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Transforming Spirit

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Hymn 42

**Hymn 42**

JONATHAN EVANS\*

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**REGENT SQUARE**

HENRY SMART

Come, Thou all-transforming Spirit,  
Bless the sower and the seed;  
Let each heart Thy grace inherit;  
Raise the weak, the hungry feed;  
From the Gospel, from the Gospel  
Now supply Thy people's need.

O, may all enjoy the blessing  
Which Thy holy word doth give;  
Let us all, Thy love possessing,  
Joyfully Thy truth receive;  
And forever, and forever  
To Thy praise and glory live.

Hymn 254

**Hymn 253–257**

**CHRIST MY REFUGE**

MARY BAKER EDDY

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**PLEASANT STREET**

WILLIAM LYMAN JOHNSON

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**REFUGE**

PERCY C. BUCK

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**OLDOWN**

BASIL HARWOOD

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**OBLATION**

PERCY WHITLOCK

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 7

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BERTHA H. WOODS

*Based on hymn by H. F. Lyte*

(7)

**EVENTIDE**

Abide with me; fast breaks the morning light;  
Our daystar rises, banishing all night;  
Thou art our strength, O Truth that maketh free,  
We would unfailingly abide in Thee.

I know no fear, with Thee at hand to bless,  
Sin hath no power and life no wretchedness;  
Health, hope and love in all around I see  
For those who trustingly abide in Thee.

I know Thy presence every passing hour,  
I know Thy peace, for Thou alone art power;  
O Love divine, abiding constantly,  
I need not plead, Thou dost abide with me.

Luke 15:10-32

- 10 Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth.
- 11 ¶ And he said, A certain man had two sons:
- 12 And the younger of them said to *his* father, Father, give me the portion of goods that falleth *to me*. And he divided unto them *his* living.
- 13 And not many days after the younger son gathered all together, and took his journey into a far country, and there wasted his substance with riotous living.
- 14 And when he had spent all, there arose a mighty famine in that land; and he began to be in want.
- 15 And he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country; and he sent him into his fields to feed swine.
- 16 And he would fain have filled his belly with the husks that the swine did eat: and no man gave unto him.
- 17 And when he came to himself, he said, How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger!
- 18 I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee,
- 19 And am no more worthy to be called thy son: make me as one of thy hired servants.
- 20 And he arose, and came to his father. But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him.
- 21 And the son said unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called thy son.
- 22 But the father said to his servants, Bring forth the best robe, and put *it* on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on *his* feet:
- 23 And bring hither the fatted calf, and kill *it*; and let us eat, and be merry:

- 24 For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.  
And they began to be merry.
- 25 Now his elder son was in the field: and as he came and drew nigh to the house, he heard music and dancing.
- 26 And he called one of the servants, and asked what these things meant.
- 27 And he said unto him, Thy brother is come; and thy father hath killed the fatted calf, because he hath received him safe and sound.
- 28 And he was angry, and would not go in: therefore came his father out, and entreated him.
- 29 And he answering said to *his* father, Lo, these many years do I serve thee, neither transgressed I at any time thy commandment: and yet thou never gavest me a kid, that I might make merry with my friends:
- 30 But as soon as this thy son was come, which hath devoured thy living with harlots, thou hast killed for him the fatted calf.
- 31 And he said unto him, Son, thou art ever with me, and all that I have is thine.
- 32 It was meet that we should make merry, and be glad: for this thy brother was dead, and is alive again; and was lost, and is found.

#### Acts 9:1-22

- 1 AND Saul, yet breathing out threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord, went unto the high priest,
- 2 And desired of him letters to Damascus to the synagogues, that if he found any of this way, whether they were men or women, he might bring them bound unto Jerusalem.
- 3 And as he journeyed, he came near Damascus: and suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven:
- 4 And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?
- 5 And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: *it is* hard for thee to kick against the pricks.
- 6 And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? And the Lord *said* unto him, Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do.
- 7 And the men which journeyed with him stood speechless, hearing a voice, but seeing no man.
- 8 And Saul arose from the earth; and when his eyes were opened, he saw no man: but they led him by the hand, and brought *him* into Damascus.
- 9 And he was three days without sight, and neither did eat nor drink.
- 10 ¶ And there was a certain disciple at Damascus, named Ananias; and to him said the Lord in a vision, Ananias. And he said, Behold, I *am here*, Lord.

