

C R E D O

Exploring The Christian Faith



This is My Father's World

Veni Creator Spiritu

Come, O Creator Spirit,
come, and make within our heart thy home;
to us thy grace celestial give,
who of thy breathing move and live.

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O Comforter, that name is thine,
of God most high the gift divine;
the well of life, the fire of love,
our souls' anointing from above.

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Thou dost appear in sevenfold dower
the sign of God's almighty power;
the Father's promise, making rich
with saving truth our earthly speech.

Veni Creator Spiritu

Our senses with thy light inflame,
our hearts to heavenly love reclaim;
our bodies' poor infirmity
with strength perpetual fortify.

Veni Creator Spiritu

Our mortal foes afar repel,
grant us henceforth in peace to dwell;
and so to us, with thee for guide,
no ill shall come, no harm betide.

Veni Creator Spiritu

May we by thee the Father learn,
and know the Son, and thee discern,
who art of both; and thus adore
in perfect faith for evermore.

Veni Creator Spiritu

To God the Father glory be
And to the risen Son, with Thee,
O Paraclete, the three in one,
While the eternal ages run.

Person and Work

- Creation
- Redemption

Neglect of Cosmic

- Tame, contained, confined view of the Spirit

Neglect of Creation

- "Where can I go from your Spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence?" (Ps. 139:7).

Neglect of Creation

- Thomas Aquinas argues that “nothing operates where it is not.” - *SCG* 4.21.3, p. 122.

Neglect of Cosmic

- Separation of life into sacred and secular

Neglect of Cosmic

- God's 1-act play

Holy Spirit in Creation

- Gen 1.1

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Ps 33.6

By the word of the LORD the heavens were
made,
their starry host by the breath of his
mouth.

Holy Spirit in Creation

- God's loving breath of life in the human person (Gen 2.7)
- Spirit who gives us life in Christ, first gave us life in our physical bodies.

Holy Spirit in Creation

- When you send forth your Spirit, they are created and you renew the face of the ground (Ps. 104:30).

Holy Spirit in Creation

- Job: “The spirit of God has made me, and the breath of the Almighty gives me life” (33.4)
- “If he should take back his spirit to himself, and gather to himself his breath, all flesh would perish together, and all mortals return to dust” (34.14-15).

Holy Spirit in Creation

Is 42.5

- This is what God the LORD says—
the Creator of the heavens, who stretches them
out,
 who spreads out the earth with all that
 springs from it,
 who gives breath to its people,
 and life to those who walk on it:

Where do you need to be inspired?

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- I said that HS was in creation before he was in the church or Christians.
- Where is God leading you that you are afraid to go?

Where do you need to be inspired?

- I said God hovered over the waters.
- Where are you experiencing chaos and disorder?

Where do you need to be inspired?

- I said Holy Spirit is about filling.
- Where are you experiencing emptiness?

Where do you need to be inspired?

- Spirit gives life.
- Where are you experiencing death?

Where do you need to be inspired?

- OUR DAD OWNS THE PLAYGROUND

This is my Father's world.
O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the ruler yet.