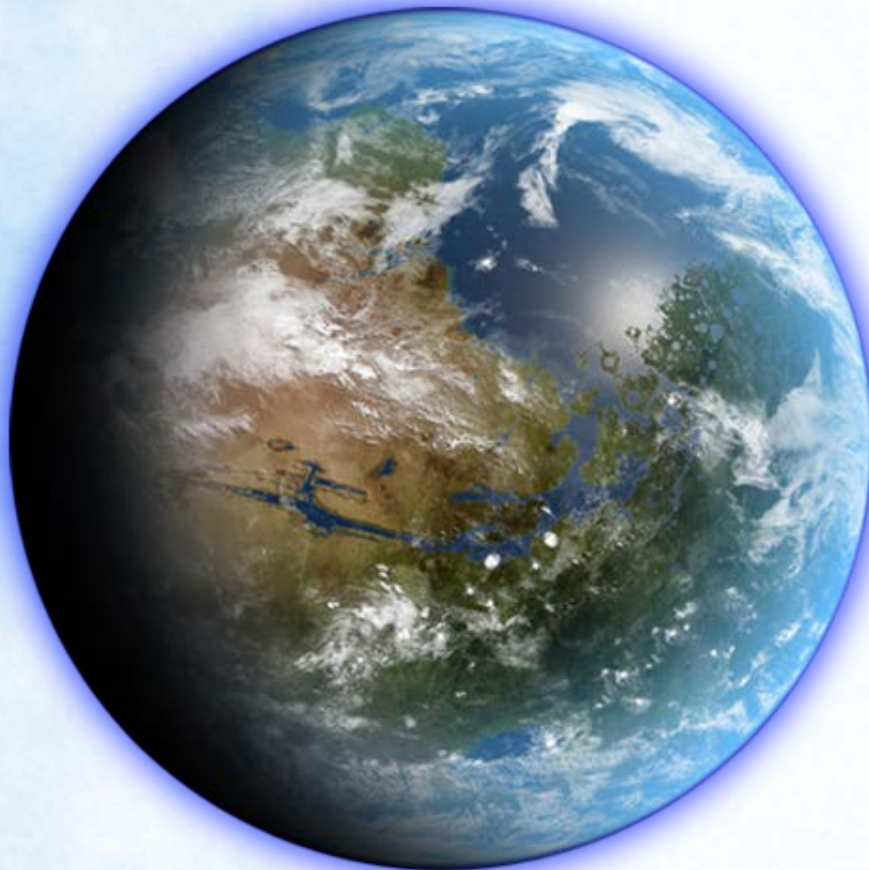


Welcome in the Name of The Triune God

September 12, 2021
Season of Pentecost



- **Prelude by
Roxanne Groff**
- **Office of the Acolyte**
- **Ringling of the Bell**

**Scripture Focus:
Genesis 1:1-2:4a**

* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross,
the sign marked at baptism...*

P: We confess our sins before God and
one another.

Pause for silence and reflection.

P: Creator of all things,

*** CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

C: We have failed to care for all that you have made. We have squandered resources and oppressed others. Forgive us for what we have done and have failed to do. Teach us how to be a good steward of your creation. Amen.

*** CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: Our God will always love all that God has made. Although we sin, God forgives. Receive now the entire forgiveness of all your sins, granted as a gift from a loving God. In the name of Jesus we pray.

C: Amen.

*** Hymn of Praise**
Morning Has Broken
ELW 556



**1 Morning has broken
like the first morning;
blackbird has spoken
like the first bird.
Praise for the singing!
Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing
fresh from the Word!**

**2 Sweet the rain's new fall,
sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall
on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness
of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness
where God's feet pass.**

**3 Mine is the sunlight!
Mine is the morning,
born of the one light
Eden saw play!
Praise with elation,
praise ev'ry morning,
God's recreation
of the new day!**

*** APOSTOLIC GREETING**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

*** PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray... Creator God, You have created us in your image. Teach us to create, build up, and contribute to this beautiful world you have made,

C: Amen



•Scripture Reading

**R: The Scripture reading is from
the Book of Genesis
Chapters 1 and 2**

**C: Glory to you O' Lord!
*(Spoken)***

- **Genesis 1:1-2:4a**

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the 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. ³Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness

- **Genesis 1:1-2:4a**

he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

⁶And God said, “Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.”

