

Call to Worship

For the Beauty of the Earth

1. For the beauty of the earth,
for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies;
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.
2. For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower,
sun and moon, and stars of light;
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.
3. For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild;
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.
4. For thyself, best Gift Divine,
to the world so freely given,
for that great, great love of thine,
peace on earth, and joy in heaven:
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

Responsive Reading

(Taken from Psalm 8)

Leader

O Lord, our Lord, the majesty of your name fills the earth!

Response

Your glory is higher than the heavens!

Leader

When I look at the night sky

Response

And see the work of your fingers

Leader

The moon and the stars you have set in place

Response

You put us in charge of everything you made

Leader

Giving us authority over all things

Unison

O Lord, our Lord, the majesty of your name fills the earth!

Your glory is higher than the heavens.

Thrifty

Parable of the Wise and Foolish Virgins – Matthew 25:1-13

Now five of them were wise, and five were foolish. Those who were foolish took their lamps and took no oil with them, but the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps.

Matthew 25:2-4

Using the parable that this verse is taken from, Jesus explains to the disciples that they are to be prepared for the arrival of the bridegroom. He speaks of the wise virgins who planned ahead for possible delays and were prepared with extra oil.

Jesus also speaks of the foolish virgins whose lamps went out during the wait. The foolish ones were not ready, not prepared for the arrival of the bridegroom. As a result, they missed out on the celebration.

To be thrifty is to be wise and prudent with the resources at hand. How do we as Scouts learn to be thrifty – to “Be Prepared”?

One way is by earning merit badges that prepare us for unforeseen circumstances. Merit badges like – First Aid, Lifesaving, Emergency Preparedness. Merit badges like these prepare us to serve our Lord by serving our community.

Benediction

Go and do as Jesus did. Serve those around you. Encourage each other. Be prepared at all times.