

Congregational songs for Jan. 10, 2021

For the Beauty of the Earth, VT 120

Verse 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.

Verse 2

For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,
hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

Verse 3

For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight
for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

Verse 4

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.

Verse 5

For each perfect gift and sign to this world so freely giv'n;
graces human and divine, love uniting earth and heav'n:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

Hold Me God

When I'm raging, when I'm reeling, Hold me God, hold me God.
Give me courage, give me healing, Hold me God, hold me God.
Feel my fury, feel my sorrow, Hold me God, hold me God.
Let my anger fuel tomorrow, Hold me God, hold me God.

Kyrie eleison, kyrie eleison, Hear your people we pray.
Kyrie eleison, kyrie eleison, Heal your people we pray.

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For the Healing of the Nations, VT 705

Verse 1

For the healing of the nations, Lord, we pray with one accord,
for a just and equal sharing of the things that earth affords.
To a life of love in action help us rise and pledge our word.

Verse 2

Lead us forward into freedom; from despair your world release,
that, redeemed from war and hatred, all may come and go in peace.
Show us how through care and goodness
fear will die and hope increase.

Verse 3

All that kills abundant living, let it from the earth be banned:
pride of status, race, or schooling, dogmas that obscure your plan.
In our common quest for justice may we hallow life's brief span.

Verse 4

You, Creator God, have written your great name on human-kind.
For our growing in your likeness, bring the life of Christ to mind
that by our response and service, earth its destiny may find.