

Torah/Pentateuch I: Book of Genesis

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- 8:30** *Arrival & Setup*
- 8:45** *Opening Prayer / Initial Announcements*
- 9:00** **Session 1 – The Creation Narratives and Flood Narratives**
- 10:00** *Q & A*
- 10:15** *Break*
- 10:30** **Session 2 – Abraham/Sarah Traditions, Jacob/Leah/Rachel Traditions (I)**
- 11:30** *Group Discussions:* What are the most effective ways to argue that the Genesis stories do not need to be historical to be important to Christians today?
- 11:45** **Presentation – Hagar’s Stories in Gen 16 & 21 (Christine Hilliard, C.S.J.)**
- 12:00** *Lunch*
- 1:00** **Session 3 – Abraham Traditions and Joseph Problems (II)**
- 2:00** *Group Discussions:* How did some of the Genesis stories engage THEIR surrounding societies like we must engage ours? Why is this always controversial?
- 2:15** *Break*
- 2:30** **Session 4 – The Documentary Hypothesis and Its Legacy**
- 3:30** *Q & A*
- 3:45** *Final Announcements / Closing Prayer*
- 4:00** *Clean-up & Departure*

CBI Opening Prayer Service – October 4, 2014

CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: O God, come to our assistance.

ALL: O Lord, make haste to help us.

Leader: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,

ALL: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

CHORAL READING OF THE HYMN/PRAYER

Abraham Table:

Father, we praise you,
now the night is over,
Active and watchful,
stand we all before you;
Singing we offer
prayer and meditation:
Thus we adore you.

David Table:

Monarch of all things,
fit us for your mansions;
Banish our weakness,
health and wholeness sending;
Bring us to heaven,
where your saints united
Joy without ending.

ALL:

*All-holy Father, Son and Equal Spirit,
Trinity blessed, send us thy salvation;
Yours is the glory,
gleaming and resounding
Through all creation.*

READING: Gen 12:1-3, 7b

The LORD said to Abram: “Go forth from your land, your relatives, and from your father’s house to a land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you and curse those who curse you. All the families of the earth will find blessing in you. To your descendants I will give this land.”

So Abram built an altar there to the LORD who had appeared to him

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 119

ALL/REFRAIN: Lord, let your face shine on me.

Teach me wisdom and knowledge, for in your commands I trust. *(Refrain)*

It is good for me that I have been afflicted, that I may learn your statutes. *(Refrain)*

I know, O LORD, that your ordinances are just, and in your faithfulness you have afflicted me. *(Refrain)*

According to your ordinances they still stand firm: all things serve you. *(Refrain)*

I am your servant; give me discernment that I may know your decrees. *(Refrain)*

The revelation of your words sheds light, giving understanding to the simple. *(Refrain)*

Leader: Lord we pray that in our life's journey we will find you in every step of the way while growing to know more of our past which could help us deal with the present and which can bring new meaning to our future.

ALL: Continue to enlighten us and to bless us with your wisdom. Bring us always under your guidance and protection by the power of your Holy Spirit. May we stand in awe of your wonders, goodness and might and glorify you forever in our lives, in the mighty name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

HYMN: *Eye Has Not Seen*

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

RESPONSE: *Lord, hear our prayer*

READER: That world leaders leave their minds and hearts open to the urgings of the Spirit as we face challenges in the Middle East, in Eastern Europe, and in our domestic as well as global endeavors, we pray to the Lord. **(Response)**

That our Church leaders are guided by your wisdom, compassion, and mercy as the Synod on the Family prays and discusses the challenges of diverse families within the context of unification of your Body and evangelization, we pray to the Lord. **(Response)**

That the people of the Diocese of Orange continue to work for justice, remembering the Old Testament teaching: to welcome the stranger and care for the sick, the poor, and the widowed, we pray to the Lord. **(Response)**

