

# Follow the light of Christ to Eternal Harmony

Like the magi of old, follow the star to where the Young Child lies

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## Hymns

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## Bible

### 1. Nah. 2:5 be

5 be prepared.

### 2. Isa. 21:5 (to 2nd ), 6 Go, 12 (to 2nd )

5 Prepare the table, watch in the watchtower,

6 Go, set a watchman, let him declare what he seeth.

12 The watchman said, The morning cometh,

### 3. Gen. 1:3-5 (to 1st )

3 And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.

4 And God saw the light, that *it was* good: and God divided the light from the darkness.

5 And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night.

### 4. Isa. 40:3 Prepare (to 2nd ,)

3 Prepare ye the way of the LORD,

### 5. I Sam. 17:4-10, 24, 32-36 (to :), 37, 40-43, 45, 46 (to 1st ;), 47-51

4 ¶ And there went out a champion out of the camp of the Philistines, named Goliath, of Gath, whose height *was* six cubits and a span.

5 And *he had* an helmet of brass upon his head, and he *was* armed with a coat of mail; and the weight of the coat *was* five thousand shekels of brass.

6 And *he had* greaves of brass upon his legs, and a target of brass between his shoulders.

7 And the staff of his spear *was* like a weaver's beam; and his spear's head *weighed* six hundred shekels of iron: and one bearing a shield went before him.

8 And he stood and cried unto the armies of Israel, and said unto them, Why are ye come out to set *your* battle in array? *am* not I a Philistine, and ye servants to Saul? choose you a man for you, and let him come down to me.

9 If he be able to fight with me, and to kill me, then will we be your servants: but if I prevail against him, and kill him, then shall ye be our servants, and serve us.

And the Philistine said, I defy the armies of Israel this day; give me a man,  
10 that we may fight together.

24 And all the men of Israel, when they saw the man, fled from him, and  
were sore afraid.

32 ¶ And David said to Saul, Let no man's heart fail because of him; thy  
servant will go and fight with this Philistine.

33 And Saul said to David, Thou art not able to go against this Philistine to  
fight with him: for thou *art but* a youth, and he a man of war from his  
youth.

34 And David said unto Saul, Thy servant kept his father's sheep, and there  
came a lion, and a bear, and took a lamb out of the flock:

35 And I went out after him, and smote him, and delivered *it* out of his  
mouth: and when he arose against me, I caught *him* by his beard, and  
smote him, and slew him.

36 Thy servant slew both the lion and the bear:

37 David said moreover, The LORD that delivered me out of the paw of the  
lion, and out of the paw of the bear, he will deliver me out of the hand of  
this Philistine. And Saul said unto David, Go, and the LORD be with thee.

40 And he took his staff in his hand, and chose him five smooth stones out of  
the brook, and put them in a shepherd's bag which he had, even in a scrip;  
and his sling *was* in his hand: and he drew near to the Philistine.

41 And the Philistine came on and drew near unto David; and the man that  
bare the shield *went* before him.

42 And when the Philistine looked about, and saw David, he disdained him:  
for he was *but* a youth, and ruddy, and of a fair countenance.

43 And the Philistine said unto David, *Am* I a dog, that thou comest to me  
with staves? And the Philistine cursed David by his gods.

45 Then said David to the Philistine, Thou comest to me with a sword, and  
with a spear, and with a shield: but I come to thee in the name of the LORD  
of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom thou hast defied.

46 This day will the LORD deliver thee into mine hand;

47 And all this assembly shall know that the LORD saveth not with sword and  
spear: for the battle *is* the LORD's, and he will give you into our hands.

48 And it came to pass, when the Philistine arose, and came and drew nigh to  
meet David, that David hasted, and ran toward the army to meet the  
Philistine.

49 And David put his hand in his bag, and took thence a stone, and slang *it*,  
and smote the Philistine in his forehead, that the stone sunk into his  
forehead; and he fell upon his face to the earth.

50 So David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and with a stone, and  
smote the Philistine, and slew him; but *there was* no sword in the hand of  
David.

51 Therefore David ran, and stood upon the Philistine, and took his sword,  
and drew it out of the sheath thereof, and slew him, and cut off his head

therewith. And when the Philistines saw their champion was dead, they fled.