⁷So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. ⁸God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and

- **Genesis 1:1-2:4a**

there was morning, the second day.

⁹And God said, “Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.”

And it was so. ¹⁰God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. ¹¹Then God said, “Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and

- **Genesis 1:1-2:4a**

fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.” And it was so. ¹²The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. ¹³And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

¹⁴And God said, “Let there be lights in

- **Genesis 1:1-2:4a**

the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, ¹⁵and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. ¹⁶God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. ¹⁷God set them in the dome of the sky to give

- **Genesis 1:1-2:4a**

light upon the earth, ¹⁸to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

²⁰And God said, “Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.” ²¹So God created the

- **Genesis 1:1-2:4a**

great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. ²²God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” ²³And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

- **Genesis 1:1-2:4a**

²⁴And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.” And it was so. ²⁵God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good. ²⁶Then God said, “Let us make

- **Genesis 1:1-2:4a**

humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.”²⁷ So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

- **Genesis 1:1-2:4a**

²⁸God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.”

²⁹God said, “See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have

- **Genesis 1:1-2:4a**

them for food. ³⁰And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so.

³¹God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

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CHAPTER 2

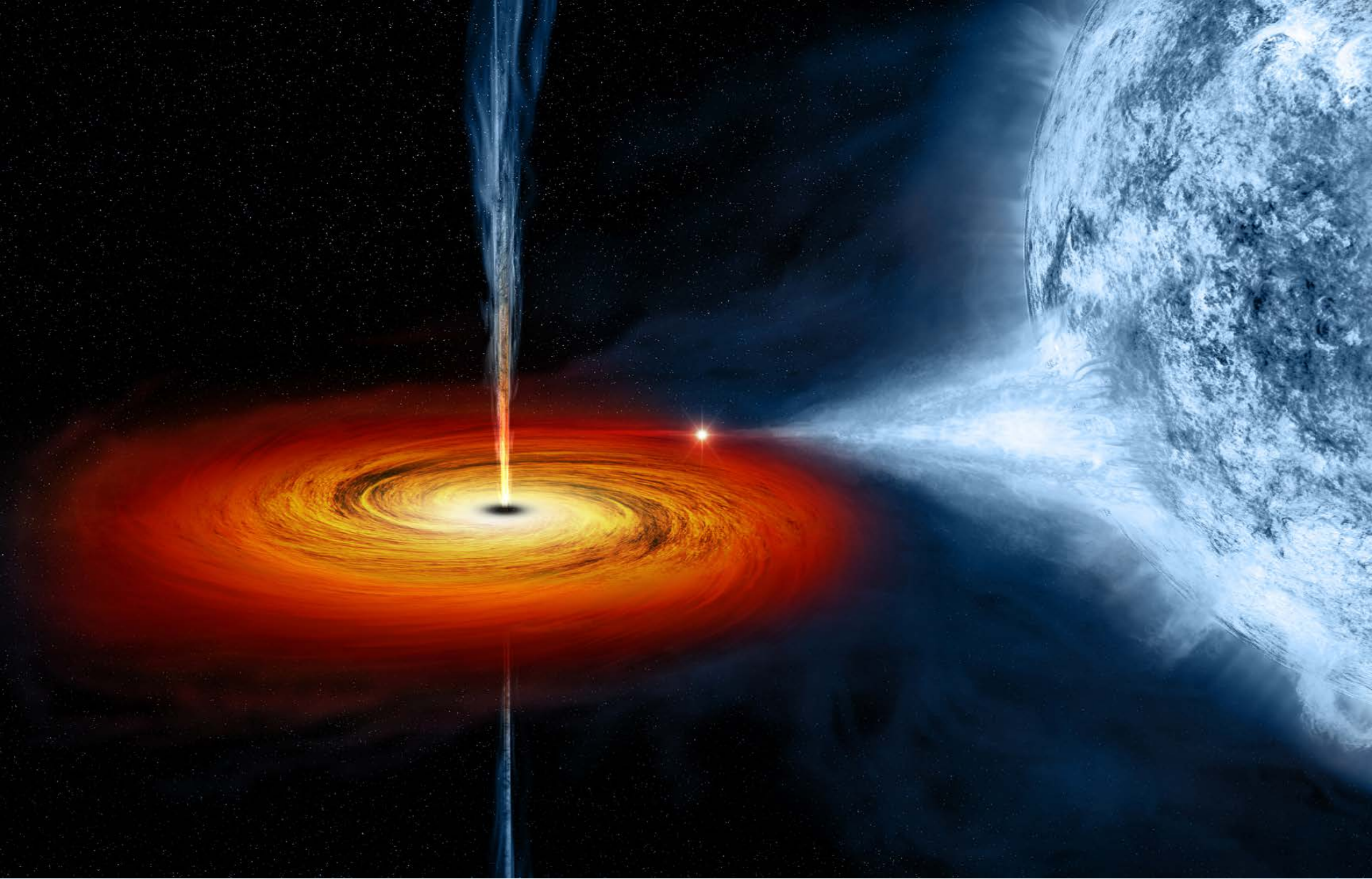
Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. ²And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. ³So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

