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Litany for the Earth
Cantor, SATB Choir, Keyboard, Guitar,
Solo Instrument in C or B \flat , and Assembly

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Litany for the Earth

Based on "A Prayer for Our Earth" by Pope Francis,
from *Laudato Si': On Care for Our Common Home*

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INTRO (♩ = ca. 128)

Keyboard

Em D C Bm

VERSES

Cantor

1. God of com - pas - sion, cre - a - tor of all things:
 2. God, you are pres - ent in all liv - ing crea - tures:
 3. Earth is your gift, to be shared with all crea - tures:
 4. Fill us with won - der and rev - 'rence for all things:
 5. We are u - ni - ted with all in ex - is - tence:
 6. Heal us from greed and dis - re - gard for oth - ers:
 7. Fill us with peace, to live as one fam - 'ly:
 8. Spir - it of God, you dwell deep with - in us:

Em D C Bm

Soprano

Alto

1-8. Pour out your mer - cy, pour out your love!

Tenor

Bass

Em D G D A Asus4 A

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Cantor

1. An - swer the cry of the earth and its crea - tures:
 2. All be - ings dwell in your ten - der em - brace:
 3. We are not own - ers, but stew - ards of the earth:
 4. Teach us to val - ue the worth of each per - son:
 5. May we sow beau - ty, not pol - lu - tion and waste:
 6. Help us to res - cue the poor and a - ban - doned:
 7. Broth - ers and sis - ters, not harm - ing each oth - er:
 8. Lead us, in - spire us to do what is good:

Em D/F# G A

S
 A
 1-8. Heal our com - mon home!

T
 B

Em A/E D A A sus4 A **D.S. (Fine)**

Alternative accompaniments appear on next page.

VERSES: Alternative Accompaniment 1

Em D C Bm Em D G D A Asus4 A

Em D/F# G A Em A/E D A Asus4 A

VERSES: Alternative Accompaniment 2

Em D C Bm Em D

G D A Asus4 A Em D/F#

G A Em A/E D A Asus4 A

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(Guitar/Choral)

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Soprano Em D G D A Asus4 A

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Tenor

Bass

Em Cantor D/F# G A

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S Em A/E D A Asus4 A

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T

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D.S. (Fine)

Litany for the Earth

SOLO INSTRUMENT in C

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INTRO (♩ = ca. 128)

4

(A) VERSES

3

3

(Fine)

(B) VERSES

3

(Fine)

(C) VERSES

(Fine)

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At the beginning of any verse, start playing at A, B, or C, then alternate freely among them in any order for ensuing verses.

SOLO INSTRUMENT in B \flat

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INTRO (♩ = ca. 128)

4

(A) VERSES

3

3

(Fine)

(B) VERSES

(C) VERSES

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Composer Notes

“Litany for the Earth” can be sung at any liturgy celebrating the gift of creation and our responsibility to be good stewards of the earth. In it we also sing of our call to care for the poor as our brothers and sisters.

It is appropriate at the gathering or closing of a celebration. The text by Pope Francis certainly has a “Franciscan” identity, speaking of God’s love for us and the gift of all creation.

The format of the litany is “call-and-response,” as the cantor and the assembly are in a dialogue. Each of the cantor’s invocations is based on “A Prayer for Our Earth” from Pope Francis’ 2015 Encyclical Letter *Praise Be to You — Laudato Si’*. The assembly’s response is a cry on behalf of the earth and all creatures: “Pour out your mercy, pour out your love! Heal our common home!”

Pope Francis reminds us that, though we are all journeying towards our common home in heaven, “we come together to take charge of this home which has been entrusted to us, knowing that all the good which exists here will be taken up into the heavenly feast. In union with all creatures, we journey through this land seeking God...Let us sing as we go. May our struggles and our concern for this planet never take away the joy of our hope” (*Praise Be to You – Laudato Si’*, 244).


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Assembly Edition

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