

CANTICLE OF THE CREATION

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THE CREATOR EXISTS!

The universe is here ...
see it, hear it, touch it, hear it, smell et cetera.

How it came? Where was the ingredient of LIFE?

From the Creator!

The Creator had no beginning.
If not another Creator ... another?

Nonsense!

Glory to the Creator: as it was in the beginning, is
now, and will be for ever.

¿NEXT KNOWING THAT THE CREATOR EXISTS!

After realizing that the Creator exists ...

Is the Creator in the Outer Limits or in the Twilight Zone, or where?

Try promote and foster a relationship for the Creator.

The Creator is a loving One!

**BLESSED ARE YOU,
LORD GOD
OF ALL CREATION.**

**- from the Liturgy of the Eucharist;
Presentation and Preparation of the Gifts**

CANTICLE of DANIEL (3:57-87, 56)

**Let all creatures praise the Lord
All you servants of the Lord,
sing praise to him (Revelation 19:5).**

Bless the Lord, all you works of the Lord; sing praise to him and highly exalt him forever.

Bless the Lord, you heavens; sing praise to him and highly exalt him forever.

Bless the Lord, you angels of the Lord; sing praise to him and highly exalt him forever.

Bless the Lord, all you waters above the heavens; sing praise to him and highly exalt him forever.

Bless the Lord, all you powers of the Lord; sing praise to him and highly exalt him forever.

Bless the Lord, sun and moon; sing praise to him and highly exalt him forever.

Bless the Lord, stars of heaven; sing praise to him and highly exalt him forever.

Bless the Lord, all rain and dew; sing praise to him and highly exalt him forever.

Bless the Lord, all you winds; sing praise to him and highly exalt him forever.

Bless the Lord, fire and heat; sing praise to him and highly exalt him forever.

Bless the Lord, winter cold and summer heat; sing praise to him and highly exalt him forever.

Bless the Lord, dews and falling snow; sing praise to him and highly exalt him forever.

Bless the Lord, ice and cold; sing praise to him and highly exalt him forever.

Bless the Lord, frosts and snows; sing praise to him and highly exalt him forever.

Bless the Lord, nights and days; sing praise to him and highly exalt him forever.

Bless the Lord, light and darkness; sing praise to him and highly exalt him forever.

Bless the Lord, lightnings and clouds; sing praise to him and highly exalt him forever.

Let the earth bless the Lord; let it sing praise to him and highly exalt him forever.

Bless the Lord, mountains and hills; sing praise to him and highly exalt him forever.

Bless the Lord, all that grows in the ground; sing praise to him and highly exalt him forever.

Bless the Lord, you springs; sing praise to him and highly exalt him forever.

Bless the Lord, seas and rivers; sing praise to him and highly exalt him forever.

Bless the Lord, you whales and all that swim in the waters; sing praise to him and highly exalt him forever.

Bless the Lord, all birds of the air; sing praise to him and highly exalt him forever.

Bless the Lord, all wild animals and cattle; sing praise to him and highly exalt him forever.

Bless the Lord, all people on earth; sing praise to him and highly exalt him forever.

Bless the Lord, O Israel; sing praise to him and highly exalt him forever.

Bless the Lord, you priests of the Lord; sing praise to him and highly exalt him forever.

Bless the Lord, you servants of the Lord; sing praise to him and highly exalt him forever.

Bless the Lord, spirits and souls of the righteous; sing praise to him and highly exalt him forever.

Bless the Lord, you who are holy and humble in heart; sing praise to him and highly exalt him forever.

Blessed are you in the firmament of heaven, and to be sung and glorified forever.

CANTICLE of the CREATURES

Laudes Creaturarum (Praise of the Creatures)

Canticle of the Sun

Francis of Assisi; 1225

Most High, all powerful, good Lord,
Yours are the praises, the glory, the honor,
and all blessing.

To You alone, Most High, do they belong,
and no man is worthy to mention Your name.

Be praised, my Lord, through all your creatures,
especially through my lord Brother Sun,
who brings the day; and you give light through him.
And he is beautiful and radiant in all his splendor!
Of you, Most High, he bears the likeness.

Praised be You, my Lord, through Sister Moon
and the stars, in heaven you formed them
clear and precious and beautiful.

Praised be You, my Lord, through Brother Wind,
and through the air, cloudy and serene,
and every kind of weather through which
You give sustenance to Your creatures.

Praised be You, my Lord, through Sister Water,
which is very useful and humble
and precious and chaste.

Praised be You, my Lord, through Brother Fire,
through whom you light the night and he is beautiful
and playful and robust and strong.

Praised be You, my Lord,
through Sister Mother Earth,
who sustains us and governs us and who produces
varied fruits with colored flowers and herbs.

**Praised be You, my Lord,
through those who give pardon for Your love,
and bear infirmity and tribulation.**

**Blessed are those who endure in peace
for by You, Most High, they shall be crowned.**

**Praised be You, my Lord,
through our Sister Bodily Death,
from whom no living person can escape.**

**Woe to those who die in mortal sin.
Blessed are those whom death will
find in Your most holy will,
for the second death shall do them no harm.**

**Praise and bless my Lord,
and give Him thanks
and serve Him with great humility.**

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A SUMMARY
of the
CANTICLES

[See the following two pictures]



(Classical elements: wind, fire, water, earth)



Listen! There are nine (9) birds in the wreath.