- **Genesis 1:1-2:4a**

⁴These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ (Spoken)



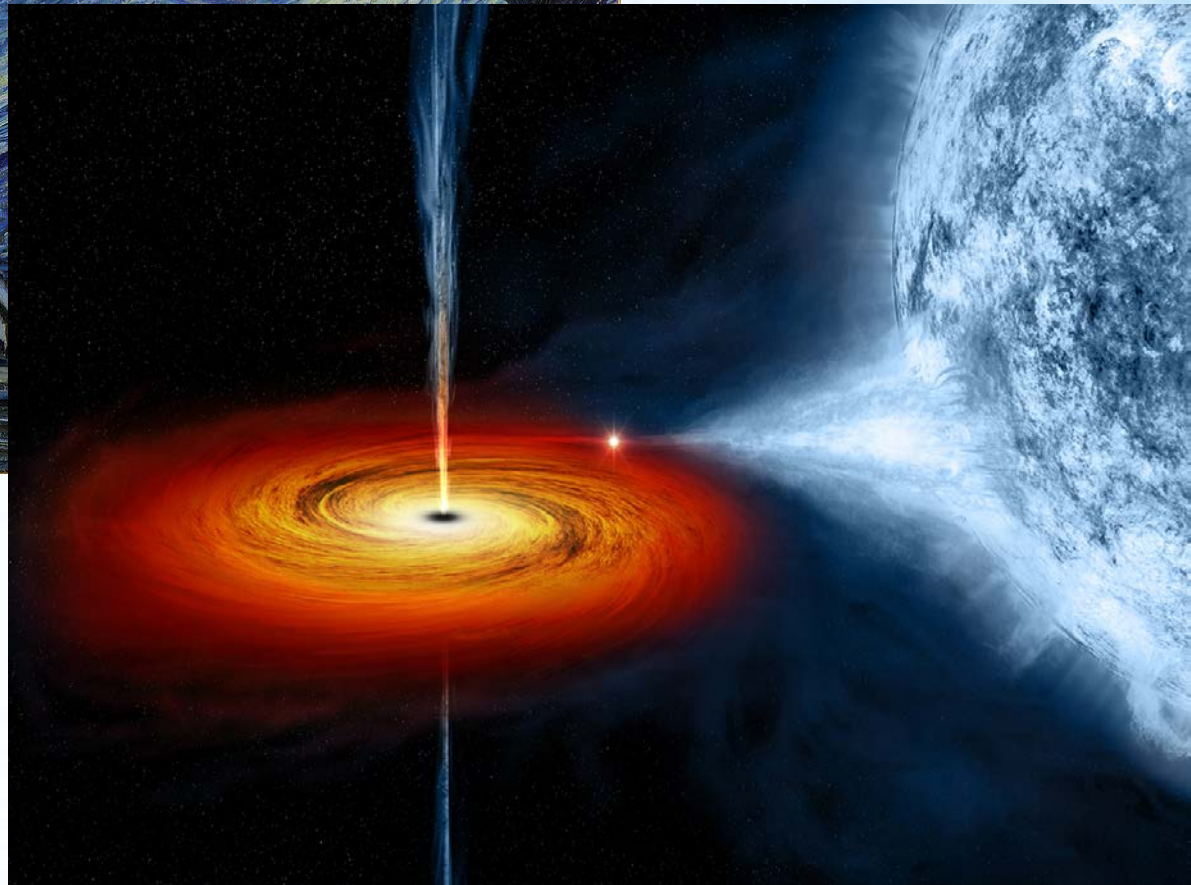
