus heard *that*, he said, This sickness is not unto death, but for the

glory of God, that the Son of God might be glorified thereby.

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.

17 Then when Jesus came, he found that he had *lain* in the grave four days already.

19 And many of the Jews came to Martha and Mary, to comfort them concerning their brother.

20 Then Martha, as soon as she heard that Jesus was coming, went and met him:

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21 Then said Martha unto Jesus, Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died.

22 But I know, that even now, whatsoever thou wilt ask of God, God will give *it* thee.

23 Jesus saith unto her, Thy brother shall rise again.

24 Martha saith unto him, I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day.

25 Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:

26 And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?

27 She saith unto him, Yea, Lord: I believe that thou art the Christ, the Son of God, which should come into the world.

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!

37 And some of them said, Could not this man, which opened the eyes of the blind, have caused that even this man should not have died?

- 38 Jesus therefore again groaning in himself cometh to the grave. It was a cave, and a stone lay upon it.
- 39 Jesus said, Take ye away the stone. Martha, the sister of him that was dead, saith unto him, Lord, by this time he stinketh: for he hath been *dead* four days.
- 40 Jesus saith unto her, Said I not unto thee, that, if thou wouldest believe, thou shouldest see the glory of God?
- 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.

John 14:16–18

- 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.

II Cor. 1:2–4

- 2 Grace *be* to you and peace from God our Father, and *from* the Lord Jesus Christ.
- 3 Blessed *be* God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort;
- 4 Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God.

SH 66:6

- 6 Trials teach mortals not to lean on a material staff, —
a broken reed, which pierces the heart. We do not

half remember this in the sunshine of joy
9 and prosperity. Sorrow is salutary. Through
great tribulation we enter the kingdom. Trials are
proofs of God's care. Spiritual development germi-
12 nates not from seed sown in the soil of material hopes,
but when these decay, Love propagates anew the higher
joys of Spirit, which have no taint of earth. Each suc-
15 cessive stage of experience unfolds new views of divine
goodness and love.

Salutary
sorrow

SH 66:30–17

30 Sorrow has its reward. It never leaves us
where it found us. The furnace separates
the gold from the dross that the precious metal may
1 be graven with the image of God. The cup our Father
hath given, shall we not drink it and learn the lessons
3 He teaches?

The gold
and dross

When the ocean is stirred by a storm, then the clouds
lower, the wind shrieks through the tightened shrouds,
6 and the waves lift themselves into mountains.
We ask the helmsman: "Do you know your
course? Can you steer safely amid the storm?" He
9 answers bravely, but even the dauntless seaman is not
sure of his safety; nautical science is not equal to the
Science of Mind. Yet, acting up to his highest under-
12 standing, firm at the post of duty, the mariner works on
and awaits the issue. Thus should we deport ourselves
on the seething ocean of sorrow. Hoping and work-
15 ing, one should stick to the wreck, until an irresistible
propulsion precipitates his doom or sunshine gladdens
the troubled sea.

Weathering
the storm

SH 75:12

- 12 Jesus said of Lazarus: “Our friend Lazarus sleepeth;
but I go, that I may awake him out of sleep.” Jesus
restored Lazarus by the understanding that
- 15 Lazarus had never died, not by an admis-
sion that his body had died and then lived again. Had
Jesus believed that Lazarus had lived or died in his
- 18 body, the Master would have stood on the same plane of
belief as those who buried the body, and he could not have
resuscitated it.

Raising
the dead

SH 493:28–30

- If Jesus awakened Lazarus from the dream, illusion, of
death, this proved that the Christ could improve on a false
- 30 sense.

SH 39:13–14

The Bible calls death an enemy, and Jesus
overcame death and the grave instead of yielding to them.

A belief
suicidal

SH 427:17–19, 22

- If man
- 18 is never to overcome death, why do the Scriptures say,
“The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death”?

- God, Life,
Truth, and Love make man undying. Immortal Mind,
- 24 governing all, must be acknowledged as supreme in the
physical realm, so-called, as well as in the spiritual.

SH 384:5–6

- Let us reassure
- 6 ourselves with the law of Love.

Corporeal
penalties

SH 386:16–2

A blundering despatch, mistakenly announcing the death of a friend, occasions the same grief that the friend's
18 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.

Erroneous
despatch

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
30 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
1 perceive this to be true when we grow into the understanding of Life, and know that there is no death.

Mourning
causeless

SH 215:15

15 We are sometimes led to believe that darkness is as real as light; but Science affirms darkness to be only a mortal sense of the absence of light, at the coming of
18 which darkness loses the appearance of reality. So sin and sorrow, disease and death, are the suppositional absence of Life, God, and flee as phantoms of error before
21 truth and love.

Light and
darkness

SH 494:10

Divine Love always has met and always will meet every human need. It is not well to imagine that Jesus demon-
12 strated the divine power to heal only for a select number

or for a limited period of time, since to all mankind and in every hour, divine Love supplies all good.

SH 304:9–14

9 This is the doctrine of Christian
Science: that divine Love cannot be deprived of its
manifestation, or object; that joy cannot be turned into
12 sorrow, for sorrow is not the master of joy; that good can
never produce evil; that matter can never produce mind
nor life result in death.

SH 288:20–28

21 The chief stones in the temple of Christian Science are
to be found in the following postulates: that Life is God,
good, and not evil; that Soul is sinless, not
to be found in the body; that Spirit is not, and
24 cannot be, materialized; that Life is not subject
to death; that the spiritual real man has no birth, no ma-
terial life, and no death.
27 Science reveals the glorious possibilities of immortal
man, forever unlimited by the mortal senses.

The chief
stones in
the temple

SH 468:25–6

Question. — What is Life?

Answer. — Life is divine Principle, Mind, Soul, Spirit.

27 Life is without beginning and without end.
Eternity, not time, expresses the thought of
Life, and time is no part of eternity. One ceases in
30 proportion as the other is recognized. Time is finite;
1 eternity is forever infinite. Life is neither in nor of mat-
ter. What is termed matter is unknown to Spirit, which
3 includes in itself all substance and is Life eternal. Mat-
ter is a human concept. Life is divine Mind. Life is not
limited. Death and finiteness are unknown to Life. If
6 Life ever had a beginning, it would also have an ending.

Eternity
of Life

SH 245:32–6

The infinite never began nor will it ever end. Mind
1 and its formations can never be annihilated. Man is not
a pendulum, swinging between evil and good, joy and
3 sorrow, sickness and health, life and death.
Life and its faculties are not measured by
calendars. The perfect and immortal are the eternal
6 likeness of their Maker.

Man
reflects God

SH 140:25–27

The Christian Science God is universal, eter-
nal, divine Love, which changeth not and caus-
27 eth no evil, disease, nor death.

Anthropo-
morphism

SH 55:15–21, 27

15 Truth’s immortal idea is sweeping down the centuries,
gathering beneath its wings the sick and sinning. My
weary hope tries to realize that happy day, when man shall
18 recognize the Science of Christ and love his neighbor as
himself, — when he shall realize God’s omnipotence and
the healing power of the divine Love in what it has done
21 and is doing for mankind.

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.