

Anthem Text:

Creating God, Your Fingers Trace

arr. Ralph Johnson

Creating God, your fingers trace the bold designs of farthest space;
let sun and moon and stars and light and what lies hidden praise your might.

Sustaining God, your hands uphold earth's mysteries known or yet untold;
let water's fragile blend with air, enabling life, proclaim your care.

Redeeming God, your arms embrace all now despised for creed or race;
let peace, descending like a dove, make known on earth your healing love.

In dwelling God, your gospel claims one family with a billion names; let every
life be touched by grace until we praise you face to face.



Offertory Text:

An Offering

Dan Forrest

*O Christ, Who spared not any cost, nor any grace withheld,
But poured forth your redeeming blood in love unparalleled;
What would you have me offer, Lord? What must I count as loss
That I may taste the fellowship that brings me near the cross?*

*Why should I cling to gifts you give? Why grasp in foolish pride.
What you who gave yourself for me now bid me lay aside?
To know you is my highest gain, worth any sacrifice,
A treasure worthy to possess at any earthly price.*

*Yet if behind my open hands, my heart shrinks from the cost,
Teach me that nothing offered you is ever truly lost.
A hundredfold reward awaits in one glimpse of your face,
My sacrifice forgotten in the riches of your grace.*

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