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THE GRACE   
of the LORD JESUS CHRIST.  
the LOVE of GOD.  
and the COMMUNION  
of the HOLY SPIRIT  
BE WITH YOU ALL   
II CORINTHIANS 13 : 13

*"Solomon's Evangelical Lutheran Church, following the example of Jesus Christ, seeks to live in the confidence and fullness of God's grace; to preach the Good News boldly and truthfully; to support and serve others in faith; to work in harmony with all creation."*

**THE HOLY TRINITY**  
**MAY 31, 2026**

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**The Holy Trinity**

*Though the word trinity is not found in the scriptures, today's second reading includes the apostolic greeting that begins the liturgy: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. In the gospel Jesus sends his disciples forth to baptize in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. More than a doctrine, the Trinity expresses the heart of our faith: we have experienced the God of creation made known in Jesus Christ and with us always through the Holy Spirit. We celebrate the mystery of the Holy Trinity in word and sacrament, as we profess the creed, and as we are sent into the world to bear witness to our faith.*

**GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ORGAN PRELUDE**    *Holy, Holy, Holy* - Donald Busarow

**LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES**

**\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God,  
whose compassion endures forever.  
**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin to God.  
*Silence is kept for reflection.*  
Compassionate God,  
**we confess to you all our sins.**  
**Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.**  
**In your mercy, call us back to you.**  
**Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.**  
**Restore us to dwell in your peace.**  
**In Christ's name we pray,**  
**Amen.**

Jesus says, "Come to me,  
all you who are weary  
and are carrying heavy burdens,  
and I will give you rest."  
In the name of God,  
Father, ✚ Son, and Holy Spirit,  
your sins are forgiven.  
Rest in God's love.  
**Amen.**

**\*GATHERING SONG *Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!* (ELW 413)**



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God Al - might - y!  
 2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,  
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,  
 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.  
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
 though the eye of sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see,  
 All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!  
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,  
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,  
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!



God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!  
 which wert and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.  
 per - fect in pow'r, in love and pu - ri - ty.  
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

Text: Reginald Heber, 1783–1826, alt.  
 Music: NICA EA, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

**\*GREETING**

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

**\*CANTICLE OF PRAISE *Holy God, We Praise Your Name* (ELW 414) VS 1,4**



1 Ho - ly God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we

4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it,



bow be - fore you. All on earth your scep - ter claim,

three we name you, though in es - sence on - ly one;



all in heav'n a - bove a - dore you. In - fi - nite your

un - di - vid - ed God we claim you and, a - dor - ing,



vast do - main, ev - er - last - ing is your reign.

bend the knee while we own the mys - ter - y.

Text: source unknown; tr. Clarence A. Walworth, 1820-1900  
Music: GROSSER GOTT, *Katholisches Gesangbuch*, Vienna, 1774

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## CHOIR ANTHEM *God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens* (ELW 771)

### Congregation join on verse 3



1 God, who stretched the span - gled heav - ens in - fi - nite in time and place,  
2 We have ven - tured worlds un - dreamed of since the child-hood of our race;  
3 As each far ho - ri - zon beck - ons, may it chal-lenge us a - new:



flung the suns in burn-ing ra - diance through the si - lent fields of space:  
known the ec - sta - sy of wing-ing through un - trav-eled realms of space;  
chil - dren of cre - a - tive pur - pose, serv - ing oth - ers, hon - 'ring you.



we, your chil - dren in your like-ness, share in - ven - tive pow'rs with you;  
probed the se - crets of the at - om, yield-ing un - i - mag - ined pow'r,  
May our dreams prove rich with prom-ise; each en-deav-or well be - gun;



great Cre - a - tor, still cre - at - ing, show us what we yet may do.  
fac - ing us with life's de - struc - tion or our most tri - um - phant hour.  
great Cre - a - tor, give us guid - ance till our goals and yours are one.

Text: Catherine Cameron, b. 1927

Music: HOLY MANNA, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

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## FIRST READING: Genesis 1:1—2:4a

A reading from Genesis.