6. John 11:10 if

10 if a man walk in the night, he stumbleth, because there is no light in him.

7. Ps. 110:3 from (to :); 111:1 I (to 1st ,)

3 from the womb of the morning:

1 I will praise the LORD with *my* whole heart,

8. Ps. 5:3

3 My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O LORD; in the morning will I direct *my prayer* unto thee, and will look up.

9. II Sam. 23:4 he

4 *he shall be* as the light of the morning, *when* the sun riseth, *even* a morning without clouds; *as* the tender grass *springing* out of the earth by clear shining after rain.

10. II Thess. 3:5 1st the

5 the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God, and into the patient waiting for Christ.

11. Matt. 1:1 (to 2nd ,), 18, 22, 23

1 THE book of the generation of Jesus Christ, the son of David,

18 ¶ Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost.

22 Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying,

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.

12. Luke 2:7-17

7 And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

8 And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

9 And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

10 And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

- 11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.
- 12 And this *shall be* a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.
- 13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,
- 14 Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.
- 15 And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.
- 16 And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.
- 17 And when they had seen *it*, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.

13. Matt. 2:1, 2, 7-11

- 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.
- 7 Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men, inquired of them diligently what time the star appeared.
- 8 And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, Go and search diligently for the young child; and when ye have found *him*, bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also.
- 9 When they had heard the king, they departed; 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.

14. Luke 2:40

- 40 And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom: and the grace of God was upon him.

15. Matt. 12:22, 23

- 22 ¶ Then was brought unto him one possessed with a devil, blind, and dumb: and he healed him, insomuch that the blind and dumb both spake and saw.
- 23 And all the people were amazed, and said, Is not this the son of David?

16. John 8:12

12 ¶ Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

17. Job 38:12 thou, 17 hast

12 thou commanded the morning since thy days; *and* caused the dayspring to know his place;

17 hast thou seen the doors of the shadow of death?

18. Luke 7:11-15

11 ¶ And it came to pass the day after, that he went into a city called Nain; and many of his disciples went with him, and much people.

12 Now when he came nigh to the gate of the city, behold, there was a dead man carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow: and much people of the city was with her.

13 And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her, and said unto her, Weep not.

14 And he came and touched the bier: and they that bare *him* stood still. And he said, Young man, I say unto thee, Arise.

15 And he that was dead sat up, and began to speak. And he delivered him to his mother.

19. John 3:16 God

16 God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

20. Rev. 22:16

16 I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, *and* the bright and morning star.

**Science and Health**

1. SH vii:2

vii:1 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 benighted understanding the way of salvation through Christ

9 Jesus, till across a night of error should dawn the morning beams and shine the guiding star of being. The Wisemen were led to behold and to follow this daystar of

12 divine Science, lighting the way to eternal harmony.

## 2. SH 591:23-24

**MORNING.** Light; symbol of Truth; revelation and  
24 progress.

## 3. SH 584:1, 4

584:1 **DAY.** The irradiance of Life; light, the spiritual idea  
of Truth and Love.

3 The objects of time and sense disappear  
in the illumination of spiritual understanding, and Mind  
6 measures time according to the good that is unfolded.  
This unfolding is God's day, and "there shall be no night  
there."

## 4. SH 503:18; 504:23

18 *Genesis* i. 3. And God said, Let there be light: and  
there was light.

21 The rays of infinite Truth, when gathered into  
24 the focus of ideas, bring light instantaneously, whereas  
a thousand years of human doctrines, hypotheses, and  
vague conjectures emit no such effulgence.

## 5. SH 95:22-32

Mid-  
night foretells the dawn. Led by a solitary star amid  
24 the darkness, the Magi of old foretold the Messiahship  
of Truth. Is the wise man of to-day believed, when he  
beholds the light which heralds Christ's eternal dawn  
27 and describes its effulgence?

Lulled by stupefying illusions, the world is asleep  
in the cradle of infancy, dreaming away the hours.

30 Material sense does not unfold the facts of  
existence; but spiritual sense lifts human  
consciousness into eternal Truth.

Spiritual  
awakening

## 6. SH 68:2-4, 6

At present mortals progress slowly for  
3 fear of being thought ridiculous. They are  
slaves to fashion, pride, and sense. We ought to weary  
of the fleeting and false and to cherish nothing which  
hinders our highest selfhood.