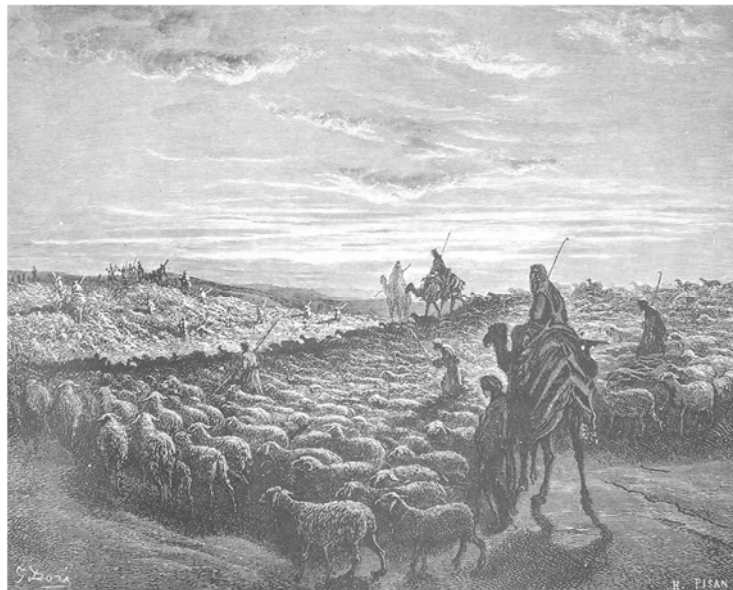
That the Word of God takes root in our hearts and in the lives of the parishes and schools we serve, enlivening our worship, our activities, and our relationships with one another, we pray to the Lord. **(Response)**

For those who are ill, lonely, or depressed, especially those whom we hold closest to our hearts (pause for silent remembrance), that they find healing in your embrace of grace, we pray to the Lord. **(Response)**

For those who rest in everlasting union with you, especially (pause for silent remembrance), that their families and friends be comforted by faith in the Resurrection, we pray to the Lord. **(Response)**

LEADER: Lord God, you made Saint Francis of Assisi Christ-like in his poverty and humility.

ALL: *Help us so to walk in his ways that, with joy and love, with open hearts and minds, we may follow Christ your Son, and be united to you. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.*



Eye Has Not Seen

REFRAIN



Eye has not seen, ear has not heard what God has read-y for
 those who love him. Spir-it of love, come, give us the mind of
 Je - sus; teach us the wis-dom of God.
 Eye has not seen, ear has not heard what God has
 read-y for those who love him.

VERSES



1. When pain and sor-row weigh us down, be near to us, O
 2. Our lives are but a sin-gle breath, we flow-er and we
 3. To those who see with eyes of faith, the Lord is ev-er
 4. We sing a mys-t'ry from the past in halls where saints have
 1. Lord; For-give the weak-ness of our faith, and
 2. fade; Yet all our days are in your hands, so
 3. near, Re-flect-ed in the fac-es of
 4. trod; Yet ev-er new the mu-sic rings to
 1.-3. 1. bear us up with-in your peace-ful word.
 2. we re-turn in love what love has made.
 3. all the poor and low-ly of the world.
 4. Je-sus, liv-ing Song of God.

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READING: Genesis 1:1-5, 9-18

Leader: A reading from the Book of Genesis.

In the beginning, when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless wasteland, and darkness covered the abyss, while a mighty wind swept over the waters. Then God said, “Let there be light” and there was light.

ALL: God saw how good the light was. (Repeat in any language): --- --- --- --- ---

God then separated the light from the darkness. God called the light “day” and the darkness he called “night.” Thus evening came and morning followed – the first day. Then God said, “Let the water under the sky be gathered into a single basin, so that the dry land might appear.” And so it happened: the water under the sky was gathered into its basin, and the dry land appeared. God called the dry land “the earth,” and the basin of the water he called “the sea.”

ALL: God saw how good it was. (Repeat in any language): --- --- --- --- ---

Then God said, “Let the earth bring forth vegetation: every kind of plant that bears seed and every kind of fruit tree on earth that bears fruit with seed in it.” And so it happened: the earth brought forth every kind of plant that bears seed and every kind of fruit tree on earth that bears fruit with its seed in it.

ALL: God saw how good it was. (Repeat in any language): --- --- --- --- ---

Then God said: “Let there be lights in the dome of the sky, to separate the day from night. Let them mark the fixed times, the day and the year, and serve as luminaries in the dome of the sky, to shed light upon the earth.” And so it happened: God made the greater one to govern the day, and the lesser one to govern the night; and he made the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky, to shed light upon the earth, to govern the day and the night, and to separate the light from the darkness.

ALL: God saw how good it was. (Repeat in any language): --- --- --- --- ---

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 19 and Thomas Merton

(Thomas Merton, A Book of Hours, ed. Kathleen Deignan, CND, Sorin Books. 2007. pp. 45-47, excerpted)

ALL/REFRAIN: The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

Left: The most wonderful moment of the day is that when creation in its innocence, asks permission to “be” once again, as it did on the first morning that ever was.

Right: There are drops of dew that show like sapphires in the grass as soon as the morning sun appears, and leaves stir behind the hushed flight of an escaping dove. (**REFRAIN**)

Left: Today, Father, this blue sky lauds you. The delicate green and orange flowers of the tulip poplar tree praise you. The distant blue hills praise you, together with the sweet-smelling air that is full of brilliant light.

