



Where My Treasure Is

Mite Offering Litany

(Leader's responses quoted from "Jesus, Thou Art Mine Forever, TLH 357, vv. 1–2, 4)

[Please provide: individuals to read the "Leader" and the "Reader" sections, a copy for each attendee]

LEADER: "Jesus, Thou art mine forever, dearer far than earth to me;"

READER: Lord, we thank You for Your Word that helps us understand what real treasure is. Real treasure isn't a fine house, a fast car, designer shoes, or extravagant travels. All these things, for sure, are blessings, but they also fade with time and use.

ALL: Help us, Lord, in our lives, to distinguish WANTS from NEEDS.

LEADER: "Neither life nor death shall sever those sweet ties which bind to Thee."

READER: Lord God, You remind us, that *neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord* (Romans 8:38–39). What a comfort to remember You are always with us.

ALL: May those "lucky pennies" we find be useful mites for Your kingdom.

LEADER: "Thou alone are all my Treasure, Who hast died that I may live;"

READER: Out of Your love for us and all people, You died and rose so that we might live for eternity. No one else could do this. That makes You the only true Treasure.

ALL: Extend the change in the bottom of our purses to become avenues of love for ministering to Your people.

LEADER: "Thou conferest noblest pleasure, Who dost all my sins forgive."

READER: There is nothing You don't know about us, Lord—our sins of omission as well as commission—and You offer forgiveness for all of them.

ALL: Use our "intentional gifts"—those coins we regularly drop into our Mite Boxes—to tell those who don't know yet that their sins are forgiven, too.

LEADER: "Brightest gems and fairest flowers lose their beauty in Thy frown;"

READER: Lord, You have indeed made beautiful things in nature: the mountains, rushing streams, wild flowers. Yet the calm they offer is only temporary.

ALL: Give the recipients of mites in ministries the understanding that the *WORD* that comes with the *WORK* is the real and lasting gift.

LEADER: “Joy and peace, like balmy showers, in Thy smile come gently down.”

READER: Remind us, Lord, that because of Jesus and by the Holy Spirit’s direction, we can look to You in confidence and *be anxious for nothing*. Help us remember that we can come to You in prayer with all needs and that Your *peace which surpasses all understanding, will guard [our] hearts and minds through Christ Jesus* (Philippians 4:6–7).

ALL: Bless all our efforts to raise money for mites so they may have an impact on those who plan them as well as the mission grants they support.

LEADER: “Jesus, Thou art mine forever; never suffer me to stray.
Let me in my weakness never cast my priceless pearl away.”

READER: Some of us might have heard on our Confirmation day words spoken by our Savior: “*Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life*” (Revelation 2:10b). What a promise!

ALL: Remind us that every time money goes into our Mite Boxes that You are the reason we give so that the Gospel message might be shared.

LEADER: “Lamb of God, I do implore Thee: guard, support me, lest I fall.
Let me evermore adore Thee. Be my everlasting All.”

READER: “Let me be Thine forever, my faithful God and Lord; Let me forsake Thee never nor wander from Thy Word. Lord, do not let me waver, but give me steadfastness, and for such grace forever Thy holy name I’ll bless” (LSB 689, v. 1).

ALL: As we ask that these mites be used to extend your kingdom at home and around the globe we also remember Your words: “*Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also*” (Matthew 6:19–20).

ALL: These things we ask in Your name, Jesus. Amen.

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