

Formed From this Earth

Refrain:

**Formed from this earth by the hands of our God,
and there shall we return:
sign one another with the ashes of life.
Rejoice and believe the Good News!
(Formed from this earth by the hands of our God) Final ending**

1. Have mercy on us, O God,
with great tenderness wipe dry our tears.
With your great goodness and love,
wash us and cleanse our sin. *Refrain*
2. We are aware of our faults,
having failed to be faithful in love.
You, holy wisdom, are just,
hide not your face from us. *Refrain*
3. Create within us again
hearts and spirits renewed in your joy.
Open our mouths and our lips,
that we may sing your praise! *Refrain*
4. Wash us, and we will become
fresh as snow covered mountains and hills.
Show us your favor again,
bring us from death to life! *Refrain*