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## Wednesday Evening Selections

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### **Subject: Olympic Feats of Love**

The following selections from the Bible and from Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures will be read at 7:30 PM on February 17, 2010 as part of the Wednesday evening service of the Fourth Church of Christ, Scientist, Jacksonville, Florida in accordance with Article III, Section 3 of the Manual of the Mother Church, The First Church of Christ Scientist, in Boston, Massachusetts, by Mary Baker Eddy.

In addition to the selected readings, those in attendance are encouraged to share experiences, remarks, and testimonies of healing in Christian Science. As noted in Article VIII, Section 24 of the Manual of the Mother Church, "Testimony in regard to the healing of the sick is highly important. More than a mere rehearsal of blessings, it scales the pinnacle of praise and illustrates the demonstration of Christ, "who healeth all thy diseases" (Psalm 103:3). This testimony, however, shall not include a description of symptoms or of suffering, though the generic name of the disease may be indicated."

If for any reason you are unable to present your own testimony to the congregation during our Wednesday evening service, but would like to have it read aloud from the desk during the service, please feel free to forward your remarks in writing to: [n.mike.jackson@comcast.net](mailto:n.mike.jackson@comcast.net) or by mail to the Clerk of Fourth Church of Christ, Scientist, 8327 Beach Boulevard, Jacksonville, Florida 32216-3172. Requests for anonymity will always be lovingly honored and respected.

The members and guests of the Fourth Church of Christ, Scientist are grateful for your prayers. As further noted in Article VIII, Section 5 of the Manual of the Mother Church, "The prayers in Christian Science churches shall be offered for the congregations collectively and exclusively." Thus, our Sunday and Wednesday evening meetings are healing services in which all who gather and share in Spirit are blessed. Thank you for your prayerful support of this loving mission!

*"There is but one real attraction, that of Spirit. The pointing of the needle to the pole symbolizes this all-embracing power or the attraction of God, divine Mind. " (Mary Baker Eddy)*

**The Bible**

**Matthew 14:14-33**

14 And Jesus went forth, and saw a great multitude, and was moved with compassion toward them, and he healed their sick.

15 ¶ And when it was evening, his disciples came to him, saying, This is a desert place, and the time is now past; send the multitude away, that they may go into the villages, and buy themselves victuals.

16 But Jesus said unto them, They need not depart; give ye them to eat.

17 And they say unto him, We have here but five loaves, and two fishes.

18 He said, Bring them hither to me.

19 And he commanded the multitude to sit down on the grass, and took the five loaves, and the two fishes, and looking up to heaven, he blessed, and brake, and gave the loaves to his disciples, and the disciples to the multitude.

20 And they did all eat, and were filled: and they took up of the fragments that remained twelve baskets full.

21 And they that had eaten were about five thousand men, beside women and children.

22 ¶ And straightway Jesus constrained his disciples to get into a ship, and to go before him unto the other side, while he sent the multitudes away.

23 And when he had sent the multitudes away, he went up into a mountain apart to pray: and when the evening was come, he was there alone.

24 But the ship was now in the midst of the sea, tossed with waves: for the wind was contrary.

25 And in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went unto them, walking on the sea.

26 And when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, It is a spirit; and they cried out for fear.

27 But straightway Jesus spake unto them, saying, Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid.

28 And Peter answered him and said, Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee on the water.

29 And he said, Come. And when Peter was come down out of the ship, he walked on the water, to go to Jesus.

30 But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me.

31 And immediately Jesus stretched forth his hand, and caught him, and said unto him, O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?

32 And when they were come into the ship, the wind ceased.

33 Then they that were in the ship came and worshipped him, saying, Of a truth thou art the Son of God.

**Luke 7:36-50**

36 ¶ And one of the Pharisees desired him that he would eat with him. And he went into the Pharisee's house, and sat down to meat.

37 And, behold, a woman in the city, which was a sinner, when she knew that Jesus sat at meat in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster box of ointment,

38 And stood at his feet behind him weeping, and began to wash his feet with tears, and did wipe them with the hairs of her head, and kissed his feet, and anointed them with the ointment.

