

## Sacraments: Space, Time, and New Creation

CCC 27 The desire for God is written in the human heart, because man is created by God and for God; and God never ceases to draw man to himself. Only in God will he find the truth and happiness he never stops searching for: (355, 170; 1718)

The dignity of man rests above all on the fact that he is called to communion with God. This invitation to converse with God is addressed to man as soon as he comes into being. For if man exists, it is because God has created him through love, and through love continues to hold him in existence. He cannot live fully according to truth unless he freely acknowledges that love and entrusts himself to his creator.

Isaiah 6:3 “Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!”

Revelation 22: the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb <sup>2</sup> through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

Isaiah 55

<sup>10</sup> “**For as** the rain and the snow come  
down from heaven  
and do not return there but water  
the earth,  
making it bring forth and sprout,  
giving seed to the sower and bread  
to the eater,

<sup>11</sup> **so shall my word be** that goes out  
from my mouth;  
**it shall not return to me empty,**  
**but it shall accomplish that which I**  
**purpose,**  
**and shall succeed in the thing for**  
**which I sent it.**

and be led forth in peace;  
the mountains and the hills before  
you  
shall break forth into singing,  
and all the trees of the field shall  
clap their hands.

<sup>13</sup> Instead of the thorn shall come up  
the cypress;  
instead of the brier shall come up  
the myrtle;  
and it shall make a name for the  
LORD,  
an everlasting sign that shall not be  
cut off.”

<sup>12</sup> “For you shall go out in joy

C.S. Lewis: “I believe in Christianity as I believe that the Sun has risen, not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else.”<sup>1</sup>

**John 20: The 8<sup>th</sup> Day:** Now **on the first day of the week** Mary Magdalene came to the tomb

<sup>19</sup> On the evening of that day, **the first day of the week,**

<sup>26</sup> **Eight days later,** his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them.

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<sup>1</sup> C. S. Lewis, *The Weight of Glory* (New York: HarperOne, 2001), 140.

Colossians 1<sup>15</sup> He is **the image** of the invisible God, **the firstborn of all creation**.<sup>16</sup> For **by him all things were created**, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—**all things were created through him and for him**.<sup>17</sup> And **he is before all things, and in him all things hold together**.<sup>18</sup> And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent.<sup>19</sup> For **in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell**,<sup>20</sup> and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

C.S. Lewis: We are involved in a “civil war, a rebellion, and that we are living in a part of the universe occupied by the rebel. Enemy-occupied territory—that is what this world is. Christianity is the story of how the rightful king has landed, you might say landed in disguise, and is calling us all to take part in a great campaign of sabotage.”<sup>2</sup>

Mt. 11:4–6 “Go and tell John what you hear and see: <sup>5</sup> **the blind** receive their sight and **the lame** walk, **lepers** are cleansed and **the deaf** hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. <sup>6</sup> And blessed is the one who is not offended by me.”

St. Thomas Aquinas: O sacred banquet, In which Christ is received, the memory of his passion is recalled, the soul is filled with grace, and the pledge of future glory is given us!

### **God’s Grandeur by Gerard Manley Hopkins**

The world is charged with the  
grandeur of God.  
It will flame out, like shining  
from shook foil;  
It gathers to a greatness, like the  
ooze of oil  
Crushed. Why do men then now not  
reck his rod?  
Generations have trod, have trod,  
have trod; And all is seared  
with trade; bleared, smeared  
with toil; And wears man’s

smudge and shares man’s  
smell: the soil  
Is bare now, nor can foot feel, being  
shod. And, for all this, nature  
is never spent; There lives the  
dearest freshness deep down  
things;  
And though the last lights off the  
black West went Oh, morning,  
at the brown brink eastward,  
springs—  
Because the Holy Ghost over the bent  
World broods with warm breast  
and with ah! bright wings.

Romans 8<sup>19</sup> For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God.<sup>20</sup> For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope<sup>21</sup> that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.<sup>22</sup> For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now.<sup>23</sup> And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.

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<sup>2</sup> C. S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity* (New York: HarperOne, 2001), 45–46.