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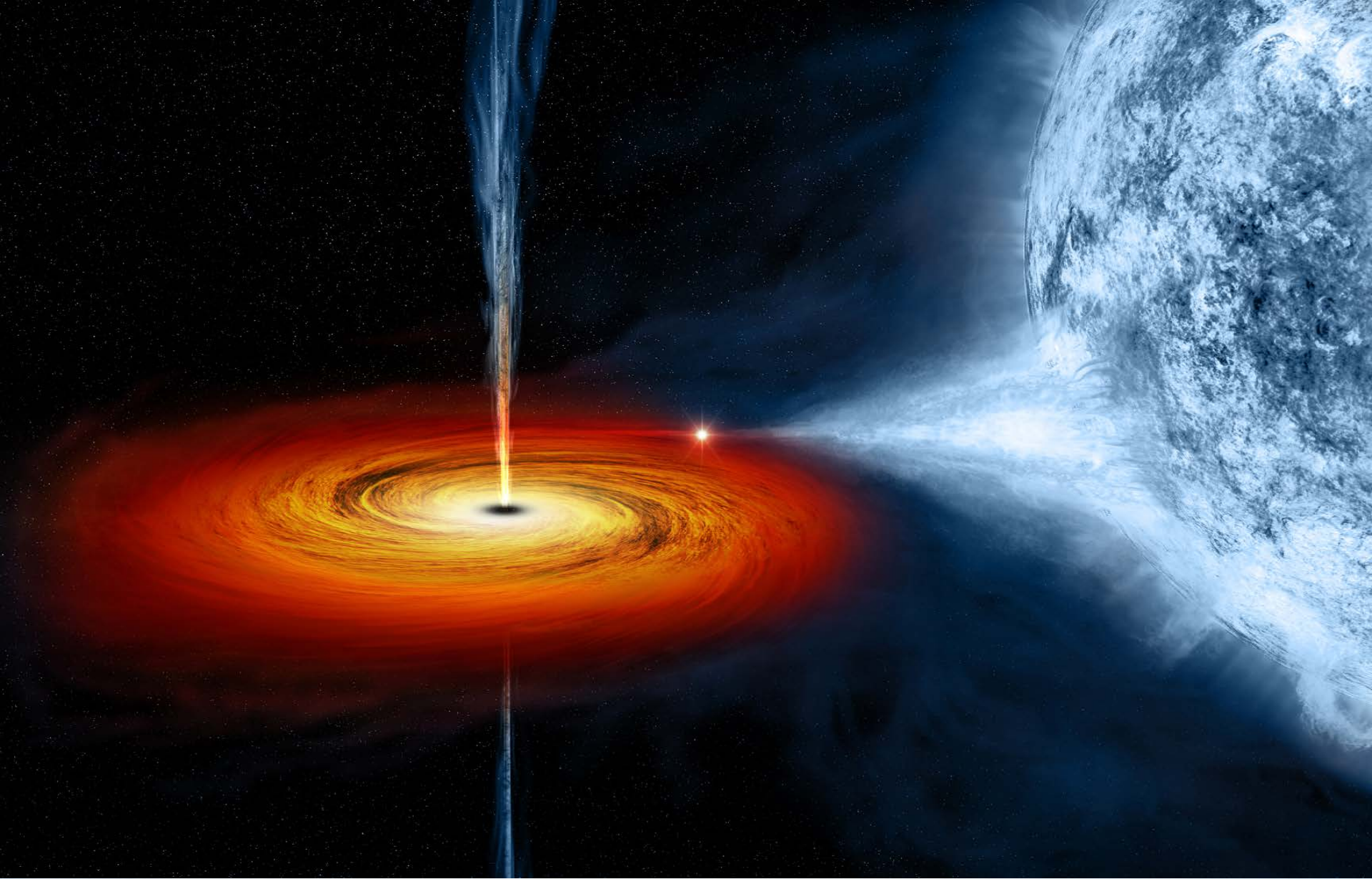
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*** APOSTLE'S CREED**

