

# WORSHIP RESOURCES

## Hymns

### Various suggestions

Key (we think!), or you could check <http://www.oremus.org/hymnal/>

AMNS = Hymns Ancient and Modern, Revised New Standard Edition

BH = Baptist Hymnal 1991

CG = Common Ground (Church of Scotland)

CP = Common Praise (Anglican Church of Canada)

FWS = Faith We Sing (United Methodist Church)

H&P = Hymns & Psalms

HO&N = Hymns Old & New

UMH = United Methodist Hymnal 1989

VU = Voices United

All Creatures of Our God and King	UMH 62; CP 355; CU 217; BH 27
All Things Bright and Beautiful	UMH 147; CP 415; CU 291; BH 46
Beauty for brokenness – Graham Kendrick	HO&N 60; <a href="#">Text online</a>
Cantemos al Señor	[Latino] UMH 149
Fairest Lord Jesus	UMH 189; CP 619; CU 341
For the Beauty of the Earth	UMH 92; CP 429; VU 226; BH 44
For the Fruits of All Creation	CP 249
From All that Dwell Below the Skies	BH 13
God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale	UMH 122; CP 414; VU 229
God, Who Made the Earth	BH 50
God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens	UMH 150; BH 47
Great Is Thy Faithfulness	UMH 140; BH 54
How Great Thou Art	UMH 77; CP 423; VU 238; BH 10
I Am Your Mother	FWS 2059
I Sing the Almighty Power of God	UHM 152; VU 231; BH 47
Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee	UMH 89; CP 425; VU 232; BH 7
Let All Creation Bless the Lord	CP 419; CU 870
Let All Things Now Living	CP 403; VU 242; FWS 2008
Many and Great, O God	BH 49
Morning Has Broken	UMH 145; CP 3; VU 409; BH 48; HO&N 450
Mountains Are All Aglow	[Korean] UMH 86
New Every Morning	HO&N 467
O Sing a Song to God	BH 38
Oh the life of the world – Kathy Galloway	CG 97; <a href="#">Text online</a>
Peace Like a River	FWS 2145
The day thou gavest, Lord, has ended	HO&N 638
This is My Father's World	UMH 144; BH 43
Trees of the Field	CP 662; FWS 2279
Weaver-God, Creator – Kate Compston	H&P 204 (tune); <a href="#">Text online</a>

Where are the voices for the earth? – Shirley Erena Murray	AMNS 11; <a href="#">Text online</a>
Wounded world that cries for healing – Shirley Erena Murray	FWS 2177; <a href="#">Text online</a>

[Hymns on Christian Ecology Link's website](#)

## **Creator Lord of Planet Earth**

Creator Lord of planet earth,  
this Eden is our home!  
You bid us seek, from earliest days,  
our neighbours; good, your highest praise,  
the gift which is shalom.

Yet, Lord, with this your planet earth,  
what is it we have done?  
We envy others others' lawful gain,  
we murder wantonly like Cain,  
and forfeit God's shalom.

Alas, this fragile planet earth  
is not its Maker's dream!  
We have polluted paradise,  
cut forests down, let thistles rise  
which threatens God's shalom.

With misplaced pride on planet earth  
we build our towers to heaven  
and burrows deep to test our strength,  
unleashing power which will at length  
adulterate shalom.

Creator Lord of planet earth,  
Creator Spirit, come!  
Help us to see this gem unpriced  
more true through they eyes of Christ  
and celebrate shalom!

*David Mowbray*  
*Tune: Repton (Dear Lord and Father)*

## **A Song of God's Goodness**

Creator God, you made this wondrous earth  
and filled it with the creatures of your choice:  
all look in hope to you, who gave them birth,  
and all together praise you and rejoice.

In all the oceans and the seas they play,  
in fields and deserts creep and walk and run;  
birds fill the air, their song greets each new day;  
all creatures have their homes beneath the sun.

We too, like these, are creatures of your grace;  
you send us grain for bread and grapes for wine;  
in all you give your generous love we trace  
and know that all Creation is divine.

Until the end of time we'll sing our praise  
to you, the Source and End of all that lives,  
give thanks for the delight that fills our days  
and all the strength and hope your Spirit gives.

*William Whitson*

*Tune: Woodlands (Tell out My Soul)*

## **A Song for All God's Creatures**

A rainbow in the sky  
recalls God's faithful word:  
the promise that he makes to us  
and every beast and bird.

To all he gives this earth,  
to tigers, snakes and dogs,  
to blackbirds, dolphins, elephants,  
to horses, cats and frogs.

The sheep that clothe the hills,  
the cattle in the fields,  
they, too, are here to share with us  
the goodness God's earth yields.

And so give thanks to God  
for life and joy and friends,  
for love that every life can share –  
a love that never ends.

*William Whitson*

*Tune: Sandys (Teach me my God and King)*

## **God Has Given**

God has given us creation, deep blue oceans, rivers, seas,  
Humankind in all its glory, green of grass and yellow fields,  
God has given us in nature, golden sun and rich brown earth,  
Ours the task to make a harvest of each individual birth.

