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Hymn 256

Hymn 253–257**CHRIST MY REFUGE**

MARY BAKER EDDY

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WILLIAM LYMAN JOHNSON

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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 135

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CARL J. P. SPITTA

RICHARD MASSIE, TR., ADAPTED

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WORDSWORTH

WILLIAM H. MONK

I know no life divided,
O Lord of life, from Thee;
In Thee is life provided
For all mankind and me:
I know no death, O Father,
Because I live in Thee;
Thy life it is that frees us
From death eternally.

I fear no tribulation,
Since, whatsoe'er it be,
It makes no separation
Between my Lord and me:
Since Thou, my God and Father,
Dost claim me as Thine own,
I richly shall inherit
All good, from Thee alone.

Hymn 359

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WILLIAM P. MCKENZIE

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WILLINGHAM

FRANZ ABT

Trust the Eternal when the shadows gather,
When joys of daylight seem so like a dream;
God the unchanging pities like a father;
Trust on and wait, the daystar yet shall gleam.

Trust the Eternal, for the clouds that vanish
No more can move the mountains from their base
Than sin's illusive wreaths of mist can banish
Light from His throne or loving from His face.

Trust the Eternal, and repent in meekness
Of that heart's pride which frowns and will not yield,
Then to thy child-heart shall come strength in weakness,
And thine immortal life shall be revealed.

I Cor. 15:1-58

- 1 MOREOVER, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand;
- 2 By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain.
- 3 For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures;
- 4 And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:
- 5 And that he was seen of Cephas, then of the twelve:
- 6 After that, he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once; of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep.
- 7 After that, he was seen of James; then of all the apostles.
- 8 And last of all he was seen of me also, as of one born out of due time.
- 9 For I am the least of the apostles, that am not meet to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.
- 10 But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which *was bestowed* upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.
- 11 Therefore whether *it were* I or they, so we preach, and so ye believed.
- 12 Now if Christ be preached that he rose from the dead, how say some among you that there is no resurrection of the dead?
- 13 But if there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen:
- 14 And if Christ be not risen, then *is* our preaching vain, and your faith *is* also vain.

- 15 Yea, and we are found false witnesses of God; because we have testified of God that he raised up Christ: whom he raised not up, if so be that the dead rise not.
- 16 For if the dead rise not, then is not Christ raised:
- 17 And if Christ be not raised, your faith *is* vain; ye are yet in your sins.
- 18 Then they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished.
- 19 If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable.
- 20 But now is Christ risen from the dead, *and* become the firstfruits of them that slept.
- 21 For since by man *came* death, by man *came* also the resurrection of the dead.
- 22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.
- 23 But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming.
- 24 Then *cometh* the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power.
- 25 For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet.
- 26 The last enemy *that* shall be destroyed *is* death.
- 27 For he hath put all things under his feet. But when he saith all things are put under *him*, *it is* manifest that he is excepted, which did put all things under him.
- 28 And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all.
- 29 Else what shall they do which are baptized for the dead, if the dead rise not at all? why are they then baptized for the dead?
- 30 And why stand we in jeopardy every hour?
- 31 I protest by your rejoicing which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die daily.
- 32 If after the manner of men I have fought with beasts at Ephesus, what advantageth it me, if the dead rise not? let us eat and drink; for to-morrow we die.
- 33 Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners.
- 34 Awake to righteousness, and sin not; for some have not the knowledge of God: I speak *this* to your shame.
- 35 But some *man* will say, How are the dead raised up? and with what body do they come?
- 36 *Thou* fool, that which thou sowest is not quickened, except it die:
- 37 And that which thou sowest, thou sowest not that body that shall be, but bare grain, it may chance of wheat, or of some other *grain*:

- 38 But God giveth it a body as it hath pleased him, and to every seed his own body.
- 39 All flesh *is* not the same flesh: but *there is* one *kind of* flesh of men, another flesh of beasts, another of fishes, *and* another of birds.
- 40 *There are* also celestial bodies, and bodies terrestrial: but the glory of the celestial *is* one, and the *glory* of the terrestrial *is* another.
- 41 *There is* one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars: for *one* star differeth from *another* star in glory.
- 42 So also *is* the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption:
- 43 It is sown in dishonour; it is raised in glory: it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power:
- 44 It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body.
- 45 And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam *was made* a quickening spirit.
- 46 Howbeit that *was* not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual.
- 47 The first man *is* of the earth, earthy: the second man *is* the Lord from heaven.
- 48 As *is* the earthy, such *are* they also that are earthy: and as *is* the heavenly, such *are* they also that are heavenly.
- 49 And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.
- 50 Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption.
- 51 Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,
- 52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.
- 53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal *must* put on immortality.
- 54 So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.
- 55 O death, where *is* thy sting? O grave, where *is* thy victory?
- 56 The sting of death *is* sin; and the strength of sin *is* the law.
- 57 But thanks *be* to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.
- 58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

Luke 21:33

33 Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away.

John 8:51

51 Verily, verily, I say unto you, If a man keep my saying, he shall never see death.

Rev. 20:12 (to 2nd :), 14 (to 1st .)

12 And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is *the book* of life:

14 And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire.

Rev. 21:1

1 AND I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

SH 428:22

The great spiritual fact must be brought out that man *is*, not *shall be*, perfect and immortal. We must hold forever the consciousness of existence, and sooner or later, through Christ and Christian Science, we must master sin and death. The evidence of man's immortality will become more apparent, as material beliefs are given up and the immortal facts of being are admitted.