**C: I believe in God, the Father
almighty, creator of heaven and
earth.**

*** APOSTLE'S CREED**

C: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

*** APOSTLE'S CREED**

C: He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

*** APOSTLE'S CREED**

C: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.



Special Music

* PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each petition will end with the words,

A: Creator God,

The congregation will respond with:

C: Hear our prayer.

* PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The prayer concludes...

P: You speak the word, and it is so.
Receive our prayers and give us
such hope in your promises that
we never hesitate to ask,
knowing that you hear us when
we say, Amen!

C: Amen.

* SHARING OF THE PEACE

The Sharing of the Peace that began when the congregation arrived is now shared with the Pastor at this time...

P: The peace of the Lord be with you
always.

C: And also with you.



Offering Prayer

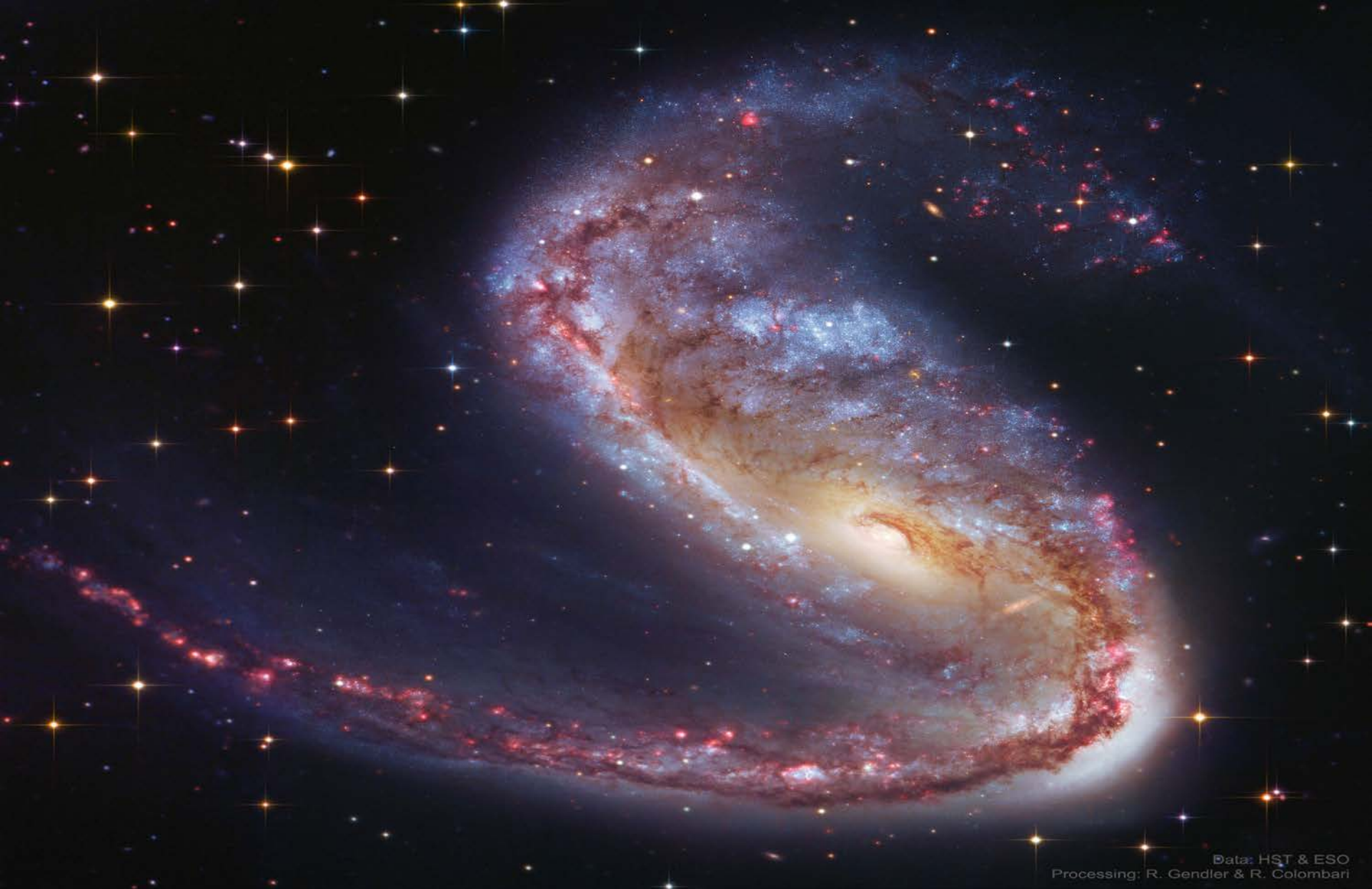
*** THE LORD'S PRAYER**

P: Jesus is the tie that binds us together as one Body. So, let us pray as Jesus taught...

**C: Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name, thy
kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven. Give
us this day our daily bread; and
forgive us our trespasses,**

*** THE LORD'S PRAYER**

C: as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.



