

For the Beauty of the Earth

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.

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

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.

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.

5. For thy church, that evermore
lifteth holy hands above,
offering up on every shore
her pure sacrifice of love;
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

6. For thyself, best Gift Divine,
to the world so freely given,
for that great, great love of thine,
peace on earth, and joy in heaven:
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

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Text: Folliot S. Pierpoint
Music: Conrad Kocher; Arr. by W.H. Monk
Tune: DIX, Meter: 77.77.77*

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father
Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son,
our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy
Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;*
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God
the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge
the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic** church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

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What Does the Lord Require

1. What does the Lord require
for praise and offering?
What sacrifice, desire,
or tribute bid you bring?
Do justly; love mercy;
walk humbly with your God.

2. Rulers of earth, give ear!
Should you not justice show?
Will God your pleading hear,
while crime and cruelty grow?
Do justly; love mercy;
walk humbly with your God.

3. All who gain wealth by trade,
for whom the worker toils,
think not to win God's aid,
if greed your commerce soils.
Do justly; love mercy;
walk humbly with your God.

4. How shall my soul fulfill
God's law so hard and high?
Let Christ endue our will
with grace to fortify.
Then justly, in mercy
we'll humbly walk with God.

*The United Methodist Hymnal Number 441
Text: Albert F. Bayly, 1949; alt. (Mic. 6:6-8)
Music: Erik Routley, 1968
Tune: SHARPTHORNE, Meter: 66.66.336*

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all
blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here
below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

*The United Methodist Hymnal Number 095
Text: Thomas Ken
Music: Attr. to Louis Bourgeois
Tune: OLD 100TH, Meter: LM*

Take My Life, and Let It Be

1. Take my life, and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my hands, and let them move
at the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet, and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee.

2. Take my voice, and let me sing
always, only, for my King.
Take my lips, and let them be
filled with messages from thee.
Take my silver and my gold;
not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect, and use
every power as thou shalt choose.

3. Take my will, and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.
Take my love, my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure-store.
Take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

*The United Methodist Hymnal Number 399
Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836-1879
Music: Louis J.F. Herold; arr. by George Kingsley
Tune: MESSIAH, Meter: 77.77 D*

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

1. Sent forth by God's blessing,
our true faith confessing,
the people of God from this
dwelling take leave.
The service is ended,
O now be extended
the fruits of our worship in all who
believe.
The seed of the teaching,
receptive souls reaching,
shall blossom in action for God and
for all.
God's grace did invite us,,
and love shall unite us
to work for God's kingdom and
answer the call.

2. With praise and thanksgiving
to God ever-living,
the tasks of our everyday life we
will face.
Our faith ever sharing,
in love ever caring,
embracing God's children of each
tribe and race.
With your grace you feed us,
with your light now lead us;
unite us as one in this life that we
share.
Then may all the living
with praise and thanksgiving
give honor to Christ and that name
that we bear.

*The United Methodist Hymnal Number 664
Text: Omer Westendorf, 1964
Music: Welsh folk tune; harm. by Leland Sateren,
1972
Tune: THE ASH GROVE, Meter: 6 6 11.6 6 11 D*