Basis of true  
religion

## 7. SH 40:25-28

Our heavenly Father, divine Love, demands that all  
men should follow the example of our Master and his

27 apostles and not merely worship his personal-  
ity.

Service and  
worship

## 8. SH 205:15-21

15 Befogged in error (the error of believing that matter  
can be intelligent for good or evil), we can catch clear  
glimpses of God only as the mists disperse,  
18 or as they melt into such thinness that we per-  
ceive the divine image in some word or deed  
which indicates the true idea, — the supremacy and real-  
21 ity of good, the nothingness and unreality of evil.

Perceiving the  
divine image

## 9. SH 138:17-22, 25-31; 139:4-9

Jesus established in the Christian era the precedent for  
18 all Christianity, theology, and healing. Christians are  
under as direct orders now, as they were then,  
to be Christlike, to possess the Christ-spirit, to  
21 follow the Christ-example, and to heal the sick as well as  
the sinning. The Christian can prove this to-day as  
readily as it was proved centuries ago.

New era in Jesus

27 Our Master said to every follower: “Go ye into all the  
world, and preach the gospel to every creature! . . .  
Heal the sick! . . . Love thy neighbor as  
30 thyself!” It was this theology of Jesus which  
healed the sick and the sinning.

Healthful  
theology

From beginning to end, the Scriptures are full of  
accounts of the triumph of Spirit, Mind, over matter.  
6 Moses proved the power of Mind by what men  
called miracles; so did Joshua, Elijah, and  
Elisha. The Christian era was ushered in with signs and  
9 wonders.

Marvels and  
reformations

## 10. SH 333:19-26

Throughout all generations both before and  
after the Christian era, the Christ, as the spirit-  
21 ual idea, — the reflection of God, — has come with some  
measure of power and grace to all prepared to receive  
Christ, Truth. Abraham, Jacob, Moses, and the prophets  
24 caught glorious glimpses of the Messiah, or Christ, which  
baptized these seers in the divine nature, the essence of  
Love.

## 11. SH 325:30-5, 12-14

30 When first spoken in any age, Truth, like the light,  
“shineth in darkness, and the darkness comprehended  
it not.” A false sense of life, substance, and mind

326:1 hides the divine possibilities, and conceals scientific demonstration.

3 If we wish to follow Christ, Truth, it must be in the way of God's appointing. Jesus said, "He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also."

12 We must forsake the foundation of material systems, however time-honored, if we would gain the Christ as our only Saviour.

Loving God  
supremely

## 12. SH 254:10

When we wait patiently on God and seek Truth righteously, He directs our path. Imperfect mortals grasp the ultimate of spiritual perfection slowly; but to *begin* aright and to continue the strife of demonstrating the great problem of being, is doing much.

## 13. SH 191:8

As a material, theoretical life-basis is found to be a misapprehension of existence, the spiritual and divine Principle of man dawns upon human thought, and leads it to "where the young child was," — even to the birth of a new-old idea, to the spiritual sense of being and of what Life includes. Thus the whole earth will be transformed by Truth on its pinions of light, chasing away the darkness of error.

The immortal  
birth

## 14. SH 9:25

Are you willing to leave all for Christ, for Truth, and so be counted among sinners? No! Do you really desire to attain this point? No! Then why make long prayers about it and ask to be Christians, since you do not care to tread in the footsteps of our dear Master? If unwilling to follow his example, why pray with the lips that you may be partakers of his nature? Consistent prayer is the desire to do right. Prayer means that we desire to walk and will walk in the light so far as we receive it, even though with bleeding footsteps, and that waiting patiently on the Lord, we will leave our real desires to be rewarded by Him.

The chalice  
sacrificial

## 15. SH 496:9 Ask

9 Ask yourself:  
Am I living the life that approaches the supreme good?  
Am I demonstrating the healing power of  
12 Truth and Love? If so, then the way will

Condition of  
progress

grow brighter “unto the perfect day.” Your fruits  
will prove what the understanding of God brings to man.  
15 Hold perpetually this thought, — that it is the spiritual  
idea, the Holy Ghost and Christ, which enables you to  
demonstrate, with scientific certainty, the rule of healing,  
18 based upon its divine Principle, Love, underlying, over-  
lying, and encompassing all true being.