God has given us each other, red the blood that we all share,  
Red the wine we drink together when we show God that we care.  
God has given us our neighbours, each as different as can be,  
From the richness of each culture God composed his harmony.

God has given us a promise, rainbow colours in the sky,  
When the storm is at its fiercest, we believe God hears our cry.  
God has given us a Saviour, Christ is risen from the dead,  
Life he brings to all his people, light eternal, broken bread.

*Colin Ferguson*

*Tune: Clementine, or Hyfrydol (Alleluia! sing to Jesus)*

## **A Song of Love**

Love makes Creation one,  
a universe of care,  
the love that gave all space and time for all life to share  
that all as branches of one tree  
may live a life that's full and fair.

Love was made plain in Christ,  
a human life on earth,  
a love that gave and died to bring a new life to birth,  
to sow the strength and power of love  
and teach us our eternal worth.

Love lives among us here,  
the Spirit's gift of grace,  
uniting all that lives in one great loving embrace,  
to build a world that's just and free,  
a world that has for all a place.

*William Whitson*

*Tune: Love Unknown (My song is love unknown)*

## **Creator God, abundant life your mark**

Creator God, abundant life your mark,  
You once poured speech into the formless dark  
And from those words sprang forth a living spark  
Your inspiration – Awoke creation.

But yet the earth is fractured, frayed and torn,  
Poisoned, polluted, ravaged, scarred and worn  
Its treasures plundered and its beauties scorned  
Our transformation – Of God's creation.

Come Holy Spirit, challenge mind and heart!  
Inspire our living so that we will start  
To make those choices which may yet impart  
Love's liberation – To your creation.

We pledge to touch all things with holy care  
Until your coming Kingdom ends despair  
Then all the world will witness and will share  
The jubilation – Of healed creation.

*Pat Bennett*

*Tune: For all the saints who from their labour rest*

## **Sent by the Lord**

Sent by the Lord am I;  
my hands are ready now  
to make the earth the place  
in which the kingdom comes.  
Sent by the Lord am I;  
my hands are ready now  
to make the earth the place  
in which the kingdom comes.

The angels cannot change  
a world of hurt and pain  
into a world of love,  
of justice and of peace.  
The task is mine to do,  
to set it really free.  
Oh, help me to obey;  
help me to do your will.

*Nicaragua*

## **This is Our Home**

Into our hands this precious land is given,  
the seas and earth from which all life began,  
because of love our cradle was a forest,  
the hills and valleys shaped by heaven's plan.  
This is our home, the gift of God's creation,  
a holy tenure for each varied race,  
a place of dreams and fruitful inspiration  
where God is seen in every human face.

Here is a harvest fit for all people,  
here is a place for everyone on earth,  
and here is God revealing all his mysteries,  
the power that gave this universe its birth.  
This is our home, the gift of God's creation,  
soon it will be each child's inheritance,  
yet with this knowledge we have found temptation  
and now abuse his love's beneficence.

Forgive us, Lord, for we have killed your children,  
despoiled your planet, poisoned sky and sea,  
and worst of all we know what we are doing  
but shut our eyes when we don't want to see.  
This is our home, the gift of God's creation,  
and power grows fat upon the starving bones,  
cruel wars destroy the hope of peaceful nations,  
and hunger drives our neighbours from their homes.

Help us to use the wisdom you have given,  
teach us the way to recreate your land,  
and give us grace to share with one another  
the richness that is held within our hands.  
This is our home, the gift of God's creation,  
this is the world God put within our care,  
and by his grace we hold the earth's salvation,  
the gift of hope for people everywhere.

*Colin Ferguson*  
*Tune: Londonderry Air*

# Psalm 148

Robert Bergner (or CP 355, CP 317)

1. Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise him in the heights above  
Praise him all his angels, praise him all his heavenly host.

2. Praise the Lord from the earth, fire and hail and snow and ice.  
Sea creatures, oceans depths, gales that obey his voice.

Praise him sun and moon, praise him all you shining stars.  
Mountain, hill, fruit tree and forest tame and wild, bird and beast,

Praise him you highest heavens, praise him waters above the sky.  
kings and princes, all people sing praises to the Lord.

# Psalm 136:1-9, 26

Robert Bergner



2. O give thanks to the God **of** gods,  
for his steadfast love **endures** forever.
3. O give thanks to the Lord **of** lords,  
for his steadfast love **endures** forever;
4. Who alone does **great** wonders,  
for his steadfast love **endures** forever;
5. Who by understanding made **the** heavens,  
for his steadfast love **endures** forever;
6. Who spread out the earth on **the** waters,  
for his steadfast love **endures** forever;
7. Who made **the** great lights,  
for his steadfast love **endures** forever;
8. The sun to rule over **the** day,  
for his steadfast love **endures** forever;
9. The moon and stars to rule over **the** night,  
for his steadfast love **endures** forever;
26. O give thanks to the God **of** heaven,  
for his steadfast love **endures** forever.