GENESIS READING FOR THE GREAT VIGIL

Genesis 1:1–2:2
Contemporary English Version

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The Beginning

Reader: A reading from the book of Genesis.

In the beginning, God created…

Synthesizer

…God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was barren, with no form of life; it was under

Piano

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a roaring ocean covered with darkness. But the Spirit of God was moving over the water. God said:

"I command light to shine!" And light started shining. God looked at the light and saw that it was good. He separated light

12

Cantor

from darkness and named the light "Day" and the darkness "Night."

And

mf

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C

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16 C G/B Am F Em7

God saw that it was good, and there was eve-ning, and

21 Dm7 G7 *All* 𝄋 C G/B Am

morn - ing; And God saw that it was good,

26 F Em7 Dm7 G7 *Cantor* C G/C

— and there was eve-ning, and morn - ing, the (first) day.

31 F/C G/C C *To next day*

35 **The Second Day**

All **D.S.**

God said, "I command a dome to separate the water above it from the water below it." And that's what happened. God made the dome and named it "Sky."

And

(𝅗𝅥) ♩ = 𝅗𝅥 C

last time, rit.

39 **The Third Day**

God said, "I command the water under the sky to come together in one place, so there will be dry ground."

And that's what happened. God named the dry ground "Land," and he named the water "Ocean." God looked at what he had done and saw that it was good.

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God said, "I command the earth to produce all kinds of plants, including fruit trees and grain." And that's what happened.

rit.

48 *Strings*

The earth produced all kinds of vegetation.

All **D.S.**

God looked at what he had done…

And

♩ = 𝅗𝅥 C

52 **The Fourth Day**

God said, "I command lights to appear in the sky and to separate day from night and to show the time for seasons, special days, and years. I command them to shine on the earth."

8va

random arpeggios

And that's what happened. God made two powerful lights, the brighter one to rule the day and the other to rule the night.

56

All **D.S.**

He also made the stars. Then God put these lights in the sky to shine on the earth, to rule day and night, and to separate light from darkness.

God looked at what he had done… And

♩ = 𝅗𝅥 C

The Fifth Day
Orchestral bell

60

God said, "I command the ocean to be full of living creatures, and I command birds to fly above the earth." So God made the giant sea monsters and all the living creatures that swim in the ocean. He also made every kind of bird. God looked at what he had done, and it was good. Then he gave the living

Like a march

64

All **D.S.**

creatures his blessing—he told the ocean creatures to live everywhere in the ocean and the birds to live everywhere on earth.

And

♩ = 𝅗𝅥 C

last time, rit.

God said, "I command the earth to give life to all kinds of tame animals, wild animals, and reptiles." And that's what happened. God made every one of them. Then he looked at what he had done, and it was good.

Fast

God said, "Now we will make humans, and they will be like us. We will let them rule the fish, the birds, and all other living creatures."

rit.

78

So God created humans to be like himself; he made men and women. God gave them his blessing and said, "Have a lot of children! Fill the earth with people

Moderato

82 *Strings*

and bring it under your control. Rule over the fish in the ocean, the birds in the sky, and every animal on the earth. I have provided all kinds of fruit and grain for you to eat.

87

All **D.S.**

And I have given the green plants as food for everything else that breathes. These will be food for animals, both wild and tame, and for birds."

And

♩ = 𝅗𝅥 C

The Seventh Day

91

So the heavens and the earth and everything else were created. By the seventh day God had finished his work, and so he rested. God blessed the seventh day and made it special because on that day he rested from his work.

All

That's how God created the heavens and the earth.

And

♩ = 𝅗𝅥 C

100 C G/B Am F Em7

God saw that it was good, and there was eve-ning, and

105 Dm7 G7 C G/C F/C G/C

Cantor

morn - ing, and this day.

110 *All* C G/C C G/C

And this day.

Refrain: *first time Cantor, All repeat*

♩ = 𝅗𝅥

115 C G/B Am Am/G Fmaj7 Em7 Dm7 Dm7/G

We praise you, O Lord, for all your works are won-der - ful.

Last time to Coda 𝄋

1.

119 C G/B Am Am7/G Fmaj7 Em7 Dm7 Dm7/G G

We praise you, O Lord, for - ev - er is your love.

2.

Verse

123 Dm7 Em7 *Cantor* F G Am Am/G

love. Your wis - dom made the heav - ens and the earth, O Lord; you

126 F G Am F G

formed the land and set the lights. And like your love, the sun will

129 Am G6 Fmaj7 Dm7 F/G C G/C C G/C

rule the day, and stars will grace the night.

To Refrain

Coda

133 Dm7 Dm7/G Dm7 F/G C G/C

love; for - ev - er is your love.

136 C G/C C G/C C

rit.