

# April 1st readings - The Ever Presence of Our Father Mother God!

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## The Bible

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### 1. Ezek. 34:11–16 (to :)

- 11 ¶ For thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I, even I, will both search my sheep, and seek them out.
- 12 As a shepherd seeketh out his flock in the day that he is among his sheep that are scattered; so will I seek out my sheep, and will deliver them out of all places where they have been scattered in the cloudy and dark day.
- 13 And I will bring them out from the people, and gather them from the countries, and will bring them to their own land, and feed them upon the mountains of Israel by the rivers, and in all the inhabited places of the country.
- 14 I will feed them in a good pasture, and upon the high mountains of Israel shall their fold be: there shall they lie in a good fold, and in a fat pasture shall they feed upon the mountains of Israel.
- 15 I will feed my flock, and I will cause them to lie down, saith the Lord God.
- 16 I will seek that which was lost, and bring again that which was driven away, and will bind up that which was broken, and will strengthen that which was sick: ...

### 2. Isa. 33:22

- 22 For the Lord is our judge, the Lord is our lawgiver, the Lord is our king; he will save us.

### 3. Ps. 33:4–6, 9, 11

- 4 For the word of the Lord is right; and all his works are done in truth.
- 5 He loveth righteousness and judgment: the earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.
- 6 By the word of the Lord were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth.

For he spake, and it was done; he commanded, and it stood fast.

- 11 The counsel of the Lord standeth for ever, the thoughts of his heart to all generations.

#### Good News Translation

Daniel 6: 1-23, 25, 26

1 Darius decided to appoint a hundred and twenty governors to hold office throughout his empire.

2 In addition, he chose Daniel and two others to supervise the governors and to look after the king's interests.

3 Daniel soon showed that he could do better work than the other supervisors or the governors. Because he was so outstanding, the king considered putting him in charge of the whole empire.

11 When Daniel's enemies observed him praying to God,

12 all of them went together to the king to accuse Daniel. They said, "Your Majesty, you signed an order that for the next thirty days anyone who requested anything from any god or from any human being except you, would be thrown into a pit filled with lions." The king replied, "Yes, that is a strict order, a law of the Medes and Persians, which cannot be changed."

13 Then they said to the king, "Daniel, one of the exiles from Judah, does not respect Your Majesty or obey the order you issued. He prays regularly three times a day."

14 When the king heard this, he was upset and did his best to find some way to rescue Daniel. He kept trying until sunset.

16 So the king gave orders for Daniel to be taken and thrown into the pit filled with lions. He said to Daniel, "May your God, whom you serve so loyally, rescue you."

18 Then the king returned to the palace and spent a sleepless night, without food or any form of entertainment.

19 At dawn the king got up and hurried to the pit.

20 When he got there, he called out anxiously, "Daniel, servant of the living God! Was the God you serve so loyally able to save you from the lions?"

21 Daniel answered, "May Your Majesty live forever!

22 God sent his angel to shut the mouths of the lions so that they would not hurt me. He did this because he knew that I was innocent and because I have not wronged you, Your Majesty."

23 The king was overjoyed and gave orders for Daniel to be pulled

up out of the pit. So they pulled him up and saw that he had not been hurt at all, for he trusted God.

25 Then King Darius wrote to the people of all nations, races, and languages on earth: "Greetings!

26 I command that throughout my empire everyone should fear and respect Daniel's God. "He is a living God, and he will rule forever. His kingdom will never be destroyed, and his power will never come to an end.

#### **4. Ps. 18:28 the**

28 ... the Lord my God will enlighten my darkness.

#### **5. Matt. 1:23**

23 Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.

#### **6. John 10:25–30**

25 Jesus answered them, I told you, and ye believed not: the works that I do in my Father's name, they bear witness of me.

26 But ye believe not, because ye are not of my sheep, as I said unto you.

27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:

28 And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.

29 My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand.

30 I and my Father are one.

#### **7. Ps. 139:7–11**

7 Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence?

8 If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there.

9 If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea;

10 Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me.

11 If I say, Surely the darkness shall cover me; even the night shall be light about me.

#### **1. SH 471:13–19**

The facts of divine Science should be admitted, —  
although the evidence as to these facts is not supported  
15 by evil, by matter, or by material sense, — because the  
evidence that God and man coexist is fully sustained by  
spiritual sense. Man is, and forever has been, God's re-  
18 flection. God is infinite, therefore ever present, and  
there is no other power nor presence.

## 2. SH 275:20–23

Divine metaphysics, as revealed to spiritual understand-  
21 ing, shows clearly that all is Mind, and that Mind is  
God, omnipotence, omnipresence, omniscience,  
— that is, all power, all presence, all Science.

