

“In the Beginning”

A Communion Liturgy Reflecting on God’s Act of Creation

Genesis 1

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In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth
all that is, seen and unseen
all that is, every atom, every star.

Day One God said
Let there be light
and there was light -
exploding light, brilliant light, gentle Spirit light,
light in the darkness,
and the darkness has never put it out.

Day Two God said
Let there be space
open space,
room to live and breathe and have our being,
infinite space that echoes with God’s word.

Day Three God said
***Let there be water
and let there be earth***
and let the earth and the water together bear fruit -
plant and forest, flower and seed,
roots down, shoots up,
greens and colours.

Day Four God said
***Let there be sun
and moon and stars.***
Let there be time
and seasons, night and day,
pattern for living.

Day Five God said
Let there be life!
Birds, come and fly.
Fish, come and swim.

Day Six God said
Let there be more life!
Animals, come and walk and run and creep.
And people, yes, people -
Let there be humanity!
No two alike, yet each one revealing their maker,
reflecting the face of God.

Day Seven God said,
Let there be rest.
And so God rested.
God's Creation was created
and God's Salvation has begun.

We God's people rest in the knowing
that we are created, part of Creation.
We God's people come to this Communion
giving thanks for light and space,
for earth beneath our feet
and living water in our soul.
We God's people look around and honour each other,
each one a sign of the living God,
brought into community around this table.
We God's people rest in this stillness,
content to be here,
ready for bread and the juice of the vine.
Jesus is here.
His Spirit is here.
All glory and honour and praise.