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Notes

Creator Spirit, hear us, gentle Shepherd is a three-verse hymn anthem, appropriate for multi-seasonal occasions in the church calendar. It is a morning song, as well as a prayer for new awakenings. In the first verse, the presence of the Creator Spirit is invoked in a four-voice harmonized setting; the second verse offers an expressive orison seeking transformation and enlightenment from an in-dwelling spirit. Following a brief modulatory transition, the third verse is a unison prayer for the guidance of an all-transcending power; a brief Amen adds an affirmative closing.

Creator Spirit is conservative in its harmonies and textures, but rich in content and traditional symbolism. It is presented in the format of an abbreviated neo-Anglican verse anthem; the text displays occasional old English usages and idioms, including honorific capitalizations. Appearances of archaic second-person familiar possessive pronouns and/or adjectives can be easily amended as desired.

And an N.B. from the publisher: This anthem is offered as an occasional selection to accompany any number of applicable events, seasons or celebrations. It is a musical simulacrum, with strong leanings toward an Anglo-Catholic sacred choral art form that has endured through centuries of evolution and practice. *Creator Spirit* is provided here as music and poetry — perhaps an anachronism in this day and age, nonetheless it combines an inspirational text with a stirring tune. The full score includes a two page reduction in hymnal format, with all three verses of the text underlying a unison voice staff, and the three-stave organ accompaniment below.



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Moderato [♩ = c. 88]

Soprano Alto

Tenor Bass

Organ

(Ped.)

Moderato [♩ = c. 88]

mf non legato

mf non legato

SA

9 *r i t a r d a n d o* *mf a tempo*

mp

1. Cre - a - tor Spir - it, hear us, gen - tle Shep - herd:

a tempo

TB

9 *r i t a r d a n d o* *mp*

9 *r i t a r d a n d o* *a tempo*

mp

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17

SA

guide our wor - ship now, that by thy grace we be re - stored, and in thy

TB

{

17

{

SA

TB

25

SA

light our strength might grow. Ac - cept our gifts of song and word; with

TB

{

25

{

SA

TB

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3

32

poco rit. *quasi a tempo*

SA

new - found sense im - bue their flow.

TB

poco rit.

quasi a tempo

32

poco rit., *mf*

mp

mp

Andante con moto [♩ = c. 94]

r i t a r d a n d o

Andante con moto [♩ = c. 94]

espressivo

poco f

Measure 40: Treble clef, key signature of two sharps. The first measure consists of eighth-note pairs (F#-G, A-G, C-B, E-D) followed by a sixteenth-note rest. The second measure begins with a sixteenth-note rest, followed by eighth-note pairs (D-C, B-A, G-F#, E-D), and ends with a sixteenth-note rest.

Measure 41: Treble clef, key signature of one sharp. The first measure consists of eighth-note pairs (F#-G, A-G, C-B, E-D) followed by a sixteenth-note rest. The second measure begins with a sixteenth-note rest, followed by eighth-note pairs (D-C, B-A, G-F#, E-D), and ends with a sixteenth-note rest.

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48

s gift of clear and o - pen mind, and fresh re - solve to bet - ter
 A gift of clear and o - pen mind, and fresh re - solve to bet - ter
 TB gift of clear and o - pen mind, and fresh re - solve to bet - ter

{

48

s sense thy won - drous force and pow'rs that bind with kind - ly love, while
 A sense thy won - drous force and pow'rs that bind with kind - ly love, while
 TB sense thy won - drous force and pow'rs that bind with kind - ly love, while

{

55

s sense thy won - drous force and pow'rs that bind with kind - ly love, while
 A sense thy won - drous force and pow'rs that bind with kind - ly love, while
 TB sense thy won - drous force and pow'rs that bind with kind - ly love, while

{

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62

Soprano (S) vocal line:

r i t a r d a n d o

freeing the soul its dear-est dreams to seek and find.

Alto (A) vocal line:

r i t a r d a n d o

freeing the soul its dear-est, dear - est dreams to seek and find.

Bassoon (TB) vocal line:

r i t a r d a n d o

freeing the soul its dear - est dreams to seek, to seek and find.

ritardando

70

meno mosso

[Celestes ad lib.]

poco rit.

[Opening Registration]

Moderato $\text{♩} = \text{c. 88}$

marcato

marcato

[Add]

78

ritardando

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Andantino [♩ = c. 88]

Unis.

85 *mf largamente*

3. Let voice and mu - sic speak one tongue of truth; may hymns and

Andantino [♩ = c. 88]

85 *mf largamente*

{

85 *f*

Ped. *non legato*

92

Unis.

psalms dis - play our fond - est hopes and prayers un - sung. Lord, guide us,

92

{

92

99

Unis.

lest we go a - stray; up - hold thy faith - ful child - ren as we

99

{

99

Unis.

lest we go a - stray; up - hold thy faith - ful child - ren as we

99

{

99

Unis.

lest we go a - stray; up - hold thy faith - ful child - ren as we

99

{

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7

r i t a r d a n d o *largamente*

S join in song to greet this day. [Soprano] A - - -

A join in song to greet this day. [Alto] A - - -

TB join in song to greet this day. [Tenor & Bass] A - - - - -

r i t a r d a n d o *largamente*

106

r i t a r d a n d o *poco f* *largamente*

poco f

[Add]

allargando al fine

s 113 men, a - - - men.

allargando al fine

A men, a - - - men.

allargando al fine

TB men, a - - - men.

allargando al fine

f

113

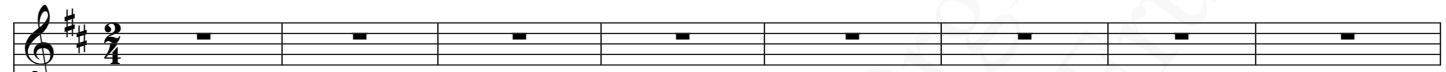
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Voices



Moderato [♩ = c. 88]

Organ *non legato*

The score includes two staves. The top staff is for the organ, showing a melody with eighth-note patterns and dynamic markings *mf* and *mf non legato*. The bottom staff is for the voices, which remain silent throughout this section. A brace groups the two staves.

r i t a r d a n d o

mf a tempo



1. Cre - a - tor Spir - it, hear us, gen - tle
2. Re - shape thine earth - ly chil - dren: grant the
3. Let voice and mu - sic speak one tongue of

r i t a r d a n d o

a tempo

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16

Shep - herd: guide our wor - ship now, that by thy grace we be re -
gift of clear and o - pen mind, and fresh re - solve to bet - ter
truth; may hymns and psalms dis - play our fond - est hopes and prayers un -

16

23

stored, and in thy light our strength might grow. Ac - cept our gifts of
sense thy won - drous force and pow'rs that bind with kind - ly love, while
sung. Lord, guide us, lest we go a - stray; up - hold thy faith - ful

23

30

song and word; with new - found sense im - bue their flow.
freeing the soul its dear - est dreams to seek and find.
child - ren as we join in song to greet this day.

30



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