

Scriptures May 31, 2026

Modern Testimony *based on Psalm 8*

One: My God, my God,
how wonderful you are!
There is nothing like you in the whole earth.

**Many: I look up to the skies, and I see you there;
Babies and infants open their mouths,
and I hear them cry your name.
Compared to you, our weapons, our bombs,
our power to destroy,
dwindle into insignificance.
On a starry night, with your glory splashed across the skies,
I gaze into your infinite universe, and I wonder:
Who am I?
Why do I matter?
Why do you care about mere mortals?**

One: We humans are less than specks of dust in your universe.
We have existed less than a second in the great clock of creation.
Yet you choose us as your partners.
You share the secrets of the universe with us;
you give us a special place in your household;
you trust us to look after the earth, on your behalf—
not just the sheep and oxen,
but also the wolves that prey on our domestic animals;
the birds, the plants, and even creatures we have never seen in the
depths of the sea.

Many: My God, my God! How amazing you are.

~silence is kept~

Modern Testimony *based on Genesis 1*

One: In the beginning, all was darkness and God said, "let there be
light,

Many: and because God had said it, there was light.

One: In the beginning, all was silence and God sang the song of creation,

Many: and because God sang, all the stars and spheres vibrated to the music of God.

One: In the beginning, all was still and God laughed,

Many: and because God laughed, the waters took up the roar and the ripple of it; and ebbed and flowed and seeped and swirled and delighted in the ways of its being.

One: In the beginning, all was dull and God painted,

Many: and because God painted, the sky became blue, and purple, and pink, and rainbows hung there.

The grass became green and flowers

and butterflies danced in the drips and settled like jewels on the earth.

One: In the beginning, all was unconscious, and God breathed,

Many: and because God breathed,

men and women woke up from their sleeping,

they breathed of the very life of God

and stood in wonder before the work of God's hands.

They beheld the glory of God in all that God had made and they saw that it was very good.

Ancient Testimony Matthew 28:16-20 NRSV

Living in the community of the Trinity

The Commissioning of the Disciples

¹⁶ Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'^[a]