39 Now when the Pharisee which had bidden him saw it, he spake within himself, saying, This man, if he were a prophet, would have known who and what manner of woman this is that toucheth him: for she is a sinner.

40 And Jesus answering said unto him, Simon, I have somewhat to say unto thee. And he saith, Master, say on.

41 There was a certain creditor which had two debtors: the one owed five hundred pence, and the other fifty.

42 And when they had nothing to pay, he frankly forgave them both. Tell me therefore, which of them will love him most?

43 Simon answered and said, I suppose that he, to whom he forgave most. And he said unto him, Thou hast rightly judged.

44 And he turned to the woman, and said unto Simon, Seest thou this woman? I entered into thine house, thou gavest me no water for my feet: but she hath washed my feet with tears, and wiped them with the hairs of her head.

45 Thou gavest me no kiss: but this woman since the time I came in hath not ceased to kiss my feet.

46 My head with oil thou didst not anoint: but this woman hath anointed my feet with ointment.

47 Wherefore I say unto thee, Her sins, which are many, are forgiven; for she loved much: but to whom little is forgiven, the same loveth little.

48 And he said unto her, Thy sins are forgiven.

49 And they that sat at meat with him began to say within themselves, Who is this that forgiveth sins also?

50 And he said to the woman, Thy faith hath saved thee; go in peace.

### **John 13:1-20**

1 Now before the feast of the passover, when Jesus knew that his hour was come that he should depart out of this world unto the Father, having loved his own which were in the world, he loved them unto the end.

2 And supper being ended, the devil having now put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him;

3 Jesus knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he was come from God, and went to God;

4 He riseth from supper, and laid aside his garments; and took a towel, and girded himself.

5 After that he poureth water into a basin, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel wherewith he was girded.

6 Then cometh he to Simon Peter: and Peter saith unto him, Lord, dost thou wash my feet?

7 Jesus answered and said unto him, What I do thou knowest not now; but thou shalt know hereafter.

8 Peter saith unto him, Thou shalt never wash my feet. Jesus answered him, If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with me.

9 Simon Peter saith unto him, Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head.

10 Jesus saith to him, He that is washed needeth not save to wash his feet, but is clean every whit: and ye are clean, but not all.

11 For he knew who should betray him; therefore said he, Ye are not all clean.

12 So after he had washed their feet, and had taken his garments, and was set down again, he said unto them, Know ye what I have done to you?

13 Ye call me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for so I am.  
14 If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet.  
15 For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you.  
16 Verily, verily, I say unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord; neither he that is sent greater than he that sent him.  
17 If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them.  
18 I speak not of you all: I know whom I have chosen: but that the scripture may be fulfilled, He that eateth bread with me hath lifted up his heel against me.  
19 Now I tell you before it come, that, when it is come to pass, ye may believe that I am he.  
20 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that receiveth whomsoever I send receiveth me; and he that receiveth me receiveth him that sent me.

#### **Luke 22:39-54**

39 ¶ And he came out, and went, as he was wont, to the mount of Olives; and his disciples also followed him.  
40 And when he was at the place, he said unto them, Pray that ye enter not into temptation.  
41 And he was withdrawn from them about a stone's cast, and kneeled down, and prayed,  
42 Saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done.  
43 And there appeared an angel unto him from heaven, strengthening him.  
44 And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly: and his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground.  
45 And when he rose up from prayer, and was come to his disciples, he found them sleeping for sorrow,  
46 And said unto them, Why sleep ye? rise and pray, lest ye enter into temptation.  
47 ¶ And while he yet spake, behold a multitude, and he that was called Judas, one of the twelve, went before them, and drew near unto Jesus to kiss him.  
48 But Jesus said unto him, Judas, betrayest thou the Son of man with a kiss?  
49 When they which were about him saw what would follow, they said unto him, Lord, shall we smite with the sword?  
50 ¶ And one of them smote the servant of the high priest, and cut off his right ear.  
51 And Jesus answered and said, Suffer ye thus far. And he touched his ear, and healed him.  
52 Then Jesus said unto the chief priests, and captains of the temple, and the elders, which were come to him, Be ye come out, as against a thief, with swords and staves?  
53 When I was daily with you in the temple, ye stretched forth no hands against me: but this is your hour, and the power of darkness.  
54 ¶ Then took they him, and led him, and brought him into the high priest's house.

