

## ♪♪ Hymn lyrics: ♪♪ for July 5, 2020

### ♪ Music info and lyrics:

**HYMN** - Great God of Earth and Heaven

Tune: King's Lynn - Ralph Vaughan Williams,  
1906

**Lyrics:** Shirley Erena Murray, 1986 - written  
originally for a Refugee Sunday in New Zealand  
as "a protest against apathy and 'the  
comfortable pew.'"

### ♪ Lyrics:

1 Great God of earth and heaven  
whose Spirit is our breath,  
at Christmastime born human,  
at Easter shared our death:  
All-generous, all-loving,  
in whom all beauty thrives -  
forgive your sons and daughters  
the comfort of our lives!

2 While refugees go homeless  
and die before they live,  
while children have no future -  
our apathy forgive!  
Where hope fades to depression,  
despair erodes the soul,  
restore in us a passion  
to make the broken whole.

3 Where hunger kills your people,  
injustice cries aloud,  
while weapons grow more lethal  
and only power stands proud -  
God of our flesh and fiber,  
whose mercy does not cease,  
implant your mind within us,  
create a world for peace!

MEDITATION: A Prayer for Unity (Kevin Keil, 1993),  
based on the Tune "King's Lynn" ♪♪

