

21<sup>st</sup> CENTURY 23<sup>rd</sup> PSALM  
FOR MIXED CHOIR AND PIANO

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C F M P

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21<sup>st</sup> CENTURY 23<sup>rd</sup> PSALM by Jeffrey Bernstein

The Earth is my home,  
I care for her.  
Here I have meadows of green to rest in,  
Here I have waters of great stillness to walk beside.  
And my soul is restored.

I care for the Earth,  
I care for all others;  
And I have no enemies.  
My table is prepared, and all are welcome.  
From the Earth comes everything we need,  
And I have more than enough.

The Earth is rare and precious.  
Her goodness and mercy will be with me always.

—

Jeffrey Bernstein is a California-based composer, conductor, pianist and educator. He is founding director of the Pasadena Master Chorale and artistic director of the Los Angeles Daiku and was for eleven years director of choral music at Occidental College. Bernstein holds music degrees from Harvard, Yale and UCLA. He has led choirs on fourteen tours of four continents and traveled extensively as a guest conductor, directing choirs and orchestras in Europe, Japan and throughout this country. Recently premiered works include *Dreams of Japan* with the Tokushima Symphony, *Fukushima Requiem* with the Los Angeles Daiku Orchestra, and *The Human Journey*, commissioned and premiered by the L.A. Choral Lab. Bernstein performs solo concerts of improvised piano music has released three piano albums: *Piano Journals* (2012), *Clear Mind Calm Water* (2015) and *The Desert House* (2015). A committed educator and strong advocate for children, Bernstein maintains a private studio and is on staff at the Pasadena Waldorf School, where he creates improvised piano music for young people.

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for Michael Alfera and the L.A. Choral Lab

TEXT BY THE COMPOSER after PSALM 23

JEFFREY BERNSTEIN (ASCAP)

$\text{♩} = 92$       2      3

S  
A  
T  
B

The Earth is my  
*mp*

The Earth is my  
*mp*

The Earth is my  
*mp*

The Earth is my  
*mp*

PIANO

*p*

8<sup>va</sup>

4      5      6

home, I care for her.  
*mf*

home, I care for her.  
*mf*

home, I care for her.  
*mf*

home, I care for her.  
*mf*

home, I care for her.  
*mf*

home, I care for her.  
*mf*

3



C F M P

7 8 9

Here I have mead-ows of green to rest in, Here I have wat - ers of  
*p*

Here I have mead-ows of green to rest in, Here I have wat - ers of  
*p*

Here I have mead-ows of green to rest in, Here I have wat - ers of  
*p*

Here I have mead-ows of green to rest in, Here I have wat - ers of  
*p*

*pp*

10 11 12

great still - ness to walk be - side. And my  
*mp*

great still - ness to walk be - side. And my  
*mp*

great still - ness to walk be - side. And my  
*mp*

great still - ness to walk be - side. And my  
*mp*

(8)

13 14 15 16

soul, My soul is re - stored, My  
*mf* *f* *mf*

soul, My soul is re - stored, My  
*mf* *f* *mf*

soul, My soul is re - stored, My  
*mf* *f* *mf*

soul, My soul is re - stored, My  
*mf* *f* *mf*

(8)

*mp* *mf* *f*

17 18 19 20

soul is re-stored.

soul is re-stored.

soul is re-stored.

soul is re-stored.

*mp* *p*

21 22 23

*p* I care\_\_\_\_\_ for the Earth,

*p* I care\_\_\_\_\_ for the Earth,

*p* I care\_\_\_\_\_ for the Earth,\_\_\_\_\_

*p* I care\_\_\_\_\_ for the Earth,\_\_\_\_\_

24 25 26

*mp* I care for all oth - ers,\_\_\_\_\_ *p* And I have no

*mp* I care for all oth - ers,\_\_\_\_\_ *p* And I have no

*mp* I care for all oth - ers,\_\_\_\_\_ *p* And I have no

*mp* I care for all oth - ers,\_\_\_\_\_ *p* And I have no

27 28 29

en - e - mies. *pp*

en - e - mies. *mp* I have no en - e - mies, I have no

en - e - mies. *mp* I have no en - e - mies, I have no

en - e - mies. *mp* I have no en - e - mies, I have no

*pp*  
*l.v.*

30 31 32

*mp* My ta - ble is pre - pared, and all are wel - come.

en - e - mies, *p* I have no en - e - mies, I have no en - e - mies,

en - e - mies, *p* I have no en - e - mies, I have no en - e - mies,

en - e - mies, *p* I have no en - e - mies, I have no en - e - mies,

33 34 35

— My ta - ble is pre - pared, and all are wel - come.  
*mf*

I have no en - e - mies, I have no en - e - mies, I have no  
*mp* *mf*

I have no en - e - mies, My ta - ble is pre - pared, and  
*mf*

I have no en - e - mies, I have no en - e - mies, I have no  
*mp* *mf*

36 37 38

— My ta - ble is pre - pared, and all are wel - come.  
*f*

en - e - mies, I have no en - e - mies, My ta - ble  
*f*

all are wel - come. My ta - ble is pre - pared, and  
*f*

en - e - mies, I have no en - e - mies, My ta - ble  
*f*



39 40 41

My ta - ble is pre - pared, and all are wel - come.

is pre - pared, My ta - ble is pre - pared

all are wel - come, all are wel - come, all are wel -

is pre - pared, My ta - ble is pre - pared

42 43

From the Earth comes ev' - ry - thing we need, And *mp* *p*

From the Earth comes ev' - ry - thing we need, And *mp* *p*

come. From the Earth comes ev' - ry - thing we need, And *mp* *p*

From the Earth comes ev' - ry - thing we need, And *mp* *p*

*swa*

*p*

44 45 46

I have more than e - nough. *The mp*

I have more than e - nough. *The mp*

I have more than e - nough. *The mp*

(8)<sup>1</sup> I have more than e - nough. *The mp*

*mp*

47 48 49

Earth is rare and pre\_ cious, Her good - ness and mer - cy will

Earth is rare and pre\_ cious, Her good - ness and mer - cy will

Earth is rare and pre\_ cious, Her good - ness and mer - cy will

Earth is rare and pre\_ cious, Her good - ness and mer - cy will

50 51 52

be with me al - ways.

be with me al - ways.

be with me al - ways.

be with me al - ways.



53 54 55 long

Ah *p* long

Ah *p* long

Ah *p* long

Ah *p* long