- 11 And the Lord *said* unto him, Arise, and go into the street which is called Straight, and inquire in the house of Judas for *one* called Saul, of Tarsus: for, behold, he prayeth,
- 12 And hath seen in a vision a man named Ananias coming in, and putting *his* hand on him, that he might receive his sight.
- 13 Then Ananias answered, Lord, I have heard by many of this man, how much evil he hath done to thy saints at Jerusalem:
- 14 And here he hath authority from the chief priests to bind all that call on thy name.
- 15 But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel:
- 16 For I will shew him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake.
- 17 And Ananias went his way, and entered into the house; and putting his hands on him said, Brother Saul, the Lord, *even* Jesus, that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost.
- 18 And immediately there fell from his eyes as it had been scales: and he received sight forthwith, and arose, and was baptized.
- 19 And when he had received meat, he was strengthened. Then was Saul certain days with the disciples which were at Damascus.
- 20 And straightway he preached Christ in the synagogues, that he is the Son of God.
- 21 But all that heard *him* were amazed, and said; Is not this he that destroyed them which called on this name in Jerusalem, and came hither for that intent, that he might bring them bound unto the chief priests?
- 22 But Saul increased the more in strength, and confounded the Jews which dwelt at Damascus, proving that this is very Christ.

Acts 9:26-28, 29 (to ,)

- 26 And when Saul was come to Jerusalem, he assayed to join himself to the disciples: but they were all afraid of him, and believed not that he was a disciple.
- 27 But Barnabas took him, and brought *him* to the apostles, and declared unto them how he had seen the Lord in the way, and that he had spoken to him, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus.
- 28 And he was with them coming in and going out at Jerusalem.
- 29 And he spake boldly in the name of the Lord Jesus,

Eph. 1:3-19, 20 (to 1st ,)

- 3 Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly *places* in Christ:
- 4 According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:

5 Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to  
himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,  
6 To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted  
in the beloved.  
7 In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins,  
according to the riches of his grace;  
8 Wherein he hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence;  
9 Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good  
pleasure which he hath purposed in himself:  
10 That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in  
one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth;  
*even* in him:  
11 In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated  
according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel  
of his own will:  
12 That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ.  
13 In whom ye also *trusted*, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel  
of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with  
that holy Spirit of promise,  
14 Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the  
purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.  
15 Wherefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus, and love  
unto all the saints,  
16 Cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers;  
17 That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto  
you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him:  
18 The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what  
is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his  
inheritance in the saints,  
19 And what *is* the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe,  
according to the working of his mighty power,  
20 Which he wrought in Christ,

#### SH 34:18-9

18 Through all the disciples experienced, they became more  
spiritual and understood better what the Master had  
taught. His resurrection was also their resur-  
21 rection. It helped them to raise themselves and  
others from spiritual dulness and blind belief in God into  
the perception of infinite possibilities. They needed this  
24 quickening, for soon their dear Master would rise again  
in the spiritual realm of reality, and ascend far above  
their apprehension. As the reward for his faithfulness,  
27 he would disappear to material sense in that change which

Fellowship with  
Christ

has since been called the ascension.

30 What a contrast between our Lord's last supper and  
his last spiritual breakfast with his disciples  
in the bright morning hours at the joyful  
meeting on the shore of the Galilean Sea! His gloom  
35:1 had passed into glory, and his disciples' grief into repent-  
ance, — hearts chastened and pride rebuked. Convinced  
3 of the fruitlessness of their toil in the dark and wakened  
by their Master's voice, they changed their methods, turned  
away from material things, and cast their net on the right  
6 side. Discerning Christ, Truth, anew on the shore of  
time, they were enabled to rise somewhat from mortal  
sensuousness, or the burial of mind in matter, into new-  
9 ness of life as Spirit.

The last  
breakfast

SH 55:15

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. The promises will be ful-  
filled. The time for the reappearing of the divine healing  
is throughout all time; and whosoever layeth his earthly  
24 all on the altar of divine Science, drinketh of Christ's  
cup now, and is endued with the spirit and power of  
Christian healing.

SH 241:23

24 One's aim, a point beyond faith, should be to find the  
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. The baptism of Spirit, washing the body of all  
the impurities of flesh, signifies that the pure in heart  
see God and are approaching spiritual Life and its  
30 demonstration.

