

Genesis 1:1-5ⁱⁱ

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

ⁱⁱ About the First Reading: Genesis 1:1-5

Today's reading is the first of the two accounts of creation in Genesis. In solemn liturgical cadences, the writer shows how darkness and chaos give way to light and order as the waters part at God's command. In contrast to the dualistic interpretation of this worldview in other traditions, where chaos always threatens to overwhelm the world again, here God's sovereignty over creation is affirmed.