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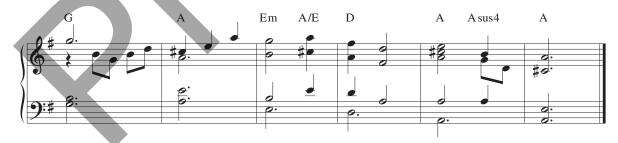




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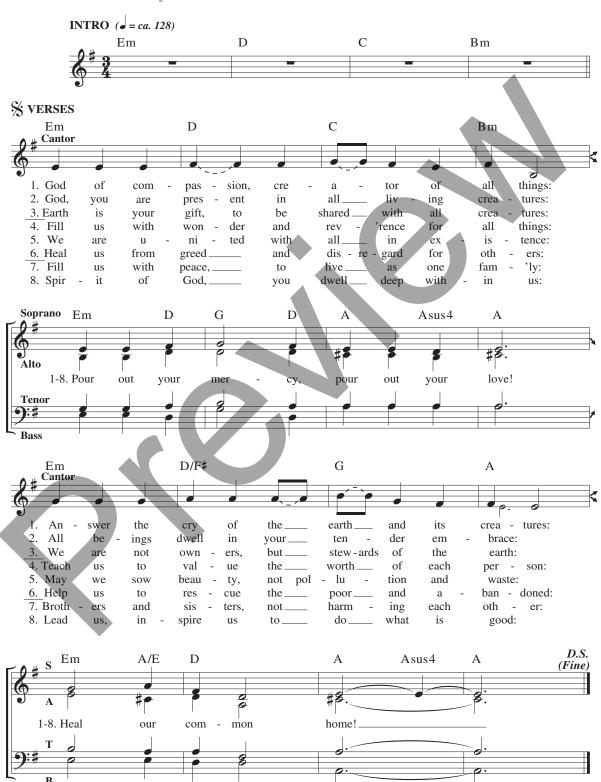


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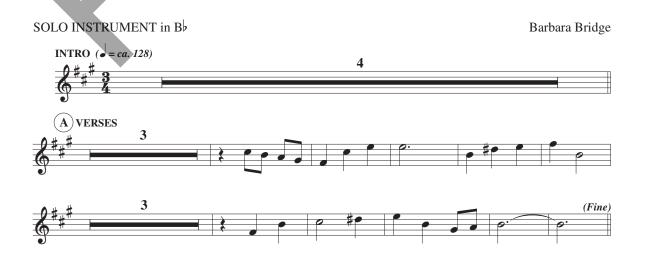
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SOLO INSTRUMENT in C Barbara Bridge



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Composer Notes

"Litany for the Earth" can be sung at any liturgy celebrating the gift of creation and our responsibility to be good stewards of the earth. In it we also sing of our call to care for the poor as our brothers and sisters.

It is appropriate at the gathering or closing of a celebration. The text by Pope Francis certainly has a "Franciscan" identity, speaking of God's love for us and the gift of all creation.

The format of the litany is "call-and-response," as the cantor and the assembly are in a dialogue. Each of the cantor's invocations is based on "A Prayer for Our Earth" from Pope Francis' 2015 Encyclical Letter *Praise Be to You — Laudato Si'*. The assembly's response is a cry on behalf of the earth and all creatures: "Pour out your mercy, pour out your love! Heal our common home!"

Pope Francis reminds us that, though we are all journeying towards our common home in heaven, "we come together to take charge of this home which has been entrusted to us, knowing that all the good which exists here will be taken up into the heavenly feast. In union with all creatures, we journey through this land seeking God...Let us sing as we go. May our struggles and our concern for this planet never take away the joy of our hope" (*Praise Be to You – Laudato Si'*, 244).

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