Creation: A choral reading

CHARACTERS: VOG (Voice of God) and Leader. Other voices are divided into two groups
COSTUMES: None specified
PROPS: Optional large empty metal trash can. This can be used to enhance the sound of the VOG. Speaker speaks into it. Check out this article and video.   http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2012/04/23/the-lion-king-voice-actor-frank-welker-video_n_1446325.html
SETTING: Bare stage
RUN TIME: 5 minutes
SCRIPTURE/BASED ON: Genesis 1 & 2, Colossians 1, John 1

Director's notes: *When reading from the script, readers should hold it so it does NOT block their voices. Encourage readers to pick up cues quickly (Start their lines immediately after the line before). If performing, have only enough light for readers until VOG says "Let there be light" then quickly turn on more light for a dramatic effect.*

LEADER: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

ALL: He was with God in the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth.

LEADER: Through him all things were made

GROUP 2: Without him nothing was made that has been made.

LEADER: In him all things were created things in heaven and on earth

ALL: Visible and invisible

GROUP 1: All things have been created through him and for him.

ALL: He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

LEADER: Since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities

ALL: His eternal power and divine nature

LEADER: Have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made.

(Pause)

ALL: In the beginning

GROUP 1: The earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep

ALL: And the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

LEADER: God said

VOG: Let there be light

ALL: And there was light.

GROUP 1: God called the light "day," and the darkness he called "night."

ALL: There was evening, and there was morning—the first day.

VOG: Let there be a vault between the waters to separate water from water.

GROUP 2: God made the vault and separated the water under the vault from the water above it.

ALL: And it was so

GROUP 1: God called the vault "sky "

VOG: Let the water under the sky be gathered to one place, and let dry ground appear.

ALL: And it was so

GROUP 1: God called the dry ground "land," and the gathered waters he called "seas."

ALL: And God saw that it was good.

VOG: Let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various kinds.

ALL: And it was so.

GROUP 2: The land produced vegetation: plants bearing seed according to their kinds and trees bearing fruit with seed in it according to their kinds.

ALL: And God saw that it was good.

VOG: Let there be lights in the vault of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them serve as signs to mark sacred times, and days and years. Let them be lights in the vault of the sky to give light on the earth.

ALL: And it was so.

GROUP 2: God made two great lights—the greater light to govern the day and the lesser light to govern the night.

ALL: He also made the stars.

LEADER: God set them in the vault of the sky to give light on the earth, to govern the day and the night, and to separate light from darkness.

ALL: And God saw that it was good.

VOG: Let the water teem with living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the vault of the sky.

GROUP 2: So God created the great creatures of the sea and every living thing with which the water teems and that moves about in it, according to their kinds.

GROUP 1: He made every winged bird according to its kind.

ALL: And God saw that it was good.

VOG: Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the water in the seas, and let the birds increase on the earth.

ALL: There was evening, and there was morning —the fifth day.

VOG: Let the land produce living creatures according to their kinds: the livestock, the creatures that move along the ground, and the wild animals, each according to its kind.

ALL: And it was so.

GROUP 2: God made the wild animals according to their kinds

ALL: The livestock according to their kinds

GROUP 1: All the creatures that move along the ground according to their kinds.

ALL: And God saw that it was good.

VOG: Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.

GROUP 1: So God created mankind in his own image

ALL: In the image of God he created them

GROUP 2: Male and female he created them.

VOG: Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.

GROUP 2: God saw all that he had made

ALL: And it was very good.

LEADER: Thus the heavens and the earth were completed in all their vast array.

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