

Call to Worship

Silver & Gold (Peter & John) – sung repeatedly faster

Peter & John went to pray.
They met a lame man on the way.

He held out his palm
And he asked for an alms,
And this is what Peter did say --

Silver & Gold have I none,
But such as I have give I thee.

In the Name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth
Rise up and walk!

And he went walking and leaping and
Praising God!
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Responsive Reading

(Adapted from Psalm 100)

Leader

Make a joyful noise to the LORD!

Response

We have come before His presence with singing!

Leader

Know that the LORD, He is God!

Response

We serve the LORD with gladness in our hearts!

Leader

It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves.

Unison

We are His people and the sheep of His pasture.

Cheerful

Each one must do just as he has purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a **cheerful** giver.

2 Corinthians 9:7

What does it mean to be *cheerful*? To be *cheerful* is to have a glad heart. Someone who is cheerful can be infectious. Others will improve in their attitude and outlook by just being around someone who is cheerful.

Someone who is cheerful has a positive attitude. A cheerful person looks forward to what will happen next because they have hope that what is to come will be good.

The disciples were sad when they learn what was going to happen to Jesus. But Jesus had hope because He knew that beyond the crucifixion, the Father was going to raise Jesus up from the dead. That is why Jesus said:

Therefore you too have grief now; but I will see you again, and your heart will rejoice, and no one will take your joy away from you.

John 16:22

Let us all remember the hope that is within us. And let us cheerfully share that hope with all those around us.

Benediction

For the LORD is good;
His mercy is everlasting,
And His truth endures to all generations.

Psalms 100:5

Go in Peace.