

Call to Worship

For the Beauty of the Earth

1. Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high,
Alleluia!
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!
2. Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!
3. Hail the Lord of earth and heaven, Alleluia!
Praise to thee by both be given, Alleluia!
Thee we greet triumphant now, Alleluia!
Hail the Resurrection, thou, Alleluia!
4. King of glory, soul of bliss, Alleluia!
Everlasting life is this, Alleluia!
Thee to know, thy power to prove,
Alleluia!
Thus to sing, and thus to love, Alleluia!

Responsive Reading

(Taken from Matthew 5)

Leader

Blessed are the poor in spirit,

Response

Theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Leader

Blessed are the pure in heart,

Response

They will see God.

Leader

Blessed are the peacemakers,

Response

They shall be called the sons of God.

Leader

Blessed are you when people insult you and persecute you and speak evil of you because of your faith in Jesus

Unison

That is the same way that they treated the prophets – so we are in good company!

Brave

And Saul said to David, "You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with Him; for you are a youth, and he a man of war from his youth."

But David said to Saul, "Your servant used to keep his father's sheep, and when a lion or a bear came and took a lamb out of the flock, I went out after it and struck it, and delivered the lamb from its mouth; and when it arose against me, I caught it by its beard, and struck and killed it. Your servant has killed both lion and bear; and this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, seeing he has defied the armies of the living God."

Moreover David said, "The Lord, who delivered me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, He will deliver me from the hand of the Philistine."

And Saul said to David, "Go, and the Lord be with you!"

I Samuel 17:32-37

Have you ever thought about the level of bravery that is required to stand and face your enemy? Bravery is standing for what is right, even if you seem to be standing alone or it seems that those who stand against you are mightier.

Jesus needed to be brave to stand before the governor, to go to the cross, and to die for us. He had a chance to back off. He could have walked away from everything. But instead, He asked the Father for help to withstand the things that were going to happen to Him. And we can see in 2nd Timothy that God wants that same level of bravery for us.

For God has not given us a spirit of timidity, but of power and love and discipline.

2 Timothy 1:7

Can you think of a time when you had to be brave? How did God help you overcome that moment? Let us thank God, together, for His help in getting us through.

Benediction

Lord Jesus, please give us eyes to see you will, ears to hear your voice, and the bravery needed to follow you all of our lives. It is in your name we pray, Amen.