Right: I too, Father, praise you, with all these my brothers and sisters, and they give voice to my own heart and to my own silence. We are all one silence, and a diversity of voices. (**REFRAIN**)

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Leader: Cultivating and caring for creation is an instruction of God which he gave not only at the beginning of history, but has also given to each one of us. Instead we are often guided by the pride of dominating, possessing, manipulating, and exploiting; we do not “preserve” the earth, we do not respect it, we do not consider it as a freely given gift to look after.

(Pope Francis, General Audience, June 5, 2013)

Let us pray: Good and gracious God, we stand in awe of your power to create a magnificent world for us to enjoy. Help us to see it anew as the wonder that it is. Open our eyes and enlighten our minds to understand the power we hold and responsibility we have to keep it as a gift that we only borrow for our lifetime, to return to you and the generations to follow. Send you Holy Spirit to be here as we reflect in our hearts and minds on your call to us as human beings and Christians to keep this treasure, your earth, safe from harm. We ask in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

CLOSING SONG: Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

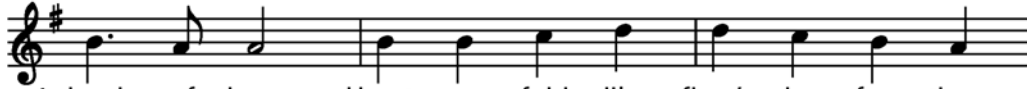
JOYFUL, JOYFUL, WE ADORE THEE / JUBILOSOS TE ADORAMOS

HYMN TO JOY



1. Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry,
 2. All thy works with joy sur - round thee, Earth and heav'n re -
 3. Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, Ev - er bless - ing,
 4. Mor - tals, join the might - y cho - rus Which the morn - ing

1. Ju - bi - lo - sos, te a - do - ra - mos, Dios de glo - ria y
 2. Tie - rra y cie - lo es - tán go - zo - sos, re - fle - jan - do a -
 3. Dios, que li - bre pro - por - cio - nas bie - nes - tar y
 4. Oh, mor - ta - les, hoy can - te - mos con el co - ro



1. Lord of love; Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee,
 2. flect thy rays, Stars and an - gels sing a - round thee,
 3. ev - er blest, Well-spring of the joy of liv - ing,
 4. stars be - gan; Love di - vine is reign - ing o'er us,

1. Sal - va - dor; nues - tras vi - das en - tre - ga - mos
 2. sí tu a - mor; án - ge - les y es - tre - llas to - dos
 3. ben - di - ción, y en tu gra - cia nos per - do - nas,
 4. ce - les - tial; co - mo her - ma - nos* ha - bi - te - mos



1. O - p'ning to the sun a - bove. Melt the clouds of
 2. Cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise; Field and for - est,
 3. O - cean depth of hap - py rest! Thou our Fa - ther,
 4. Bind - ing all with - in its span. Ev - er sing - ing,

1. co - mo se a - bre al sol la flor. Des - va - ne - ce
 2. can - tan siem - pre tu lo - or. Mon - te, va - lle,
 3. go - zo da al co - ra - zón. Tú, de to - do a -
 4. en a - mor san - to y re - al. A - la - ban - do



1. sin and _ sad - ness; Drive the _ dark of doubt a - way;
 2. vale and _ moun - tain, Flow - 'ry _ mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
 3. Christ our _ broth - er, All who _ live in love are thine;
 4. march we _ on - ward, Vic - tors _ in the midst of strife;

1. nues - tros _ ma - les y tris - te - zas, oh Je - sús;
 2. rí - o y fuen - te, cam - po, _ sel - va y an - cho mar
 3. mor la _ fuen - te, haz que a - me - mos en ver - dad;
 4. siem - pre _ va - mos en la _ vi - da a con - quis - tar;



1. Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, Fill us with the light of day.
 2. Chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, Call us to re - joice in thee.
 3. Teach us how to love each oth - er, Lift us to the joy di - vine.
 4. Joy - ful mu - sic leads us sun - ward, In the tri - umph song of life.

1. da - nos bie - nes ce - les - tia - les, llé - na - nos de go - zo y luz.
 2. nos re - cuer - dan que hoy y siem - pre te de - be - mos a - la - bar.
 3. i - lu - mi - na nues - tra men - te con di - vi - na cla - ri - dad.
 4. si go - zo - sos ca - mi - na - mos fá - cil nos se - rá triun - far.