

God's great gift to you (Christmas)



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Hymn. 146:1

In God I find a precious gift
That knows no fear, no feud,
That glows so still, serene and pure:
The gift of gratitude.

Words: VIOLET KER SEYMER

Music: English Traditional Melody

Hymn. 545:1

O sweet and tender as the dawn,
With mighty power to heal and bless,
Is God's dear gift to all His own:
The happy grace of gentleness.

Words: ELLA A. STONE, ALT.

Music: Marshall Wright

Hymn. 434:2

The shepherds brought their faith,
The Wisemen offered gold
And costly frankincense and myrrh;
Each brought his gift of old.
What shall we give today?
A thing of worldly worth?
Or hearts attuned to angel songs—
The gift of our new birth?

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Music: Adrienne M. Tindall; harm. Erik Routley

Prov. 17:8

- 8 A gift is as a precious stone in the eyes of him that hath it: whithersoever it turneth, it prospereth.

James 1:17

- 17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.

Matt. 2:1, 2, 9–11 and

- 1 Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judæa in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem,
2 Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.
9 ... and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was.
10 When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy.
11 ¶ And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.

Joel 3:18

- 18 ¶ And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* the mountains shall drop down new wine, and the hills shall flow with milk, and all the rivers of Judah shall flow with waters, and a fountain shall come forth of the house of the Lord, and shall water the valley of Shittim.

John 2:1–11

- 1 And the third day there was a marriage in Cana of Galilee; and the mother of Jesus was there:
2 And both Jesus was called, and his disciples, to the marriage.
3 And when they wanted wine, the mother of Jesus saith unto him, They have no wine.
4 Jesus saith unto her, Woman, what have I to do with thee? mine hour is not yet come.

- 5 His mother saith unto the servants, Whatsoever he saith unto you, do *it*.
- 6 And there were set there six waterpots of stone, after the manner of the purifying of the Jews, containing two or three firkins apiece.
- 7 Jesus saith unto them, Fill the waterpots with water. And they filled them up to the brim.
- 8 And he saith unto them, Draw out now, and bear unto the governor of the feast. And they bare *it*.
- 9 When the ruler of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and knew not whence it was: (but the servants which drew the water knew;) the governor of the feast called the bridegroom,
- 10 And saith unto him, Every man at the beginning doth set forth good wine; and when men have well drunk, then that which is worse: *but* thou hast kept the good wine until now.
- 11 This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee, and manifested forth his glory; and his disciples believed on him.

John 4:46–51

- 46 So Jesus came again into Cana of Galilee, where he made the water wine. And there was a certain nobleman, whose son was sick at Capernaum.
- 47 When he heard that Jesus was come out of Judæa into Galilee, he went unto him, and besought him that he would come down, and heal his son: for he was at the point of death.
- 48 Then said Jesus unto him, Except ye see signs and wonders, ye will not believe.
- 49 The nobleman saith unto him, Sir, come down ere my child die.
- 50 Jesus saith unto him, Go thy way; thy son liveth. And the man believed the word that Jesus had spoken unto him, and he went his way.
- 51 And as he was now going down, his servants met him, and told *him*, saying, Thy son liveth.

John 4:7, 9, 10, 13–15 Whosoever, 28, 29

- 7 There cometh a woman of Samaria to draw water: Jesus saith unto her, Give me to drink.
- 9 Then saith the woman of Samaria unto him, How is it that thou, being a Jew,

askest drink of me, which am a woman of Samaria? for the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans.

10 Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water.

13 ... Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again:

14 But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.

15 The woman saith unto him, Sir, give me this water, that I thirst not, neither come hither to draw.

28 The woman then left her waterpot, and went her way into the city, and saith to the men,

29 Come, see a man, which told me all things that ever I did: is not this the Christ?

Eph. 4:7 unto

7 ... unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ.

I Pet. 4:9, 10

9 Use hospitality one to another without grudging.

10 As every man hath received the gift, *even* so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

I Cor. 7:7 But

7 ... But every man hath his proper gift of God, one after this manner, and another after that.

