

# First Church of Christ, Scientist, Athens, GA

Sunday Service, May 24th



# First Hymn 211

Hymns [207-212](#), [539-540](#) ▶ Play

MARY BAKER EDDY

## “Mother’s Evening Prayer”

O gentle presence, peace and joy and power;  
O Life divine, that owns each waiting hour,  
Thou Love that guards the nestling’s faltering flight!  
Keep Thou my child on upward wing tonight.

Love is our refuge; only with mine eye  
Can I behold the snare, the pit, the fall:  
His habitation high is here, and nigh,  
His arm encircles me, and mine, and all.

O make me glad for every scalding tear,  
For hope deferred, ingratitude, disdain!  
Wait, and love more for every hate, and fear  
No ill,—since God is good, and loss is gain.

Beneath the shadow of His mighty wing;  
In that sweet secret of the narrow way,  
Seeking and finding, with the angels sing:  
“Lo, I am with you alway,”—watch and pray.

No snare, no fowler, pestilence or pain;  
No night drops down upon the troubled breast,  
When heaven’s aftersmile earth’s tear-drops gain,  
And mother finds her home and heav’nly rest.



# Reading a Scriptural Selection



Silent Prayer,  
followed by audible  
repetition of the  
Lord's Prayer with  
its spiritual  
interpretation

- ☞ Our Father which art in heaven,  
Our Father-Mother God, all-harmonious,
- ☞ Hallowed be Thy name.  
Adorable One.
- ☞ Thy kingdom come.  
Thy kingdom is come; Thou art ever-present.
- ☞ Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.  
Enable us to know, — as in heaven, so on earth, — God is  
omnipotent, supreme.
- ☞ Give us this day our daily bread;  
Give us grace for to-day; feed the famished affections;
- ☞ And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.  
And Love is reflected in love;
- ☞ And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from  
evil;  
And God leadeth us not into temptation, but delivereth  
us from sin, disease, and death.
- ☞ For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the  
glory, forever.  
For God is infinite, all-power, all Life, Truth, Love, over  
all, and All.

# Second Hymn 297

## Hymn 297



ROBERTA B. LYNCH

Science, the angel with the flaming sword,  
God's gift, the glory of the risen Lord;  
Light of the world, in whose light we shall see  
Father and perfect Son, blest unity;

Calm of Shekinah where hope anchors fast,  
Harbor of refuge till the storm be past;  
Sweet, secret place where God and men do meet,  
Horeb whereon we walk with unshod feet;

Place of communion with the Lamb of God,  
Fold where the sheep must pass beneath His rod;  
Ark where the dove may close her faltering wings,  
Love's law divine that makes us priests and kings;

Loosener of prison bands at midnight hour,  
Of self-forged chains that fall through Love's all-power;  
Christ's morning meal by joyous Galilee:  
Science, thou dost fulfill all prophecy.





# Necessary Notices and Solo



# Explanatory Note

Friends,

The Bible and the Christian Science textbook are our only preachers. We shall now read Scriptural texts, and their correlative passages from our denominational textbook; these comprise our sermon.

The canonical writings, together with the word of our textbook, corroborating and explaining the Bible texts in their spiritual import and application to all ages, past, present, and future, constitute a sermon undivorced from truth, uncontaminated and unfettered by human hypotheses, and divinely authorized.







# Christian Science Quarterly

## Bible Lessons

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### Soul and Body

#### GOLDEN TEXT

**I Corinthians 3:17** *2<sup>nd</sup> the*

... the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are.

#### RESPONSIVE READING

**Isaiah 26:8, 12; II Corinthians 4:1, 16–18** *but*; 5:1, 6, 8

8 Yea, in the way of thy judgments, O Lord, have we waited for thee; the desire of our soul is to thy name, and to the remembrance of thee.

12 Lord, thou wilt ordain peace for us: for thou also hast wrought all our works in us.

1 Therefore seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not;

16 ... but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day.

17 For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory;

18 While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.

1 For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

6 Therefore we are always confident, knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord:

8 We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.





The Lesson-Sermon:  
Soul and Body



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# Third Hymn 64

## Hymn 64



VIOLET HAY

From sense to Soul my pathway lies before me,  
From mist and shadow into Truth's clear day;  
The dawn of all things real is breaking o'er me,  
My heart is singing: I have found the way.

I reach Mind's open door, and at its portal  
I know that where I stand is holy ground;  
I feel the calm and joy of things immortal,  
The loveliness of Love is all around.

The way leads upward and its goal draws nearer,  
Thought soars enraptured, fetterless and free;  
The vision infinite to me grows clearer,  
I touch the fringes of eternity.

Question. — What is the scientific statement of being?

Answer. — There is no life, truth, intelligence, nor substance in matter. All is infinite Mind and its infinite manifestation, for God is All-in-all. Spirit is immortal Truth; matter is mortal error. Spirit is the real and eternal; matter is the unreal and temporal. Spirit is God, and man is His image and likeness. Therefore man is not material; he is spiritual.

(Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures, Mary Baker Eddy, p. 468:8–15)

BEHOLD, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.

Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.

Scientific Statement of Being, and the  
correlative Scripture according to I John 3:1-3





Benediction



## POSTLUDE

After the postlude,  
you're invited to  
remain and unmute  
your mics and turn on  
your cameras!

