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For the Beauty of the earth - week 2

Welcome to our service today

We carry on looking at the Hymn For the beauty of the earth, this week we look at the 2nd verse.

For the beauty of the hour  
Of the day and of the night  
Hill and vale, and tree and flower  
Sun and moon and stars of light.



Let us Pray  
O sun behind all suns  
We give you greetings this new day  
Let all creation praise you  
Let the daylight and the shadows praise you.

Let the fertile earth  
And the swelling sea praise you  
Let the wind and the rain  
The lightening and the thunder praise you  
Let all the breaths give life

Yet such as us you made and meant

Just less than God's to be  
With honour and with glory, Lord  
You crowned humanity.

And then dominion you bestowed  
For all made by your hand  
All sheep and cattle, birds, and fish  
That move through sea and land

O Lord, our Lord throughout the earth  
How glorious is your name  
AMEN  
(Based on Psalm 8 Bell)



Reading from Psalm 57 verse 1-3 from Good News Bible

"Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful  
Because I come to you for safety,  
In the shadow of your wings I find protection  
Until the raging storms are over

I call to God, the most high  
To God, who supplies my every need  
He will answer from heaven and save me  
He will defeat my oppressors  
God will show me his constant love and faithfulness.

Let us read the words or if you would like go to You Tube Keith/Kristyn Getty He will hold me fast

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=936BapRFHaQ>

When I fear my faith will fail  
Christ will hold me fast  
When the tempter would prevail, he will hold me fast  
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path  
For my love is often cold, he must hold me fast

Chorus  
He will hold me fast, he will hold me fast  
For my saviour loves me , so he will hold me fast

Those he saves are his delight, christ will hold me fast  
Precious in his holy sign, he will hold me fast  
He'll not let my soul be lost, his promises shall last, brought by him at such a cost  
He will hold me fast

Chorus  
He will hold me fast,he will hold me fast  
For my Saviour loves me, so he will hold me fast.

For my life he bled and died, Christ will hold me fast  
Justice has been satisfied, he will hold me fast

Raised with him to endless life, he will hold me fast  
Till our faith is turned to sight when he comes at last

Chorus  
He will hold me fast, he will hold me fast  
For my saviour loves me,so he will hold me fast.



End

Reflection

We are not together to share in God's words, to sing in his praise and to share within his fellowship. But, that does not take us away from knowing we are part of his Kingdom today.

We are all busy, looking for activities to keep ourselves occupied, at this time nature around us, the sounds we hear and the vision of Spring adorning our gardens and parks. All this reminds us of just one thing that the world God made, his creation carries on, waking us up in the morning, singing at the time of dusk to end the evening.

The hymn For the beauty of the earth reminds us of all of these things. The beauty of what is around us, nature and the many senses we share. We are not important, we are a very small part of the whole picture. A picture that simply carries on without our help or hindrance. Personally I am very much appreciating my outside time and send my thanks for what God surrounds us with  
Amen



Let us share another hymn from rejoice and sing no 120

Summer Suns are glowing  
Overland and sea  
Happy light is flowing  
Beautiful and free  
Everything rejoices  
In the mellow Ray's  
All earths thousand voices  
Swell the psalm of praise

Gods free mercy streamers  
Over all the world  
And his banner gleam eth  
Everywhere unfurled  
Broad and deep and glorious  
as the heaven above  
Shines in might victorious  
His eternal love

Lord, upon our blindness  
Thy pure and radiant pour  
For thy loving kindness  
Make us love thee more  
And when the clouds are drifting  
Dark across our sky  
Then, the veil uplifting  
Father be thou nigh

We will never doubt thee  
Through thou veil thy light  
Life is dark without thee  
Death with thee is bright  
Light of light, shine o'er us  
On our pilgrim way  
Go thou still before us  
To the endless day

Please put your hands together to prayer for the world and those around us  
Let us pray  
Today we give thanks to all those helping in this difficult time  
For those giving their time caring for others

We thank you that each one of us in our own church community are kept safe  
Able to experience the love of God, through relationships and families.  
We pray for those. PLEASE NAME

And we as a Christian Community offer hope, our faith and our joy in you Lord.

In these words we offer our commitment and love  
In your name  
Amen



Finally a blessing we can all share together  
May the Lord keep us safe  
May we see and feel in our hearts that you are with us  
And may we always know that the creation we see and hear at this time  
Are your signs of hope in our life  
Amen