

Genesis 1:1—2:4a

¹In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. ²The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

³And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

⁶And God said, "Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." ⁷And God made the expanse and separated the waters that were under the expanse from the waters that were above the expanse. And it was so. ⁸And God called the expanse Heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

⁹And God said, "Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. ¹⁰God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good.

¹¹And God said, "Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, on the earth." And it was so. ¹²The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed according to their own kinds, and trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. ¹³And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

¹⁴And God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years, ¹⁵and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth." And it was so. ¹⁶And God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. ¹⁷And God set them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, ¹⁸to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

²⁰And God said, "Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the heavens." ²¹So God created the great sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. ²²And God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." ²³And there was

evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

²⁴And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds—livestock and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds." And it was so. ²⁵And God made the beasts of the earth according to their kinds and the livestock according to their kinds, and everything that creeps on the ground according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

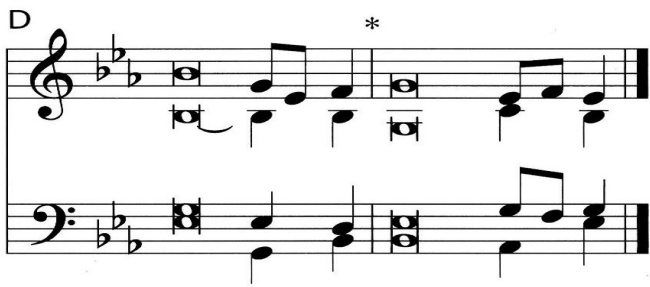
²⁶Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

²⁷So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

²⁸And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth." ²⁹And God said, "Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food. ³⁰And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so.

³¹And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

¹Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. ²And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done. ³So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation. ⁴These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.



Psalm 8

¹ O Lord, our Lord,
 how majestic is your name in | all the earth! *
 You have set your glory above the | heavens.
² Out of the mouth of babes and infants,
 you have established strength because | of your foes, *
 to still the enemy and the a- | venger.
³ When I look at your heavens, the work of your | fingers, *
 the moon and the stars,
 which you have | set in place,
⁴ what is man that you are mind- | ful of him, *
 and the son of man that you | care for him?
⁵ Yet you have made him a little lower than
 the heavenly | beings *
 and crowned him with glory and | honor.
⁶ You have given him dominion
 over the works | of your hands; *
 you have put all things under | his feet,
⁷ all sheep and | oxen, *
 and also the beasts | of the field,
⁸ the birds of the heavens, and the fish | of the sea, *
 whatever passes along the paths | of the seas.
⁹ O | Lord, our Lord, *
 how majestic is your name in | all the earth!

Acts 2:14a, 22–36

¹⁴ Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his
 voice and addressed them, . . .
²² "Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of
 Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty
 works and wonders and signs that God did through him in
 your midst, as you yourselves know— ²³ this Jesus,
 delivered up according to the definite plan and
 foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the
 hands of lawless men. ²⁴ God raised him up, loosing the
 pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be
 held by it. ²⁵ For David says concerning him,
 "I saw the Lord always before me,
 for he is at my right hand
 that I may not be shaken;
²⁶ therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;
 my flesh also will dwell in hope.
²⁷ For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,
 or let your Holy One see corruption.

²⁸ You have made known to me the paths of life;
 you will make me full of gladness
 with your presence.'

²⁹ "Brothers, I may say to you with confidence
 about the patriarch David that he both died and was
 buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰ Being
 therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn
 with an oath to him that he would set one of his
 descendants on his throne, ³¹ he foresaw and spoke about
 the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned
 to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. ³² This Jesus
 God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. ³³ Being
 therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having
 received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit,
 he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and
 hearing. ³⁴ For David did not ascend into the heavens, but
 he himself says,
 "The Lord said to my Lord,
 Sit at my right hand,
³⁵ until I make your enemies your footstool.'
³⁶ Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that
 God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom
 you crucified."

Matthew 28:16–20

¹⁶ Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the
 mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷ And when
 they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted.
¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in
 heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore
 and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the
 name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,
²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded
 you. And behold, I am with you always,
 to the end of the age."