*At the beginning of time, God the Creator, God the powerful Word, and God the life-giving Spirit form the earth and all its inhabitants. God sees that all this created work is good and then rests on the seventh day.*

<sup>1</sup> When God began to create the heavens and the earth, <sup>2</sup> the earth was complete chaos, and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. <sup>3</sup> Then God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. <sup>4</sup> And God saw that the light was good, and God separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup> God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. <sup>6</sup> And God said, “Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” <sup>7</sup> So 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. <sup>8</sup> God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

<sup>9</sup> And God said, “Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. <sup>10</sup> God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that

were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. <sup>11</sup> Then God said, “Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.” And it was so. <sup>12</sup> The 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. <sup>13</sup> And there was evening and there was morning, the third day. <sup>14</sup> And God said, “Let there be lights in 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, <sup>15</sup> and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. <sup>16</sup> God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. <sup>17</sup> God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, <sup>18</sup> to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. <sup>19</sup> And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

<sup>20</sup> And God said, “Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.” <sup>21</sup> So God created the 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. <sup>22</sup> God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” <sup>23</sup> And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

<sup>24</sup> And 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. <sup>25</sup> God 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.

<sup>26</sup> Then God said, “Let us make humans 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.”

<sup>27</sup> So God created humans in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

<sup>28</sup> God 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.” <sup>29</sup> God 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 them for food. <sup>30</sup> And 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. <sup>31</sup> God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

<sup>2:1</sup> Thus the heavens and the earth were finished and all their multitude. <sup>2</sup> On the sixth day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. <sup>3</sup> So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

<sup>4a</sup> These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM: Psalm 8

(read responsively between lector and congregation, beginning with the lector)

<sup>1</sup> O | LORD our Lord,  
how majestic is your name in | all the earth!—

<sup>2</sup> **you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of in- | fants and children;**

**you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe | and avenger.**

<sup>3</sup> When I consider your heavens, the work | of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars you have set | in their courses,

<sup>4</sup> **what are mere mortals that you should be mind- | ful of them,  
human beings that you should | care for them?**

<sup>5</sup> Yet you have made them little less | than divine;  
with glory and hon- | or you crown them.

<sup>6</sup> **You have made them rule over the works | of your hands;  
you have put all things un- | der their feet:**

<sup>7</sup> all | flocks and cattle,  
even the wild beasts | of the field,

<sup>8</sup> **the birds of the air, the fish | of the sea,  
and whatever passes along the paths | of the sea.**

<sup>9</sup> O | LORD our Lord,  
how majestic is your name in | all the earth!

## SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

A reading from 2 Corinthians.

*Paul closes a challenging letter to the Corinthians with an appeal to Christian fellowship grounded in the triune harmony of Christ's grace, God's love, and the Spirit's partnership.*

[Paul writes:] <sup>11</sup> Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Be restored; listen to my appeal; agree with one another; live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you.

<sup>12</sup> Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

<sup>13</sup> The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

**\*GOSPEL: Matthew 28:16-20**

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*After his resurrection, Jesus summons his remaining disciples and commissions them to baptize and teach all nations in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

<sup>16</sup> Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. <sup>17</sup> When they saw him, they worshiped him, but they doubted. <sup>18</sup> And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> 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 <sup>20</sup> and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON** Rev. Julia Brown

\*Please stand as you are able for the final verse

## HYMN OF THE DAY *Come, Join the Dance of Trinity* (ELW 412)



- 1 Come, join the dance of Trin - i - ty, be - fore all worlds be - gun—
- 2 Come, see the face of Trin - i - ty, new - born in Beth - le - hem;
- 3 Come, speak a - loud of Trin - i - ty, as wind and tongues of flame
- 4 With - in the dance of Trin - i - ty, be - fore all worlds be - gun,



the in - ter-weav - ing of the Three, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son.  
then blood - ied by a crown of thorns out - side Je - ru - sa - lem.  
set peo - ple free at Pen - te - cost to tell the Sav - ior's name.  
we sing the prais - es of the Three, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son.



