

# Everything God Does Is Good

So God created man in his own image,  
in the image of God he created him;  
male and female he created them.  
God saw all that he had made, and it was very good.  
**Genesis 1:27, 31**

Everything God does is good. He doesn't make any mistakes. And when he created us male and female, with all the inherent sameness and differences that implies, he was being intentional and purposeful, and knew that making us male and female would bring him glory and more widely display and represent his image.

Let's celebrate being men and women this morning, and thank our creator God for letting us be his creatures who can use both our minds and our hearts to bless him and honor him, and bring glory to him.

# All Creatures Of Our God And King

**READER:MALE**

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. God saw that the light was good, and He 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.

**READER:FEMALE**

And God said, "Let there be an expanse between the waters to separate water from water." So God made the expanse and separated the water under the expanse from the water above it. And it was so. God called the expanse "sky." And there was evening, and there was morning—the second day.

**READER:MALE**

And God said, "Let the water under the sky be gathered to one place, and let dry ground appear." And it was so. God called the dry ground "land," and the gathered waters he called "seas."

**CONGREGATION:  
AND GOD SAW THAT IT WAS GOOD.**

## **Praise The Living God**

**READER:FEMALE**

Then God said, "Let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various kinds." And it was so. The land produced vegetation: plants bearing seed according to their kinds and trees bearing fruit with seed in it according to their kinds.

**CONGREGATION:  
AND GOD SAW THAT IT WAS GOOD.**

And there was evening, and there was morning—the third day.

**READER:MALE**

And God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them serve as signs to mark seasons and days and years, and let them be lights in the expanse of the sky to give light on the earth." And it was so. God made two great lights—the greater light to govern the day and the lesser light to govern the night. He also made the stars. God set them in the expanse of the sky to give light on the earth, to govern the day and the night, and to separate light from darkness.

**CONGREGATION:  
AND GOD SAW THAT IT WAS GOOD.**

And there was evening, and there was morning—the fourth day.

## **Indescribable**

**READER:FEMALE**

And God said, "Let the water teem with living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the sky." So God created the great creatures of the sea and every living and moving thing with which the water teems, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind.

**CONGREGATION:  
AND GOD SAW THAT IT WAS GOOD.**

God blessed them and said, "Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the water in the seas, and let the birds increase on the earth." And there was evening, and there was morning—the fifth day.

**READER:MALE**

And God said, "Let the land produce living creatures according to their kinds: livestock, creatures that move along the ground, and wild animals, each according to its kind." And it was so. God made the wild animals according to their kinds, the livestock according to their kinds, and all the creatures that move along the ground according to their kinds.

**CONGREGATION:**

**AND GOD SAW THAT IT WAS GOOD.**

## **Wonderful Maker**

**READER:FEMALE**

Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground." So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground."

**READER:MALE**

Then God said, "I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food. And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds of the air and all the creatures that move on the ground—everything that has the breath of life in it—I give every green plant for food." And it was so.

**CONGREGATION:**

**GOD SAW ALL THAT HE HAD MADE, AND IT WAS VERY GOOD.**

**READER:FEMALE**

And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day.

## **PRAYER**

You created this world, Father, in part to display your goodness to something outside of yourself, and to display your goodness on a different kind of canvas. You did not create it to be empty, but to be inhabited. The highest heavens belong to you, but the earth you have given to us. Thank you for the variety of creatures, which shine a glorious spotlight on your ability to instill variety into your creation. Thank you for shades of color, for light and dark, for contrast. Thank you for tastes that work together, like anise in Swedish Limpa bread, and how yeast works in flour, and sugar combined with chocolate. Thank you for giving us such a rich palate of tastes and sounds and smells and sights and textures and trees and birds and even bugs.

For us the windes do blow,  
The earth doth rest, heav'n move, and fountains flow.  
Nothing we see, but means our good,  
As our delight, or as our treasure:  
The whole is, either our cupboard of food,  
Or cabinet of pleasure.  
"MAN" by George Herbert

## **How Great Thou Art**

## **OFFERING**

Job asks, "Did you not pour me out like milk and curdle me like cheese, clothe me with skin and flesh and knit me together with bones and sinew?" We are as the Psalmist says, "fearfully and wonderfully made. God's eyes looked on our unformed bodies, and even now, he knows us personally, by name. Let's bless him for the personal maker that he is.

## **He Knows My Name**