#### 16. SH 268:11; 269:3, 21

In this revolutionary period, like the shep-  
12 herd-boy with his sling, woman goes forth to battle with  
Goliath.

3 From first to last the supposed coexistence of Mind  
and matter and the mingling of good and evil have re-  
sulted from the philosophy of the serpent. Jesus’ demon-  
6 strations sift the chaff from the wheat, and unfold the  
unity and the reality of good, the unreality, the nothing-  
ness, of evil.

21 The testimony of the material senses is neither abso-  
lute nor divine. I therefore plant myself unreservedly  
on the teachings of Jesus, of his apostles, of  
24 the prophets, and on the testimony of the  
Science of Mind. Other foundations there are none.  
All other systems — systems based wholly or partly on  
27 knowledge gained through the material senses — are reeds  
shaken by the wind, not houses built on the rock.

Biblical  
foundations

#### 17. SH 150:4

To-day the healing power of Truth is widely demon-  
strated as an immanent, eternal Science, instead of a  
6 phenomenal exhibition. Its appearing is the  
coming anew of the gospel of “on earth peace,  
good-will toward men.” This coming, as was promised  
9 by the Master, is for its establishment as a permanent  
dispensation among men; but the mission of Christian  
Science now, as in the time of its earlier demonstration,  
12 is not primarily one of physical healing. Now, as then,  
signs and wonders are wrought in the metaphysical heal-  
ing of physical disease; but these signs are only to demon-  
15 strate its divine origin, — to attest the reality of the higher  
mission of the Christ-power to take away the sins of the  
world.

The main  
purpose

#### 18. SH 208:20-24

Let us learn

21 of the real and eternal, and prepare for the reign of  
Spirit, the kingdom of heaven, — the reign and rule of  
universal harmony, which cannot be lost nor remain  
24 forever unseen.

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*Adapted*

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**CONSTANCY**

F. MENDELSSOHN, ARR.

O Love divine, whose constant beam  
Shines on the eyes that will not see,  
And waits to bless us while we dream,  
Nor leav'st us though we turn from Thee.  
Nor bounds, nor clime, nor creed Thou know'st,  
Wide as our need Thy favors fall;  
The white wings of the Holy Ghost  
Stoop unseen o'er the heads of all.

O Truth which sage and prophet saw,  
Long sought without, but found within,  
The rule of Love beyond all law,  
The Life o'ercoming death and sin,  
O shine on us with light which glowed  
Upon the waiting shepherds' way,  
Who saw the darkness overflowed  
With tides of everlasting day.

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**Hymn 204**

**FROM THE SWEDISH OF**

LINA SANDELL BERG

(204)

**THY KINGDOM COME**

GUNNAR WENNERBERG

O Father, Thy kingdom is come upon earth,

Thou rulest in all Thy creation;  
Thou sendest Thy witnesses, telling Thy worth,  
To call and entreat every nation,  
With news of Thy mighty salvation.

They lift up a light amid shadows of fear,  
And Love is Thy banner above them;  
No trouble shall touch them, no foes that appear  
Shall e'er from their loyalty move them;  
'Tis Thou dost uphold and approve them.

They go in Thy strength, and they speak in Thy name,  
With power of Thy promise forth faring,  
And during the battle the victory claim,—  
Their trust in Thy truth is their daring,  
Salvation to all men declaring.

## hymn 158

### **Hymn 158, 159**

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#### **ST. ASAPH**

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#### **PENTATONE**

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It came upon the midnight clear,  
That glorious song of old,  
The angels, bending near the earth,  
Their wondrous story told  
Of peace on earth, good will to men,  
From heaven's all-gracious King;  
The world in solemn stillness lay  
To hear the angels sing.

O ye beneath life's crushing load  
Whose forms are bending low,  
Who toil along the climbing way  
With painful steps and slow;  
Look now, for glad and golden hours

Come swiftly on the wing;  
O rest beside the weary road,  
And hear the angels sing.

For lo, the days are hastening on,  
By prophets seen of old,  
When with the ever-circling years  
Shall come the time foretold;  
When the new heaven and earth shall own  
The Prince of Peace their King,  
And all the world send back the song  
Which now the angels sing.