

1. Praise and thanksgiving, Father, we offer
For all things living, Created good.
Harvest of sown fields, Fruits of the orchard,
Hay from the mown fields, Blossom and wood.
2. Bless, Lord, the labor We bring to serve you,
That with our neighbor We may be fed.
Sowing or tilling, We would work with you,
Harvesting milling For daily bread.
3. Father, providing Food for your children
By your wise guiding Teach us to share
One with another, So that, rejoicing With us,
All others may know your care.
4. Then will your blessing reach ev'ry people,
Freely confessing Your gracious hand.
Where all obey you, No one will hunger;
In your love's way you nourish the land.

P: The Lord by wisdom founded the earth;
C: By understanding God established the heavens;
P: By God's knowledge the deeps broke forth,
C: And the clouds drop down the dew.

The Prayers

P: The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord,
C: And you give them their food in due season.
P: You open wide your hand
C: And satisfy the needs of every living creature

The Prayers for Seeds, For Soil, and For Rain.

The Blessing

P: All your works praise you, O Lord,
C: And your faithful servants bless you.

Prayer

P: Let the peoples praise you, O God;
C: Let all the peoples praise you.
P: The earth has brought forth her increase;
C: May God, our own God, give us God's blessing.
P: May God give us God's blessing,
C: And may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of

God.

The Benediction

The Closing Hymn "For the Beauty of the Earth"

1. For the beauty of the earth,
For the beauty of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies;

CHORUS

1. Christ, our Lord, to you we raise
This our sacrifice of praise.
2. For the wonder of each hour
Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale and tree and flow'r,
Sun and moon and stars of light;
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;
4. For the joy of human love,
Brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth and friends above;
For all gentle thoughts and mild;
5. For yourself, best gift divine
To the world so freely giv'n;
Agent of God's grand design,
Peace on earth and joy in heav'n;

GO IN PEACE! SERVE THE LORD! THANKS BE TO GOD!