The present
immortality

SH 429:31

Jesus said (John viii. 51), "If a man keep my saying, he shall never see death." That statement is not confined to spiritual life, but includes all the phenomena of existence. Jesus demonstrated this, healing the dying and raising the dead. Mortal mind must part with error, must put off itself with its deeds, and immortal manhood, the Christ ideal, will appear. Faith should enlarge its borders and strengthen its base by resting upon Spirit instead of matter. When man gives up his belief in death, he will advance more rapidly towards God, Life, and Love. Belief in sickness and death, as certainly as belief in sin, tends to shut out the true sense of Life and health. When will mankind wake to this great fact in Science?

Life all-inclusive

SH 14:25

Entirely separate from the belief and dream of material living, is the Life divine, revealing spiritual understanding and the consciousness of man's dominion

over the whole earth. This understanding casts out error and heals the sick, and with it you can speak
 30 “as one having authority.”

SH 572:19-574:2

In Revelation xxi. 1 we read: —

21 And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

24 The Revelator had not yet passed the transitional stage in human experience called death, but he already saw a new heaven and a new earth. Through what sense came this vision to St. John? Not through the material visual organs for seeing, for optics are inadequate to take in so wonderful a scene. Were this new heaven and new earth terrestrial or celestial, material or spiritual? They could not be the former, for the human sense of space is unable to grasp such a view.

3 The Revelator was on our plane of existence, while yet beholding what the eye cannot see, — that which is invisible to the uninspired thought. This testimony of Holy Writ sustains the fact in Science, that the heavens and earth to one human consciousness, that consciousness which God bestows, are spiritual, while to another, the unillumined human mind, the vision is material. This shows unmistakably that what the human mind terms matter and spirit indicates states and stages of consciousness.

12 Accompanying this scientific consciousness was another revelation, even the declaration from heaven, supreme harmony, that God, the divine Principle of harmony, is ever with men, and they are His people. Thus man was no longer regarded as a miserable sinner, but as the blessed child of God. Why? Because St. John's corporeal sense of the heavens and earth had vanished, and in place of this false sense was the spiritual sense, the subjective state by which he could see the new heaven and new earth, which involve the spiritual idea and consciousness of reality. This is Scriptural authority for concluding that such a recognition of being is, and has been, possible to men in this present state of existence, — that we can become conscious, here and now, of a cessation of death, sorrow, and pain. This is indeed a foretaste of absolute Christian Science. Take heart, dear sufferer, for this reality of being will

Man's present possibilities

Nearness of Deity

30 surely appear sometime and in some way. There will
 be no more pain, and all tears will be wiped away. When
 you read this, remember Jesus' words, "The kingdom of
 574:1 God is within you." This spiritual consciousness is
 therefore a present possibility.

SH 426:11-16 (np)

If the belief in death
 12 were obliterated, and the understanding obtained that
 there is no death, this would be a "tree of life," known
 by its fruits. Man should renew his energies and en-
 15 deavors, and see the folly of hypocrisy, while also learn-
 ing the necessity of working out his own salvation. When
 it is learned that disease cannot destroy life, and that
 18 mortals are not saved from sin or sickness by death, this
 understanding will quicken into newness of life. It will
 master either a desire to die or a dread of the grave,
 21 and thus destroy the great fear that besets mortal
 existence.

The relinquishment of all faith in death and also of
 24 the fear of its sting would raise the standard of health
 and morals far beyond its present elevation,
 and would enable us to hold the banner of
 27 Christianity aloft with unflinching faith in God, in Life
 eternal. Sin brought death, and death will disappear
 with the disappearance of sin. Man is immortal, and
 30 the body cannot die, because matter has no life to sur-
 render. The human concepts named matter, death, dis-
 ease, sickness, and sin are all that can be destroyed.

427:1 If it is true that man lives, this fact can never change
 in Science to the opposite belief that man dies. Life is
 3 the law of Soul, even the law of the spirit of
 Truth, and Soul is never without its represent-
 ative. Man's individual being can no more
 6 die nor disappear in unconsciousness than can Soul, for
 both are immortal. If man believes in death now, he
 must disbelieve in it when learning that there is no reality
 9 in death, since the truth of being is deathless. The be-
 lief that existence is contingent on matter must be met
 and mastered by Science, before Life can be understood
 12 and harmony obtained.

Death is but another phase of the dream that exist-
 ence can be material. Nothing can interfere with the
 15 harmony of being nor end the existence of
 man in Science.

Christian
 standard

Life not
 contingent on
 matter

Mortality
 vanquished

SH 427:29-8

The dream of death must
 30 be mastered by Mind here or hereafter. Thought
 will waken from its own material declaration, "I am
 dead," to catch this trumpet-word of Truth, "There
 428:1 is no death, no inaction, diseased action, overaction, nor
 reaction."

3 Life is real, and death is the illusion. A demonstra-
 tion of the facts of Soul in Jesus' way resolves the dark
 visions of material sense into harmony and
 6 immortality. Man's privilege at this supreme
 moment is to prove the words of our Master: "If a man
 keep my saying, he shall never see death."

Vision opening

SH 410:4-9

"This is life eternal," says Jesus, — *is*, not *shall be*;
 and then he defines everlasting life as a present knowledge
 6 of his Father and of himself, — the knowledge
 of Love, Truth, and Life. "This is life eter-
 nal, that they might know Thee, the only true God, and
 9 Jesus Christ, whom Thou hast sent."

Life eternal and
present

SH 304:9-14

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 210:5

The Principle and proof of Christianity are discerned
 6 by spiritual sense. They are set forth in Jesus' demon-
 strations, which show — by his healing the
 sick, casting out evils, and destroying death,
 9 "the last enemy that shall be destroyed," —
 his disregard of matter and its so-called laws.

Jesus' disregard
of matter

SH 573:29-31

Take heart, dear sufferer, for this reality of being will
 30 surely appear sometime and in some way. There will
 be no more pain, and all tears will be wiped away.

SH 289:1-2

Truth demonstrated is eternal
 life.

