

Handout: 1C. Creation & Christology

Nicene Creed — I believe in one God (Θεόν), the Father Almighty (Πατέρα παντοκράτορα), maker of heaven and earth, and of all visible things and invisible (ὁρατῶν τε πάντων καὶ ἀοράτων).

Acts 4 ²⁴ [T]hey they raised their voice to God with one accord and said: “Lord (Δέσποτα), thou hast made heaven and earth and the sea, and all (πάντα) that is in them, ²⁵ who through the Holy Spirit, by the mouth of our father, thy servant David, hast said: ‘Why did the nations rage . . .

Acts 17 ²³ Therefore, the One whom you worship without knowing, him I proclaim to you: ²⁴ God, who made the cosmos and all things (ὁ ποιήσας τὸν κόσμον καὶ πάντα) in it, since he is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands. ²⁵ Nor is he worshiped with men’s hands, as though he needed anything, since he gives to all life, breath, and all things (τὰ πάντα).

LXX Gen 2.1 — And heaven and earth were perfectly put together (συνετελέσθησαν) and all their cosmos (πᾶς ὁ κόσμος αὐτῶν).

Nicene Creed — . . . and in one Lord (εἰς ἓνα Κύριον), Jesus Christ . . . through whom all things came to be (δι’ οὗ τὰ πάντα ἐγένετο).

1 Corinthians 8 ⁶ . . . for us there is one God (εἷς θεός), the Father, from whom are all things (ἐξ οὗ τὰ πάντα), and we unto him (ἡμεῖς εἰς αὐτόν); and one Lord (εἷς κύριος), Jesus Christ, through whom are all things (δι’ οὗ τὰ πάντα), and we through him.

John 1 ¹ In the beginning was the Word . . . ³ through him all things came to be (πάντα δι’ αὐτοῦ ἐγένετο).

Hebrews 1 ¹ God, who at various times and in sundry ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, ² has in these last days spoken to us by a Son, whom he has appointed heir of all things, through whom also he made (δι’ οὗ καὶ ἐποίησεν) the ages.

O COME, let us sing unto the LORD; * let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving; * and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.

For the LORD is a great God; * and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are all the corners of the earth; * and the strength of the hills is his also.

The sea is his, and he made it; * and his hands prepared the dry land.

O come, let us worship and fall down, * and kneel before the LORD our Maker.

For he is the Lord our God; * and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.