

We sing Cosmic Wisdom

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Melody: Praise my Soul the King of Heaven

1. Wisdom has a secret message:

Do you know where I am found?
Can you find the deepest myst'ry
In the sky or underground?
Listen to the voice of Wisdom
Calling us to find her place.

2. Wisdom is the primal blueprint,

There before the world began,
Chosen by a cool Creator
To design the cosmic plan.
Listen to the voice of Wisdom
Call before the first Big Bang.

3. Wisdom is a silent impulse

Hidden deep in nature's law,
Guiding wind and cloud and weather
Making ripples on the shore.
Listen to the voice of Wisdom
Calling us to feel her pulse.

4. Wisdom is the world with wonder,
Time and space with wild surprise,
Guiding gentle genes through hist'ry,
Spinning stars across the skies.
Listen to the voice of Wisdom
In and under ev'rything.

5. I am Wisdom. I am wonder.

I was at creation's birth.
Now I'm calling you to listen
To the cries of Baby Earth.
Listen to the voice of Wisdom
Mid-wife of our precious Earth.

Notices

Benediction

O God who is called I am who I am: As we leave this place
grant to us, your children, the grace to speak and act with
integrity reflecting who we truly are.

<https://progressivechristianity.org/tpc-weekly-liturg/more-benedictions/> - downloaded 05.07.2022, 15.51

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The Seven Gods of the Bible



<https://www.sabbathtruth.com/faq/advanced-topics/7-facts-about-the-seventh-day> - downloaded 05.07.2022, 16.08

Order of worship

Welcome

Acknowledgement of country

Many have gone before who have honoured God by caring for this land,
in the ways they have lived and the stories they have shared. We give
thanks for the Kurna people, who have held as sacred the duty of
protecting the Land, and living in harmony with it.

Acknowledgement of diversity

We recognise our diversity and, acknowledging the Uniting Church's
Safe Church Policy, we accept that this is a safe place in which all
people can worship together, irrespective of race, creed, age, ability,
sexuality, cultural background, or any other distinguishing feature.

We light the candle - 1 John 1: 5 (NIV)

This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is
light; in him there is no darkness at all.

https://www.biblegateway.com/quicksearch/?qs_version=NIV&quicksearch=god+and+light&startnumber=26 - downloaded
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Call to worship

We come together as a community of faith and compassion.
We open our hearts and minds to you.
Come, inspire us, dwell with us, and make us one in your Spirit.

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Introduction by Esmond Dowdy

Speaker : Dr. Norman C. Habel, Prof. Emeritus
Topic : The 7 Gods of the Bible

We sing The God of Abraham

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Melody: The God of Abram Praise

1. The God of Abraham,
Whose name was El Most High,
Was worshipped by the Canaanites
Beneath the sky.
But in Australia Land
This God was also found,
A Rainbow Spirit deep in Earth,
Like cosmic sound.

3. The God of Abraham,
The God that Canaan knew
Was witness to a covenant,
A treaty true,
A pact with Abraham
And Canaanites that stand
To each be loyal to the pact
And love the Land.

2. The God of Abraham,
Creator Spirit free,
Indigenous to this sacred Land
Of mystery.
Custodians of this Land
Have sensed from long ago
The presence of this God alive
In nature's flow.

4. The God of Abraham,
The God of this brown Land
This is the God we now should know
And understand.
This is the time to sense
And recognise as true,
This God lives deep within this Land
For me and you.

Prayer

Oh God, please help me this day. Give me eyes to see how you are at work. God, give me perseverance to increase my understanding of you. Give me a hunger to read your Word and to seek to know you more each day. Just as the dawn comes with its exact precision, help me to trust that You will also move in my life, in your perfect timing and in your beautiful way.

Based on: <https://www.crosswalk.com/devotionals/your-daily-prayer/a-prayer-to-know-god-more-deeply.html> - downloaded 05.07.2022, 15.38

Bible reading Jeremiah 31:31-34

- ³¹ “The days are coming,” declares the Lord, “when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and with the people of Judah.
³² It will not be like the covenant I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they broke my covenant, though I was a husband to them,” declares the Lord.
³³ “This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel after that time,” declares the Lord. “I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people.
³⁴ No longer will they teach their neighbour, or say to one another, ‘Know the Lord,’ because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest,” declares the Lord. “For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more.”

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Jeremiah%2031%3A31-34&version=NIV> - downloaded 08.07.2022, 13:45

Presentation The Seven Gods of the Bible – Norman Habel

Discussion

Responsive Prayer (for community by William Wallace)

Leader: Creator God to you we pray –
All: **HELP US HEAR YOUR CHILDREN'S CRY.**
Leader: Most joyful God to you we pray
All: **HELP US SHARE YOUR CHILDREN'S JOY.**
Leader: Most loving God to you we pray –
All: **HELP US SHARE OUR WEALTH WITH ALL.**
Leader: O just and freeing God we pray –
All: **HELP US STAND WITH ALL THE POOR.**
Leader: O liberator God we pray –
All: **HELP THE PEOPLE OWN THEIR POWER.**
Leader: O living God to you we pray –
All: **HELP US REVERENCE ALL OF LIFE.**

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