

Tend the Ground

Assembly, SATB Choir, Keyboard, and Guitar

Inspired by Pope Francis's encyclical *Laudato Si'*

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INTRO (♩ = ca. 74)

Fm D \flat A \flat E \flat Fm D \flat A \flat

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REFRAIN

We till the earth, we tend the ground, sow-ing hope and peace where none is

Fm Db Ab Db Eb/G

found. In self-less love God's life a-bounds. We till the

Ab Bbm Fm to Coda ⊕

To Verses (to Verses) Optional Interlude

earth, we tend the ground. earth, we tend the

Db Eb Ab (to Verses) *Db Eb*

(to Verses)

ground.

Fm Db Ab Eb Fm Db Ab (to Verses)

VERSES

1. As God pro - vides our ev - ery need, with grate - ful
 2. All crea - tures share one com - mon home, one lov - ing
 3. With o - pen hand our Lord has giv'n his life for
 4. Where hard - ened hearts have turned to greed, tram - pling up -
 5. On rock - y paths and trod - den roads, Lord, clear the
 6. Let plows be forged from swords that kill. Let tools of
 7. Let mer - cy fall on us like rain to clear the

1. hearts, let us re - ceive these gifts of love, and make re -
 2. God, one song of hope. The rocks cry out and prais - es
 3. all that we might live. No great - er love is there than
 4. on the fledg - ling seed, help us to tend to oth - ers'
 5. ground where thorns have grown. Give us the grace to fol - low
 6. war be shaped to till and break the hard and ston - y
 7. air and heal the pain. Where sin has bro - ken bonds of

1. turn to bless the world, to bless the world. We till the
 2. ring, rise up and sing, rise up and sing!
 3. this, no great - er love, no great - er love.
 4. needs, o - pen our eyes, o - pen our eyes.
 5. you. Make straight the way, make straight the way.
 6. ground. Lord, bring your peace, Lord, bring your peace.
 7. love let mer - cy reign, let mer - cy reign.

D.S.

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⊕ CODA

earth, we tend the ground. In self-less love _____ God's life a -

Chords: Db Eb Fm Bbm

bounds. _____ We till the earth, we tend the ground.

Chords: Fm Db Eb Ab

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(Guitar/Choral)

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INTRO (♩ = ca. 74)

Capo 1: (Em) (C) (G) (D) (Em) (C) (G)
Fm Db Ab Eb Fm Db Ab

(Kbd)

REFRAIN

(Em) (C) (G) (C) (D/F#)
Fm Db Ab Db Eb/G

Soprano
Alto
Tenor
Bass

We till the earth, _____ we tend the ground, _____ sow-ing hope and peace where none is

(G) (Am) (Em)
Ab Bbm Fm to Coda ⊕

In self-less love _____ God's life a - bounds. _____ We till the

found. Love, _____ life a - bounds. We till the

to Verses (C) (D) (G)
Db Eb Ab (to Verses)

Optional Interlude (C) (D)
Db Eb

earth, we tend the ground. earth, we tend the

(Em) (C) (G) (D) (Em) (C) (G)
 Fm Db Ab Eb Fm Db Ab (to Verses)

ground. _____

VERSES

(Am) (D/F#) (G)
 Bbm Eb/G Ab

Melody

Harmony

1.	As	God	pro -	vides	our	ev -	ery	need,	with	grate -	ful
2.	All	crea -	tures	share	one	com -	mon	home,	one	lov -	ing
3.	With	o -	pen	hand	our	Lord	has	giv'n	his	life	for
4.	Where	hard -	ened	hearts	have	turned	to	greed,	tram -	pling	up -
5.	On	rock -	y	paths	and	trod -	den	roads,	Lord,	clear	the
6.	Let	plows	be	forged	from	swords	that	kill.	Let	tools	of
7.	Let	mer -	cy	fall	on	us	like	rain	to	clear	the

(C) (D/F#) (G) (Am) (D/F#)
 Db Eb/G Ab Bbm Eb/G

1.	hearts	let	us	re -	ceive	these	gifts	of	love,	and	make	re -
2.	God,	one	song	of	hope.	The	rocks	cry	out	and	prais -	es
3.	all	that	we	might	live.	No	great -	er	love	is	there	than
4.	on	the	fledg -	ling	seed,	help	us	to	tend	to	oth -	ers'
5.	ground	where	thorns	have	grown.	Give	us	the	grace	to	fol -	low
6.	war	be	shaped	to	till	and	break	the	hard	and	ston -	y
7.	air	and	heal	the	pain.	Where	sin	has	bro -	ken	bonds	of

(Em) (F) (Dsus4) (D)
 Fm Gb Ebsus4 Eb D.S.

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2.	ring,	rise	up	and	sing,	rise	up	and	sing!			
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⊕ CODA

(C) (D) (Em) (Am)
D \flat E \flat Fm B \flat m

In self-less love God's life a -
earth, we tend the ground. Love,

(Em) (C) (D) (G)
Fm D \flat E \flat A \flat

bounds. _____
life a - bounds. We till the earth, we tend the ground.

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