The divine  
completeness

## 3. SH xi:9–18

9 The physical healing of Christian Science results  
now, as in Jesus' time, from the operation of divine  
Principle, before which sin and disease lose their real-  
12 ity in human consciousness and disappear as naturally  
and as necessarily as darkness gives place to light and  
sin to reformation. Now, as then, these mighty works  
15 are not supernatural, but supremely natural. They are  
the sign of Immanuel, or “God with us,” — a divine  
influence ever present in human consciousness and re-  
18 peating itself, coming now as was promised aforesaid,

## 4. SH 412:16

To prevent disease or to cure it, the power of Truth,  
of divine Spirit, must break the dream of the material  
18 senses. To heal by argument, find the type  
of the ailment, get its name, and array your  
mental plea against the physical. Argue at first men-  
21 tally, not audibly, that the patient has no disease, and  
conform the argument so as to destroy the evidence of  
disease. Mentally insist that harmony is the fact, and  
24 that sickness is a temporal dream. Realize the presence  
of health and the fact of harmonious being, until the

Insistence  
requisite

body corresponds with the normal conditions of health  
27 and harmony.

## 5. SH 470:5

The supposed existence of  
6 more than one mind was the basic error of idolatry. This  
error assumed the loss of spiritual power, the loss of the  
spiritual presence of Life as infinite Truth without an  
9 unlikeness, and the loss of Love as ever present and  
universal.

## 6. SH 300:13

The temporal and unreal never touch the eternal and  
real. The mutable and imperfect never touch the im-  
15 mutable and perfect. The inharmonious and  
self-destructive never touch the harmonious  
and self-existent. These opposite qualities are the tares  
18 and wheat, which never really mingle, though (to mortal  
sight) they grow side by side until the harvest; then, Sci-  
ence separates the wheat from the tares, through the real-  
21 ization of God as ever present and of man as reflecting  
the divine likeness.

The tares  
and wheat

## 7. SH 174:9

9 The footsteps of thought, rising above material stand-  
points, are slow, and portend a long night to the traveller;  
but the angels of His presence — the spiritual  
12 intuitions that tell us when “the night is far  
spent, the day is at hand” — are our guardians in the  
gloom. Whoever opens the way in Christian Science is  
15 a pilgrim and stranger, marking out the path for gen-  
erations yet unborn.

Rise of  
thought

## 8. SH 366:24

24 The  
sick are terrified by their sick beliefs, and  
sinners should be affrighted by their sinful beliefs; but  
27 the Christian Scientist will be calm in the presence of

Source of  
calmness

both sin and disease, knowing, as he does, that Life is God and God is All.

### 9. SH 306:21

21 The myriad forms of mortal thought, made manifest  
as matter, are not more distinct nor real to the mate-  
24 rial senses than are the Soul-created forms  
to spiritual sense, which cognizes Life as per-  
manent. Undisturbed amid the jarring testimony of the  
material senses, Science, still enthroned, is unfolding  
27 to mortals the immutable, harmonious, divine Principle,  
— is unfolding Life and the universe, ever present and  
eternal.

Thought-  
forms

### 10. SH 26:10

The Christ was the Spirit which Jesus implied in his  
own statements: “I am the way, the truth, and the life;”  
12 “I and my Father are one.” This Christ,  
or divinity of the man Jesus, was his divine  
nature, the godliness which animated him. Divine Truth,  
15 Life, and Love gave Jesus authority over sin, sickness,  
and death. His mission was to reveal the Science of  
celestial being, to prove what God is and what He does  
18 for man.

Christ’s  
demonstration

### 11. SH 72:17–23

Perfection is not expressed through imperfection.  
18 Spirit is not made manifest through matter, the anti-  
pode of Spirit. Error is not a convenient sieve through  
which truth can be strained.  
21 God, good, being ever present, it follows in divine  
logic that evil, the suppositional opposite of good, is never  
present.

### 12. SH 303:28

Spiritual man is the image or idea of  
God, an idea which cannot be lost nor sep-  
30 arated from its divine Principle. When the evidence

Man’s  
entity  
spiritual

before the material senses yielded to spiritual sense, the apostle declared that nothing could alienate him from  
1 God, from the sweet sense and presence of Life and Truth.

### 13. SH 16:30

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Thy kingdom come.

Thy kingdom is come; Thou art ever-present.

## Hymns

### 1. Hymn. 148:1

In heavenly Love abiding,  
No change my heart shall fear;  
And safe is such confiding,  
For nothing changes here.  
The storm may roar without me,  
My heart may low be laid;  
But God is round about me,  
And can I be dismayed?

### 2. Hymn. 527:2

Lord, open my eyes that I may see  
Your presence everywhere,  
My dwelling circled by Your might,  
My mountaintop aflame with light,  
The shining sentinels of Your love  
Triumphant in this hour.  
For You with me are greater far  
Than all the seeming evils are.  
Be still, O heart, and trust  
God's omnipresent power.

### 3. Hymn. 7:3

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.

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