Eucharistic Prayer 2 Preface
(from Enriching Our Worship 1) (Solemn Tone)

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God,
source of life abundant. From before time you made
ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and
brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth,
winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us
in your image, male and female, and taught us to walk
in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered
far a-way; and yet, as a mother cares for her children,
you would not forget us. Time and again you called us
to live in the full-ness of your love. And so this day we
join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that
rings through e-ter-ni-ty, lifting our voices to
mag-ni-fy you as we sing: