

The earth, O Lord, is one great field

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The first system of musical notation consists of two staves, treble and bass clef, in a 2/4 time signature. The melody is written in the treble clef, starting on a G4 note. The bass line provides harmonic support with chords and single notes. A fermata is placed over the final note of the first system.

The second system of musical notation continues the melody and bass line from the first system. It includes measure numbers 10 and 15. The melody concludes with a fermata over the final note.

The earth, O Lord, is one wide field
Of all Thy chosen seed;
The crop prepared its fruit to yield;
The laborers are few indeed.

We therefore come before Thee now
With fasting, and with prayer,
Beseeching of Thy love that Thou
Wouldst send more laborers there.

Not for our land alone we pray,
Though that above the rest;
The realms and islands far away,
O let them all be blest.

Endue the bishops of Thy flock
With wisdom and with grace,
Against false doctrine, like a rock,
To set the heart and face.

To all Thy priests Thy truth reveal,
And make Thy judgments clear;
Make Thou Thy deacons full of zeal,
And humble, and sincere.

And give their flocks a lowly mind
To hear and to obey;
That each and all may mercy find
At Thine appearing day.

John Neale