

Advent Readings Day 2

The eternal God created the heavens with all their hosts, and the earth with every form of life upon it. When the earth was still without form and darkness covered the face of the deep God spoke.

"Let there be light" rang across the cosmos. And so there was. Light exploded across the inky blackness of space and raced from one end of the heavens to the other at the voice of God. God called the light day, and the darkness he called night. He was pleased with what he had made. His voice rang out again, and the sky was fixed in its place. Then the seas were gathered together in great heaps, and dry land erupted through the waves. He covered the earth with great trees bearing fruit and seeds; fields of grass; flowers dancing in their glory; all manner of green things spread across the earth like a blanket.

God saw all he had made and was well pleased.

God filled the light and dark with glorious luminaries. The sun ruled the day. The moon and stars dotted the veil of night. The seas teemed with schools of fish, small and great. Magnificent sea creatures churned the waves and scarred the deep with white caps. He threw the birds to the skies and sent them dancing here and there in aerial ballet with precise choreography and impeccable timing. The green things ran their courses taking hold of the black earth, the swimming things found the deeps and explored every crevice of the waters, and the birds pierced the blue canopy and delighted on the currents and in the clouds.

God saw the fields were empty, and he filled them with every creeping thing. Millions of tiny feet found their way across leaves and pebbles in the form of ants, beetles, hopping insects, and every form of insect. The yellow grasses of the hills danced to life with herds of antelope and horses snorting as they ate up the ground. Every sort of beast; every pride of lions; every parade of elephants; every pack of wild dogs, and every troop of baboons filled the earth.

God saw all he had made and found it to be good.