

Lyrics and Prayers

**Ralph Connor Memorial United Church
Canmore and Banff AB**

16 April 2023

Gathering Chant: Thank You For This Day ~*Native American Church*~

1. Thank you for this day Spirit,
thank you for this day.

Thank you for this day Spirit,
thank you for this day.

This beautiful, this beautiful, this beautiful day.
**This beautiful, this beautiful,
this beautiful day.**

2. Thank you for your love, Spirit,
thank you for your love.

Thank you for your love Spirit,
thank you for your love.

Your healing, your healing, your healing love.
Your healing, your healing, your healing love.

3. Thank you for this world, Spirit,
thank you for this world.

Thank you for this world Spirit,
thank you for this world.

This wonderful, this wonderful,
this wonderful world.

**This wonderful, this wonderful,
this wonderful world.**

-end-

Heritage Hymn: Voices United #296

“This is God’s Wondrous World”

~Maltbie Davenport Babcock, 1901, alt.~
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**1. This is God's wondrous world,
and to my listening ears
all nature sings and round me rings
the music of the spheres.
This is God's wondrous world;
I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas,
God's hand the wonders wrought.**

**2. This is God's wondrous world:
the birds their carols raise;
the morning light, the lily white,
declare their maker's praise.
This is God's wondrous world:
God shines in all that's fair;
in the rustling grass or mountain pass,
God's voice speaks ev'rywhere.**

**3. This is God's wondrous world:
O let me ne'er forget
that though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the ruler yet.
This is God's wondrous world:
why should my heart be sad?
Let voices sing, let the heavens ring:
God reigns, let earth be glad! -end-**

Heritage Hymn: Voices United #310

“God, who touches earth with beauty”

~Mary S. Edgar and James Edmund Jones, 1925.~

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**1. God, who touches earth with beauty,
make my heart anew;
with your Spirit recreate me
pure and strong and true.**

**2. Like your springs and running waters,
make me crystal pure;
like your rocks of towering grandeur,
make me strong and sure.**

**3. Like your dancing waves in sunlight,
make me glad and free;
like the straightness of the pine trees
let me upright be.**

**4. Like the arching of the heavens
lift my thoughts above;
turn my dreams to noble action,
min-i-stries of love.**

**5. Like the birds that soar while singing,
give my heart a song;
may the music of thanksgiving
echo clear and strong.**

**6. God, who touches earth with beauty,
make my heart anew;
keep me ever by your Spirit
pure, and strong, and true.**

-end-

Hymn: More Voices # 115 ~*John Bell, 1995*~

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Behold, behold, I make all things new

beginning with you

and starting from today.

Behold, behold, I make all things new,

my promise is true,

for I am Christ the way.

Hymn: More Voices #135

“Called by Earth and Sky”

~Pat Mayberry, 2005~

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Chorus:

*Called by earth and sky,
Promise of hope held high.
This is our sacred living trust,
Treasure of life sanctified,
Called by earth and sky.*

**1. Precious these waters,
endless seas,
Deep ocean's dream,
Waters of healing,
Rivers of rain,
The wash of love again.**

Chorus:

*Called by earth and sky,
Promise of hope held high.
This is our sacred living trust,
Treasure of life sanctified,
Called by earth and sky.*

**2. Precious this gift,
The air we breathe;
Wind born and free.
Breath of the Spirit,
Blow through this place,
Our gathering and our grace.**

Chorus:

*Called by earth and sky,
Promise of hope held high.
This is our sacred living trust,
Treasure of life sanctified,
Called by earth and sky.*

**3. Precious these mountains,
Ancient sands;
Vast fragile land,
Seeds of our wakening,
Rooted and strong,
Creation's faithful song.**

Chorus:

*Called by earth and sky,
Promise of hope held high.
This is our sacred living trust,
Treasure of life sanctified,
Called by earth and sky.*

**4. Precious the fire
that lights our way,
Bright dawning day.
Fire of passion,
Sorrows undone,
Our faith and justice one.**

Final Chorus:

*Called by earth and sky,
Promise of hope held high.
This is our sacred living trust,
Treasure of life sanctified,
Called by earth and sky;
Called by earth and sky.*

-end-