#### **Luke 23:32-34**

32 And there were also two other, malefactors, led with him to be put to death.  
33 And when they were come to the place, which is called Calvary, there they crucified him, and the malefactors, one on the right hand, and the other on the left.  
34 ¶ Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do.

## Science and Health

273:24-28

Jesus walked on the waves, fed the multitude, healed the sick, and raised the dead in direct opposition to material laws. His acts were the demonstration of Science, overcoming the false claims of material sense or law.

362:1-364:15

1 It is related in the seventh chapter of Luke's Gospel  
that Jesus was once the honored guest of a certain  
3 Pharisee, by name Simon, though he was quite unlike  
Simon the disciple. While they were at meat, an unusual  
incident occurred, as if to interrupt the scene  
6 of Oriental festivity. A "strange woman"  
came in. Heedless of the fact that she was debarred from  
such a place and such society, especially under the stern  
9 rules of rabbinical law, as positively as if she were a Hin-  
doo pariah intruding upon the household of a high-caste  
Brahman, this woman (Mary Magdalene, as she has  
12 since been called) approached Jesus. According to the  
custom of those days, he reclined on a couch with his  
head towards the table and his bare feet away from it.  
15 It was therefore easy for the Magdalen to come behind  
the couch and reach his feet. She bore an alabaster jar  
1 containing costly and fragrant oil, — sandal oil perhaps,  
3 which is in such common use in the East. Breaking  
the sealed jar, she perfumed Jesus' feet with the oil,  
wiping them with her long hair, which hung loosely  
6 about her shoulders, as was customary with women of her  
grade.

A gospel  
narrative

9 Did Jesus spurn the woman? Did he repel her adora-  
tion? No! He regarded her compassionately. Nor was  
this all. Knowing what those around him  
were saying in their hearts, especially his host,  
12 — that they were wondering why, being a prophet, the  
exalted guest did not at once detect the woman's immoral  
status and bid her depart, — knowing this, Jesus rebuked  
15 them with a short story or parable. He described two  
debtors, one for a large sum and one for a smaller, who  
were released from their obligations by their common  
18 creditor. "Which of them will love him most?" was the  
Master's question to Simon the Pharisee; and Simon re-  
plied, "He to whom he forgave most." Jesus approved  
21 the answer, and so brought home the lesson to all, follow-

Parable of  
the creditor

ing it with that remarkable declaration to the woman,  
"Thy sins are forgiven."

24 Why did he thus summarize her debt to divine Love?

Had she repented and reformed, and did his insight  
detect this unspoken moral uprising? She

Divine  
insight

27 bathed his feet with her tears before she  
anointed them with the oil. In the absence of other  
proofs, was her grief sufficient evidence to warrant the  
30 expectation of her repentance, reformation, and growth  
in wisdom? Certainly there was encouragement in the  
mere fact that she was showing her affection for a man  
1 of undoubted goodness and purity, who has since been  
rightfully regarded as the best man that ever trod this  
3 planet. Her reverence was unfeigned, and it was mani-  
fested towards one who was soon, though they knew it  
not, to lay down his mortal existence in behalf of all  
6 sinners, that through his word and works they might be  
redeemed from sensuality and sin.

Which was the higher tribute to such ineffable affec-  
9 tion, the hospitality of the Pharisee or the contrition of  
the Magdalen? This query Jesus answered  
by rebuking self-righteousness and declaring  
12 the absolution of the penitent. He even said that this  
poor woman had done what his rich entertainer had neg-  
lected to do, — wash and anoint his guest's feet, a special  
15 sign of Oriental courtesy.

Penitence or  
hospitality

### 107:1-6

1 In 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

### 192:27-193:31

27 We walk in the footsteps of Truth and Love by follow-  
ing the example of our Master in the understanding of  
divine metaphysics. Christianity is the basis of true heal-  
30 ing. Whatever holds human thought in line with unselfed  
love, receives directly the divine power.