PRIMACY of the UNIVERSE

May God grant that I speak with judgment and have thoughts worthy of what I have received, for he is the guide even of wisdom and the corrector of the wise. For both we and our words are in his hand, as are all understanding and skill in crafts.

For it is he who gave me unerring knowledge of what exists, to know the structure of the world and the activity of the elements; the beginning and end and middle of times, the alterations of the solstices and the changes of the seasons, the cycles of the year and the constellations of the stars, the natures of animals and the tempers of wild beasts, the powers of spirits and the reasonings of men, the varieties of plants and the virtues of roots; I learned both what is secret and what is manifest, for wisdom, the fashioner of all things, taught me.

For in her there is a spirit that is intelligent, holy, unique, manifold, subtle, mobile, clear, unpolluted, distinct, invulnerable, loving the good, keen, irresistible, beneficent, humane, steadfast, sure, free from anxiety, all-powerful, overseeing all, and penetrating through all spirits that are intelligent and pure and most subtle. For wisdom is more mobile than any motion; because of her pureness she pervades and penetrates all things. For she is a breath of the power of God, and a pure emanation of the glory of the Almighty; therefore nothing defiled gains entrance into her. For she is a reflection of eternal light, a spotless mirror of the working of God, and an image of his goodness. Though she is but one, she can do all things, and while remaining in herself, she renews all things; in every generation she passes into holy souls and makes them friends of God, and prophets; for God loves nothing so much as the man who lives with wisdom. For she is more beautiful than the sun, and excels every constellation of the

stars. Compared with the light she is found to be superior, for it is succeeded by the night, but against wisdom evil does not prevail. She reaches mightily from one end of the earth to the other, and she orders all things well (Wisdom 7:15-8:1).

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God ... And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father (John 1:1,14).

He is the image of the invisible God, the first-born of all creation; for in him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or authorities - all things were created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the first-born from the dead, that in everything he might be pre-eminent.

For in him all the fulness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross. And you, who once were estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him, provided that you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel which you heard, which has been preached to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister (Colossians 1:15-23).

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places ... as a plan for the fulness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth (Ephesians 1:3,10).

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CATECHISM of the CATHOLIC CHURCH (CCC)

Christ is the head of the body, the Church. He is the principle of creation and redemption. Raised to the Father's glory, in everything he [is] preeminent, especially in the Church, through whom he extends his reign over all things (CCC, paragraph 792).

Christ and his Church thus together make up the “whole Christ” (*Christus totus*) [...] Head and members form as it were one and the same mystical person (CCC, 795).

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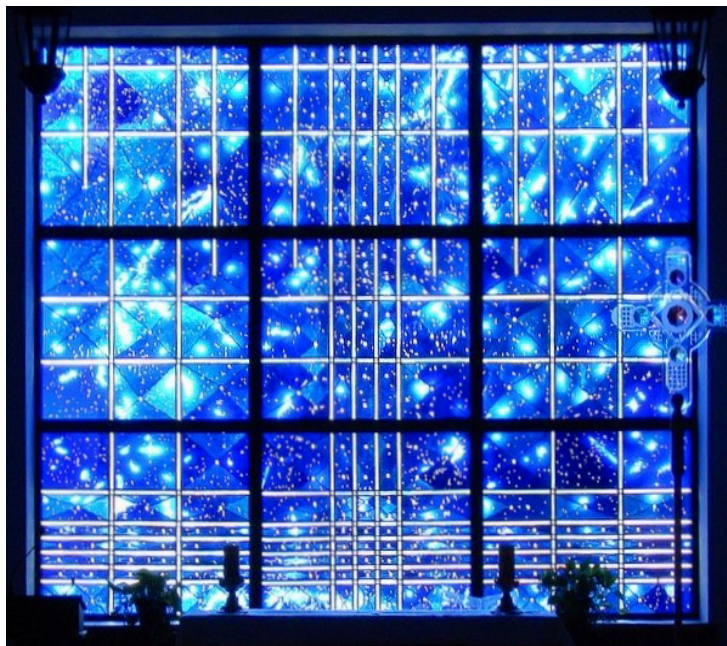
**Jesus said to the Holy Apostles:
Go into all the world
and preach the gospel
to the whole creation (Mark 16:15).**



St. Francis of Assisi Preaching to the Birds
- Giotto di Bondone (1297-1299)



Mary, Queen of the Universe; Edwin Haves (1993)



Mary, Queen of the Universe, Daily Mass Chapel; Orlando, Florida

**May all the
entire creation,
all ways, and in always,
praise the
King of the universe!**

Society of the
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(M.S.A.)

Its talent / gift / charism from the Holy Spirit who, through the Founder (a Franciscan priest) brought the Society into being within the Church to promote, form and accompany youths and adults in their vocation to the priesthood and to other ministries in the Church.

“But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth.h He will not speak on his own, but he will speak what he hears, and will declare to you the things that are coming” (John 16:13).

Confer: Its Constitution, article 1.