The u - ni - verse of space and time did not a - rise by chance,  
The dance of Trin - i - ty is meant for hu - man flesh and bone;  
We know the yoke of sin and death, our necks have worn it smooth;  
Let voic - es rise and in - ter-weave, by love and hope set free,



but as the Three, in love and hope, made room with - in their dance.  
when fear con - fines the dance in death, God rolls a - way the stone.  
go tell the world of weight and woe that we are free to move!  
to shape in song this joy, this life: the dance of Trin - i - ty.

Text: Richard Leach, b. 1953  
Music: KINGSFOLD, English folk tune  
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Please join me as we confirm our faith together in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

### **\*CREED**

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.\*  
On the third day he rose again;**

he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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.


**\*PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH** (Please respond.)

P: God of grace, C: hear our prayer.

**\*PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
And also with you.

**\*OFFERTORY** *We Give Thee but Thine Own* (ELW 686) VS 1,2



1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;  
2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,



all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.  
and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.

## **\*OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray:

Gracious God,

**in the abundance of your steadfast love, you  
call us from death to life,  
from silence to speech,  
from idleness to action.**

**With these gifts we  
offer ourselves to you,  
and with the Church through all the ages  
we give thanks for your saving love in Jesus Christ  
our Lord. Amen.**

## **THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD**

O God of justice and love,  
we give thanks to you that you illumine our way  
through life with the words of your Son.  
Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others,  
and at the end bring all the world to your feast;  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom,  
with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.  
**Amen.**

## **\*LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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,  
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.**

## \*BLESSING

God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end,  
Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead,  
and the Spirit, our advocate and peace,

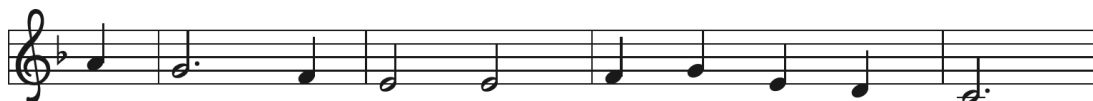
✠ bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

## \*SENDING SONG *Go to the World* (ACS 991)



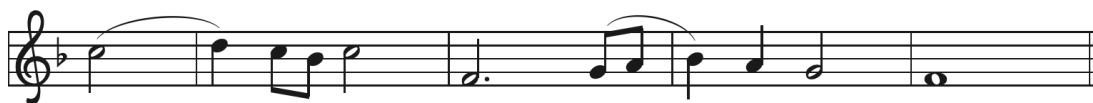
1 Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth.  
2 Go to the world! Go in - to ev - 'ry place.  
3 Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless, and pray;  
4 "Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,



Go preach the cross where Christ re - news life's worth,  
Go live the word of God's re - deem - ing grace.  
The nights of tears give way to joy - ous day.  
For I am with you till the age shall end,



bap - tiz - ing as the sign of our re - birth.  
Go seek God's pres - ence in each time and space.  
As ser - vant church, you fol - low Christ's own way.  
When all the hosts of glo - ry cry, A - men!"



Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955–1993

Music: SINE NOMINE, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958

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## \*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

## EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES/SILENT PRAYER

**POSTLUDE** *Holy God, We Praise Your Name* - Donald Johns

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### SERVING TODAY

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The altar flowers** this morning are placed to the glory of God in honor of our military personnel, gone but not forgotten given by Martie Veilleux.

**Welcome Visitors!** We welcome you to our worship service. We hope your visit with us will be a time of blessing. If you have any concerns, please talk to the Head Usher. We invite you to worship with us again!

**Any pastoral care or concerns can be addressed to Pastor Julia Brown** by email to [pastor@solomonslutheran.org](mailto:pastor@solomonslutheran.org) or phone 703-434-9220.

