

# Rise Up, O Men of God

*Be on the alert, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong. 1 Corinthians 16:13*

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 4/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is primarily in the Soprano and Alto parts. The lyrics are arranged in three systems. The first system contains three verses. The second system continues the lyrics. The third system concludes the piece. Chord symbols are provided above the staff: B-flat, E-flat, C sus, F, B-flat, E-flat/G, C/E, F, E-flat, F sus, and B-flat. The piece ends with a double bar line.

1. Rise up, O men of God! Have done with less - er things.  
2. Rise up, O men of God! The king - dom tar - ries long.  
3. Lift high the cross of Christ! Tread where His feet have trod.

Give heart and mind and soul and strength to serve the King of kings.  
Pro - claim the gos - pel to the world and turn your grief to song.  
As broth - ers of the Son of Man, rise up, O men of God!

TEXT: William P. Merrill, 1909, alt.

MUSIC: Louis Bourgeois, 1551; harm. William Crotch, 1836

FESTAL SONG

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You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. The things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, entrust these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. Suffer hardship with me, as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No soldier in active service entangles himself in the affairs of everyday life, so that he may please the one who enlisted him as a soldier. Also if anyone competes as an athlete, he does not win the prize unless he competes according to the rules. The hard-working farmer ought to be the first to receive his share of the crops. Consider what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in everything.

Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, descendant of David, according to my gospel, for which I suffer hardship even to imprisonment as a criminal; but the word of God is not imprisoned. For this reason I endure all things for the sake of those who are chosen, so that they also may obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus and with it eternal glory.

**2 Timothy 2:1-10**