

Commissioned by the Society of the Sacred Heart

CREATOR GOD OF EARTH IN ALL ITS SPLENDOR

Delores Dufner, OSB

Creator God of earth in all its splendor,
you love all creatures, cherish ev'ry race.
Your arms enfold all cultures, ev'ry nation;
you nurture life in ev'ry time and place.
To you we come, disciples called by Jesus,
to offer thanks for countless gifts of grace.

*O font of boundless mercy and compassion,
receive our song, our prayer of trust today.
Give strength to serve your poor and voiceless people;
give faith to live and teach the Gospel way.
Bring hope when doubts and darkness have descended;
bring peace profound when we have paused to pray.

Transforming God of wisdom vast, unfathomed,
you see beyond our narrow, clouded view.
Open our eyes and hearts to those around us.
Show us the needs. What would you have us do?
So may we claim your dream, your global vision;
so may we spend ourselves in serving you.

To you be glory, praise, and glad thanksgiving
for tender care in challenge, joy and tears,
your call to foster future generations,
your heartbeat strong and steady through the years.
Now guide us in your way of love, your mission.
God, walk beside us crossing new frontiers.

**Alternate v. 2, when the focus is thanksgiving for past blessings:*

O font of boundless mercy and compassion,
receive our grateful songs of praise today
for strength to serve your poor and voiceless people,
for faith to live and teach the Gospel way,
for hope when doubts and darkness have descended
and peace profound when we have paused to pray.

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2 Corinthians 9:11–15 • Colossians 3:14–17

This hymn was commissioned by the Society of the Sacred Heart. The Sisters and their guests sang it for the closing of bicentennial celebrations commemorating the arrival in the United States of their American founder, Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne. Philippine and her companions had left their families and comfortable home in France to begin a teaching ministry on the frontier, longing to work especially among Native Americans in what would later become the Archdiocese of St. Louis.

This hymn acknowledges God's faithful, inclusive love for all of creation and gives thanks for past blessings; it is especially appropriate for the anniversary of a church or faith community. It asks for faith and fidelity, courage and commitment, to meet present and future challenges as, like the saints before them, Christians follow the Spirit's lead in daring to cross new frontiers.

Use: Christian Life, Church, Creation, Dedication of a Church, Love of God for Us, Mercy, Ministry/Mission, Social Concern, Thanksgiving, Trust

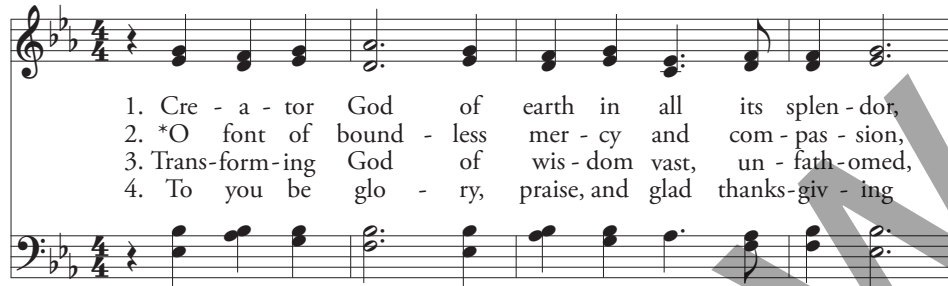


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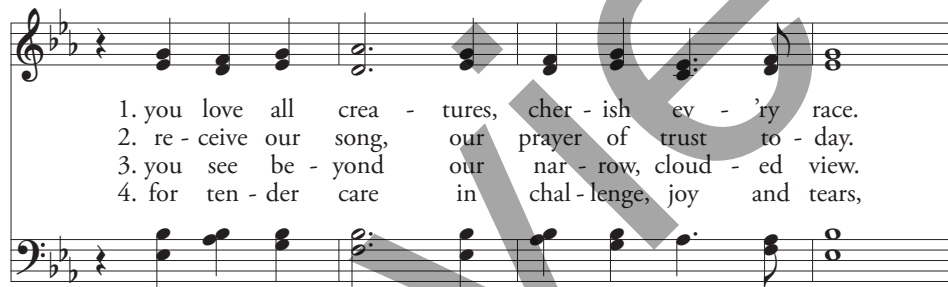
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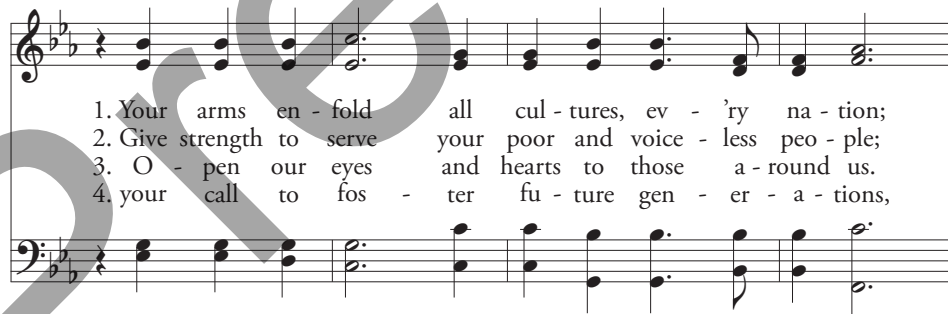
FINLANDIA



1. Cre - a - tor God of earth in all its splen - dor,
2. *O font of bound - less mer - cy and com - pas - sion,
3. Trans-form-ing God of wis - dom vast, un - fath-omed,
4. To you be glo - ry, praise, and glad thanks-giv - ing



1. you love all crea - tures, cher - ish ev - 'ry race.
2. re - ceive our song, our prayer of trust to - day.
3. you see be - yond our nar - row, cloud - ed view.
4. for ten - der care in chal - lenge, joy and tears,



1. Your arms en - fold all cul - tures, ev - 'ry na - tion;
2. Give strength to serve your poor and voice - less peo - ple;
3. O - pen our eyes and hearts to those a - round us.
4. your call to fos - ter fu - ture gen - er - a - tions,

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CREATOR GOD OF EARTH IN ALL ITS SPLENDOR, cont. (2)

1. you nur - ture life in ev - 'ry time and place.
 2. give faith to live and teach the Gos - pel way.
 3. Show us the needs. What would you have us do?
 4. your heart-beat strong and stead - y through the years.

1. To you we come, dis - ci - ples called by Je - sus, ____
 2. Bring hope when doubts and dark - ness have de - scend - ed; ____
 3. So may we claim your dream, your glo - bal vi - sion; ____
 4. Now guide us in your way of love, your mis - sion. ____

1. ____ to of - fer thanks for count - less gifts of grace.
 2. ____ bring peace pro - found when we have paused to pray.
 3. ____ so may we spend our - selves in serv - ing you.
 4. ____ God, walk be - side us cross - ing new fron - tiers.

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