I Cor. 13:2

2 And though I have *the gift of* prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing.

I Cor. 14:1

1 Follow after charity, and desire spiritual *gifts*, but rather that ye may prophesy.

Isa. 9:6

6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

II Cor. 9:8, 15

8 And God *is* able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all *things*, may abound to every good work:

15 Thanks *be* unto God for his unspeakable gift.

SH 107:1–14; 108:1–4

1 **I**N the year 1866, I discovered the Christ Science or
divine laws of Life, Truth, and Love, and
3 named my discovery Christian Science. God
had been graciously preparing me during many
years for the reception of this final revelation of the ab-
6 solute divine Principle of scientific mental healing.

Christian
Science
discovered

This apodictical Principle points to the revelation of
Immanuel, “God with us,” — the sovereign ever-pres-
9 ence, delivering the children of men from
every ill “that flesh is heir to.” Through
Christian Science, religion and medicine are
12 inspired with a diviner nature and essence; fresh pinions
are given to faith and understanding, and thoughts ac-
quaint themselves intelligently with God.

Mission of
Christian
Science

1 Whence came to me this heavenly conviction, — a con-
viction antagonistic to the testimony of the physical senses?
3 According to St. Paul, it was “the gift of the grace of
God given unto me by the effectual working of His power.”

SH vii:1

1 **T**O those leaning on the sustaining infinite, to-day is
big with blessings. The wakeful shepherd beholds
3 the first faint morning beams, ere cometh the full radiance
of a risen day. So shone the pale star to the prophet-
shepherds; yet it traversed the night, and came where, in
6 cradled obscurity, lay the Bethlehem babe, the human
herald of Christ, Truth, who would make plain to be-
nighted understanding the way of salvation through Christ
9 Jesus, till across a night of error should dawn the morn-
ing beams and shine the guiding star of being. The Wise-
men were led to behold and to follow this daystar of
12 divine Science, lighting the way to eternal harmony.

SH 97:29–7

Christianity is again demonstrating the Life that is
30 Truth, and the Truth that is Life, by the apos-
tolic work of casting out error and healing the
sick. Earth has no repayment for the persecutions which
1 attend a new step in Christianity; but the spiritual recom-
pense of the persecuted is assured in the elevation of ex-
3 istence above mortal discord and in the gift of divine Love.

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.

Christianity
still rejected

Spiritual fore-
shadowings

SH 271:7–22

Jesus instructed his disciples whereby to heal the sick
through Mind instead of matter. He knew that the phi-
9 losophy, Science, and proof of Christianity were in Truth,
casting out all inharmony.

In Latin the word rendered *disciple* signifies student;
12 and the word indicates that the power of healing was not

a supernatural gift to those learners, but the
result of their cultivated spiritual understand-
15 ing of the divine Science, which their Master demonstrated
by healing the sick and sinning. Hence the universal ap-
plication of his saying: “Neither pray I for these alone,
18 but for them also which shall believe on me [understand
me] through their word.”

Our Master said, “But the Comforter . . . shall
21 teach you all things.” When the Science of Christianity
appears, it will lead you into all truth.

SH 135:26

Christianity as Jesus taught it was not
27 a creed, nor a system of ceremonies, nor a special gift
from a ritualistic Jehovah; but it was the demonstration
of divine Love casting out error and healing the sick,
30 not merely in the *name* of Christ, or Truth, but in demon-
stration of Truth, as must be the case in the cycles of
divine light.

SH 79:29–32

Mind-science teaches that mortals need “not be weary
30 in well doing.” It dissipates fatigue in doing
good. Giving does not impoverish us in the
service of our Maker, neither does withholding enrich us.

Divine
strength

SH 234:4–16

Whatever inspires with wisdom, Truth, or Love — be
it song, sermon, or Science — blesses the human family
6 with crumbs of comfort from Christ's table,
feeding the hungry and giving living waters to
the thirsty.

Crumbs of
comfort

9 We should become more familiar with good than with
evil, and guard against false beliefs as watchfully as we

bar our doors against the approach of thieves
12 and murderers. We should love our enemies
and help them on the basis of the Golden
Rule; but avoid casting pearls before those who trample
15 them under foot, thereby robbing both themselves and
others.

SH vii:22

A book introduces new thoughts, but it cannot make
them speedily understood. It is the task of the sturdy
24 pioneer to hew the tall oak and to cut the rough
granite. Future ages must declare what the pioneer
has accomplished.

SH 436:11–12

Giving a cup of cold water in Christ's name, is a Christian
12 service.

SH 55:21–29

21 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.

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.