



**MERCY**  
**GLOBAL**  
PRESENCE

# Cosmos/Cosmology

Global heart

Global heartbeat

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before time  
before space  
before knowing ...

In the beginning ...  
the earth was a formless void  
and darkness  
covered the face of the deep    Gen 1:1-2

a flaring forth  
one infinite moment  
timing delicate, precise  
holding all that is to come  
a journey, epic ... begun  
God's self-revelation ... begun

encounters cataclysmic  
stars, galaxies, planets  
forming, re-forming  
expanding outward  
ever outward  
magnitude beyond imagining

a planet is birthed  
one of many,  
but this one ...  
glistening,

breathing ...  
the heartbeat of God

Water ...intrinsic  
sustaining ...

abundant ...

wild ...

Creatures strange  
and wonderful  
and elusive  
find their beginnings  
in your watery depths

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Landforms emerging ...  
like some  
ancient creatures  
from the deep

majestic, bold ...  
calling, urging

stretching places ...  
a place to breathe ...  
to be one with the heartbeat of God

soft earth places

to gentle our souls

secluded places  
inviting inwardness

All growing things ...  
deep,  
rich  
humus  
creating  
translucent beauty  
smell of earth  
touching the earthy within us

shining in the deep places  
vibrant and  
strong ...  
heartbeat  
reflected

All growing things ...  
soaring skywards

capturing light  
breathing  
sharing life

bearing the imprint of  
Gondwana  
bringing us face to face with  
the time of the dinosaurs

and this ancient one ...  
spark of God,  
thought to be lost forever  
but found –  
living and breathing still

All growing things  
how surprising  
how beautiful you are  
tiny miracles  
shaped and  
formed across  
eons  
smiling with us  
this day

Praise God,  
all you creatures  
wild ...

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... and tame

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Praise God  
all you birds of the air

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Praise God,  
all you insects  
and creatures  
that crawl

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busily, happily  
sensing, probing, gathering  
bee-ing ...  
do you have an inkling  
of the majesty  
of your part  
in the plan  
of things  
you with sunlight  
on your wings

And we who share  
the emerging story  
with all that is ...

held in every fibre and sinew of  
our body

... the universe now come to  
self-awareness and reflection

Every meeting of mind and heart

Every joyous and  
precious encounter

Every sharing  
of deep  
concern

Every deep and anguished  
moment of compassion

Every enduring connection  
Every place of shelter ...

... and every place of welcome

... and attending to the  
footprints we leave upon  
this planet  
we are ever more conscious  
of being part of that great  
global heartbeat  
Light of evening  
sky  
you bless us  
and beckon us  
to look further  
and further yet ...  
to galaxies unknown  
and yet ...  
you bear one small footprint  
offering kinship with the still expanding universe ...  
we are filled with awe ... yet gentled in your  
Evening Light

blade of grass  
bent over with the weight of beauty  
miniscule, majestic  
reflecting the whole universe

in your wateriness ...  
but I must bend low to notice –  
play-ful in God's creation

From the beginning until now  
the entire creation has been  
groaning in one great act of  
giving birth ...  
... and we too groan inwardly  
as we wait for our bodies  
to be set free      Romans 8

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