I was called to visit Mr. Clark in Lynn, who had been  
1 confined to his bed six months with hip-disease, caused by  
a fall upon a wooden spike when quite a boy. On enter-  
3 ing the house I met his physician, who said that

Mind cures

the patient was dying. The physician had just hip-disease  
probed the ulcer on the hip, and said the bone was carious  
6 for several inches. He even showed me the probe, which  
had on it the evidence of this condition of the bone. The  
doctor went out. Mr. Clark lay with his eyes fixed and  
9 sightless. The dew of death was on his brow. I went to  
his bedside. In a few moments his face changed; its  
death-pallor gave place to a natural hue. The eyelids  
12 closed gently and the breathing became natural; he was  
asleep. In about ten minutes he opened his eyes and  
said: "I feel like a new man. My suffering is all gone."  
15 It was between three and four o'clock in the afternoon  
when this took place.

I told him to rise, dress himself, and take supper with  
18 his family. He did so. The next day I saw him in the  
yard. Since then I have not seen him, but am informed  
that he went to work in two weeks. The discharge from  
21 the sore stopped, and the sore was healed. The diseased  
condition had continued there ever since the injury was  
received in boyhood.

24 Since his recovery I have been informed that his physi-  
cian claims to have cured him, and that his mother has  
been threatened with incarceration in an insane asylum  
27 for saying: "It was none other than God and that woman  
who healed him." I cannot attest the truth of that  
report, but what I saw and did for that man, and what  
30 his physician said of the case, occurred just as I have  
narrated.

### **x:15-19**

By thousands of well-authenticated  
cases of healing, she and her students have proved the  
worth of her teachings. These cases for the most part  
18 have been abandoned as hopeless by regular medical  
attendants.

### **134:21-30**

21 The true Logos is demonstrably Christian Science, the  
natural law of harmony which overcomes discord, — not  
because this Science is supernatural or pre-  
24 ternatural, nor because it is an infraction of  
divine law, but because it is the immutable law of God,  
good. Jesus said: "I knew that Thou hearest me al-  
27 ways;" and he raised Lazarus from the dead, stilled the  
tempest, healed the sick, walked on the water. There  
is divine authority for believing in the superiority of  
Basis of  
miracles

30 spiritual power over material resistance.

## Hymns

### Hymn 162

Satisfied  
Mary Baker Eddy

SATIS  
Percy Whitlock

It matters not what be thy lot,  
So Love doth guide;  
For storm or shine, pure peace is thine,  
Whate'er betide.

And of these stones, or tyrants' thrones,  
God able is  
To raise up seed — in thought and deed —  
To faithful His.

Aye, darkling sense, arise, go hence!  
Our God is good.  
False fears are foes — truth tatters those,  
When understood.

Love looseth thee, and lifteth me,  
Ayont hate's thrall:  
There Life is light, and wisdom might,  
And God is All.

The centuries break, the earth-bound wake,  
God's glorified!  
Who doth His will — His likeness still —  
Is satisfied.

## Hymn 190

Frederic Mann  
Adapted

### ALMSGIVING

John B. Dykes  
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My God, my Father, make me strong,  
When tasks of life seem hard and long,  
To greet them with this triumph song,  
Thy will be done.

With confident and humble mind,  
My joy in service I would find,  
My prayer through every task assigned,  
Thy will be done.

Things deemed impossible I dare,  
Thine is the call and Thine the care,  
Thy wisdom shall the way prepare;  
Thy will be done.

Heaven's music chimes the glad days in,  
Hope soars beyond death, pain and sin,  
Faith sings in triumph, Love doth win;  
Thy will is done.

## Hymn 96

John Greenleaf Whittier\*

SOLL'S SEIN

From "Drei schoene neue geistliche Lieder," 1637

He stood of old, the holy Christ,  
Amid the suffering throng,  
With whom his lightest touch sufficed  
To make the weakest strong.  
That healing gift God gives to them  
Who use it in His name;  
The power that filled the garment's hem  
Is evermore the same.

So shalt thou be with power endued  
Like him who went about  
The Syrian hillsides doing good  
And casting demons out.  
The Great Physician liveth yet  
Thy friend and guide to be;  
The Healer by Gennesaret  
Shall walk the rounds with thee.