



*You, Eternal Trinity,
are a deep sea.
The more I enter you,
the more I discover,
and the more I discover,
the more I seek you.*

—Catherine of Siena

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Invitation to Wonder and Prayer — Psalm 8

O God, our Holy Creator:

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars that you have established;

what are human beings that you are mindful of them,

mortals that you care for them? *(you might spend a few moments in silence)*

Gathering Prayer

Far–Near One,
who transcends every name and image
yet is closer than my very breath,
abide with me as I worship.

In this set aside time,
this Sabbath that you and I take together,
you invite me to rest in you
from my usual tasks and preoccupations, and so I pray:
still my body,
calm my mind,
quiet my heart.

Find in me that sanctuary
where you, O Trinity of Love, dwell
and where I encounter your love and peace.
Amen.

Scripture Reading—Genesis 1:1—2:4a *(Read this familiar passage slowly, prayerfully.)*

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.



And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.



And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. God made the two great lights--the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night--and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.



And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth." So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.



Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

Going Deeper

Genesis 1:1–2:4a was written and read as liturgy in worship—a litany of praise to God as Creator. With this in mind:

- What affirmations do you hear about God? about creation? about yourself?
- Look again at the images. What more do they reveal to you about God?

In the Gospel reading for today (Matthew 28:16–20), the disciples are commissioned to baptise in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Recall how you have been baptised into the creative, dynamic communion of the Triune God.

- How might your baptism lead to a creative, generative faith and being?
- Reflect on God’s rest on the seventh day. In what practical ways might you be invited to practice Sabbath as a gift and part of what it means to be baptised into this Triune God?

Reflection and Silent Meditation

You might choose to view the YouTube reflection from Sr Magdalen and/or spend some moments resting with God from thoughts, images, and words.

Prayers of Intercession and Disciples’ Prayer

Creator of All and Source of Goodness, we hold in your loving light our prayers for the world, our country, those we love, and ourselves. You alone are the giver of every perfect gift and we rest in the assurance that you are ever with and for us. Hear us now, as we speak in words and in sighs beyond words of our heartfelt desires...

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

Blessing

Live in peace with creation, with others, and within yourself
and the God of peace will be known in you.

The love of God, the grace of Jesus Christ and the communion of the Spirit be with us all.