SH 242:9-10

9 There is but one way to heaven, harmony, and Christ  
in divine Science shows us this way.

SH 74:17-30

18 The caterpillar, transformed into a beautiful insect,  
is no longer a worm, nor does the insect return to  
fraternize with or control the worm. Such  
a backward transformation is impossible in

Bridgeless  
division

21 Science. Darkness and light, infancy and manhood,  
sickness and health, are opposites, — different beliefs,  
which never blend. Who will say that infancy can utter  
24 the ideas of manhood, that darkness can represent light,  
that we are in Europe when we are in the opposite hemi-  
sphere? There is no bridge across the gulf which divides  
27 two such opposite conditions as the spiritual, or incor-  
poreal, and the physical, or corporeal.

In Christian Science there is never a retrograde step,  
30 never a return to positions outgrown.

SH 77:13-18

The period required for this dream of material life,  
embracing its so-called pleasures and pains, to vanish  
15 from consciousness, “knoweth no man . . .  
neither the Son, but the Father.” This period  
will be of longer or shorter duration according to the  
18 tenacity of error.

A dream  
vanishing

SH 79:9-11

Science must go over the whole  
ground, and dig up every seed of error’s sow-  
ing.

SH 79:12

Christian Science removes these beliefs and  
hypotheses through the higher understanding of God, for  
Christian Science, resting on divine Principle, not on ma-  
15 terial personalities, in its revelation of immortality, intro-  
duces the harmony of being.

SH 81:17-18

Man in the likeness of God as revealed in Science can-  
18 not help being immortal.

SH 354:20

18 If our words  
21 fail to express our deeds, God will redeem that  
weakness, and out of the mouth of babes He will perfect  
praise. The night of materiality is far spent, and with  
24 the dawn Truth will waken men spiritually to hear and  
to speak the new tongue.

SH 327:1

327:1 Reform comes by understanding that there is no abid-  
ing pleasure in evil, and also by gaining an affection for  
3 good according to Science, which reveals the immortal  
fact that neither pleasure nor pain, appetite nor passion,

can exist in or of matter, while divine Mind can and does  
6 destroy the false beliefs of pleasure, pain, or fear and all  
the sinful appetites of the human mind.

SH 241:1

241:1 “Whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth.” He, who  
knows God’s will or the demands of divine Science and  
3 obeys them, incurs the hostility of envy; and he who  
refuses obedience to God, is chastened by Love.

SH 298:13-24, 28-30

Spiritual sense, contradicting the material senses, in-  
volves intuition, hope, faith, understanding, fruition, real-  
15 ity. Material sense expresses the belief that mind is in  
matter. This human belief, alternating between a sense  
of pleasure and pain, hope and fear, life and death, never  
18 reaches beyond the boundary of the mortal or the unreal.  
When the real is attained, which is announced by Science,  
joy is no longer a trembler, nor is hope a cheat. Spirit-  
21 ual ideas, like numbers and notes, start from Principle,  
and admit no materialistic beliefs. Spiritual ideas lead  
up to their divine origin, God, and to the spiritual sense  
24 of being.

Angels are pure thoughts from God,  
winged with Truth and Love, no matter what their indi-  
30 vidualism may be.

SH 299:7

My angels are exalted thoughts, appearing at the door  
of some sepulchre, in which human belief has buried  
9 its fondest earthly hopes. With white fin-  
gers they point upward to a new and glo-  
rified trust, to higher ideals of life and its joys. Angels  
12 are God’s representatives. These upward-soaring beings  
never lead towards self, sin, or materiality, but guide to  
the divine Principle of all good, whither every real indi-  
15 viduality, image, or likeness of God, gathers. By giving  
earnest heed to these spiritual guides they tarry with us,  
and we entertain “angels unawares.”

[Our angelic  
messengers](#)

SH 538:4

3 Truth is a two-edged sword, guarding and guiding.  
Truth places the cherub wisdom at the gate  
6 of understanding to note the proper guests.  
Radiant with mercy and justice, the sword of Truth  
gleams afar and indicates the infinite distance between  
9 Truth and error, between the material and spiritual, —  
the unreal and the real.

[Spiritual  
gateway](#)

SH 476:17-22

Mortality is finally swallowed

18 up in immortality. Sin, sickness, and death must dis-  
appear to give place to the facts which belong to immortal  
man.

21 Learn this, O mortal, and earnestly seek the spiritual  
status of man, which is outside of all material selfhood.

SH 254:10-12

When we wait

patiently on God and seek Truth righteously, He directs

12 our path.