

THE TWENTY-THIRD PSALM

This narration may be used to present or introduce Bethel Officers at open meetings such as installations, promotional meetings, etc. Any formation and/or seating arrangement may be used.

Suggestion: *“Twenty-Third Psalm” may be sung at the end of narration.*

NARRATOR:

The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: He leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name’s sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:

Thou annointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever...

After short pause, Narrator continues.

Come then, enter now, Job’s Daughters

Walking as ye would walk by still water

Touched with the light that comes from above

Bearing the symbols of the dear Lord’s love.

By His rod and His staff comforted be

In straight paths, eternally He guideth thee.

After short pause, Narrator continues.

**You are young as the morning
Of one of God's days
Yet a gift is being given you
To keep always.**

**A gift of remembrance
Shining and bright
Of friendship and faith
Shared here tonight.**

**Time rushes on
And so very soon
You'll be living the hours
Of God's afternoons.**

**You'll walk many paths
From some friends you will part,
But the memory of this hour
Will remain in your heart.**

**You will overcome evil
For the Lord will be there
In the presence of enemies
Your table to prepare.**

**As gently life leads you
Toward God's twilight
Oh remember then well
What you learned here tonight.**

Your cup runneth over

**No fears shall you haunt
The Lord is they Shepherd
You shall not want.**

**When your day is ended
And ended the strife
You'll know goodness and mercy
Have following your life.**

**When finally old,
And from life you must sever
You'll find morning again
In the Lord's house forever...**

Narrator read name of each officer as she enters.

_____ **Inner Guard**
**With love and grace
Guard ever faithfully this sacred place.**

_____ **Outer Guard**
**Your task begin
To close our gate against evil and sin.**

_____ **Junior Custodian**
**Seek peace, purity and love
Ever mindful, it is you, who guards the Dove.**

_____ **Senior Custodian**
**Keep the Incense burning bright
Gilding the day, silvering the night.**

_____ **Musician**
**As hours go winging, drawn by the days
Their flight is brightened when music plays.**

_____ **Librarian**
Knowledge is the jewel in your care

God’s divine teachings, help us to share.

Chaplain

**Help us wrench free from evil’s control
Remind us “Tis God who restoreth the soul.”**

Recorder

**Dip your pen in friendship, and in time can’t resist
And write the names of Job’s Daughters,
in an everlasting list.**

Treasurer

**Not only earthly wealth but noble treasurers too
Are given for safe keeping, trustfully to you.
Messengers enter as a group.**

First Messenger

**Tell the Pilgrims how Job,
Restless and torn, with every breath
Wearily, yearningly, longed for death.**

Second Messenger

**Tell the Pilgrims how one said to Job:
If pure and upright thou wouldst be
Surely God would take heed of thee.**

Third Messenger

**Tell the Pilgrims how one said unto Job:
Behold, the fear of the Lord is wise
And understanding is evil to despise.**

Fourth Messenger

**Tell the Pilgrims how
The Lord spake unto Job and ended his strife...
Restoring faith, riches and peace unto his life.**

Fifth Messenger

**Tell the Pilgrims how
Throughout the land, none were so fair
As Job’s Daughters... so all did declare.**

Marshal

**You have a wonderful part
To guard our Flag with all your heart
Guard it with truth and love sublime
Which will keep it unsullied to the end of time.**

Guide

**Lead the Pilgrims to the beautiful, to the good,
Guide them there in loving sisterhood
Nor slaken for a moment your hearts endeavor
To embrace the beautiful and the good forever.**

Junior Princess

**Remember that...
Faith, love, purity and peace are not words alone
But they are in the lights which have eternally shone
In church, in school and home, we must keep them aglow
To light up the paths on which others must go.**

Senior Princess

**Remember that...
Life is splendid, if well fulfilled
If never the word of God is stilled
If each hour is lived as He has willed
If with His teachings, the heart is thrilled
Then life is splendid and well fulfilled.**

Honored Queen

**Life gathers a bouquet of special hours,
Laughter is the sunshine, tears are the showers
Which make them grow...help them to be
A part of remembrance until eternity,
This hour for you...is such a one
Earned by your efforts and work well done
Parents and loved ones proudly share
This hour, when a crown you start to wear.**

**New tasks have begun...Ideals understood
Ennobling young Christian girlhood.**

Short pause.

**If when years hence all this will seem
Like some shadowy half remembered dream
Your heart still will recall your own chosen theme
Those Holy words, serene and calm...
Comforting all, the Twenty-Third Psalm.**