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Announcements

*** SENDING BLESSING**

P: People of God, you are Christ's body, bringing new life to a suffering world.

The holy Trinity, ✝ one God, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.



Sending Song
Let All Things Now Living
ELW 881

*** Let All Things Now Living ELW 881**

**1 Let all things now living
a song of thanksgiving
to God the creator
triumphantly raise,
who fashioned and made us,
protected and stayed us,
who still guides us on
to the end of our days.**

*** Let All Things Now Living ELW 881**

**1 God's banners are o'er us,
God's light goes before us,
a pillar of fire shining
forth in the night,
till shadows have vanished
and darkness is banished,
as forward we travel
from light into light.**

*** Let All Things Now Living ELW 881**

**2 God rules all the forces:
the stars in their courses
and sun in its orbit
obediently shine;
the hills and the mountains,
the rivers and fountains,
the deeps of the ocean
proclaim God divine.**

*** Let All Things Now Living ELW 881**

**2 We too should be voicing
our love and rejoicing;
with glad adoration
a song let us raise
till all things now living
unite in thanksgiving:
"To God in the highest,
hosanna and praise!"**

*** DISMISSAL**

P: Until we gather again as God's people to offer our worship and praise, depart in Christ's Love,

**C: Seeking, welcoming, and serving all.
Amen!**

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