**Prayer requests for the following:** *Marie Dovey, Amy Eichelberger, Paul Steiding, Clif Rau, Dennis Hose, Sam Brooks, Kaitlyn Dovey, Patsy Wildeson, James Bersch, Kristen Hardman, Charles Carl, Debbie Aschmann, Donna, Karen, Linda Mumaugh, Katy Klutz, Becky Ensinger, all the Homebound, and our world & country. If anyone has a prayer request, please call Janice McEntire, 717-264-3702.*

**Please Be Aware:** *We wish to be a praying congregation, and especially for those who are sick or experiencing difficult times. We will continue to name person's (first name only) aloud each Sunday, and we will hold each name for a month. In order to keep our list updated we ask that by the final Thursday of the month, but please call Janice McEntire 717 264-3702 to keep the name on for an extra month. Any name can remain for as long as desired, but we need to hear from the person adding the name, or we will presume the name can be removed. Thank you for your understanding.*

## **Weekly Calendar Reminders:**

- June 1 - W&M 6pm
- 3 - Bible Study 10am
- Choir Dinner 6pm
- Qigong/Tai Chai 7pm
- 4 - Finance Noon

**Bible Study - Wednesdays at 10:00 AM in the fellowship center conference room.**

**During the months of June, July, and August, Social Ministry will be collecting items for personal care kits.** Kits will be assembled on Rally Day, September 13<sup>th</sup>. Display of items needed will be in the sanctuary. Anyone wishing to give a monetary donation can make a check payable to Solomon's Lutheran Church and mark personal care kits on memo line.

**You are invited to attend a fellowship lunch with Solomon's UCC every month on the fourth Thursday at 12:00 PM.**

**The Power Pack Program ends in May.** Social Ministry thanks all who participated in this ministry to help those in need. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

**Qigong/Tai Chi Class** - Wednesdays at 7:00pm at Solomon's Church main Sunday school room. This is an open class. All movement is done standing. Sitting can be an option. All exercises are mild. For more information contact: Colleen Johnson.

**If you are not taking your altar flowers home,** please let Kathy Bowen know to whom or to where you would like them donated. Thanks.

**The 2026 sign-up charts for Acolyte, Lector etc. are on the table in the Sunday School room.** Please sign up for as many as you can.

**The 2026 Chart for Altar flowers is on the table in the Sunday School room.** The cost of the two vases will be \$60.00 per week. You will continue to provide Kimberly with the information for the bulletin prior to the week before the Sunday you choose. Include the cost of \$60.00 with the bulletin information.

### **Music Notes/Hymn Notes:**

In a world filled with false gods, our gathering hymn, "Holy, Holy, Holy," exalts the one true God. This joyful hymn celebrates God's eternal and powerful presence. And it also reminds us of our own destiny, for someday, we too will sing "around the glassy sea." Reginald Heber wrote "Holy, Holy, Holy" while serving as a vicar in England. He was the first to compile a hymnal ordering hymns around the church calendar. Wanting to celebrate a triune God, Heber wrote "Holy, Holy, Holy" for Trinity Sunday--a day that reaffirmed the doctrine of the Trinity and was observed eight Sundays after Easter. The hymn was first published in 1826. Years later, John Dykes composed the tune Nicaea especially for Heber's "Holy, Holy, Holy." So, as we sing our gathering hymn this morning, take time to look for God's holiness. All around us, God's creation showcases his holiness. And when we truly open our eyes to it, we can't help but raise our voices with the angels in singing "Holy, Holy, Holy." (Songsandhymns.org).

The text of today's hymn of the day, "Come Join the Dance of Trinity" was written by Richard Leach in 2002. Since then, it has appeared in a number of hymnals, sung to the tune Kingsfold, an English folktune. Leach has said that he wanted to write hymn texts that are "biblically and theologically sound," which he accomplishes well in this hymn. Each of the first three verses addresses each part of the Trinity. The first verse speaks of the Father, the Creator, who is the originator of the dance. The second verse speaks of the life of Jesus, stating the "the Trinity is meant for human flesh and bone," reminding us that the dance isn't only for the divine, but for us as well. The third verse is for the Spirit, reminding us of Pentecost and spreading the word. The final verse begins with the words "Within the dance." We, as the singers and believers, have moved past being invited to the dance, we are now *within* it. The inter-weaving nature of the dance of the Trinity to include us makes this hymn a very active one. It is a celebration of our ability to move, to dance, and to sing within the Trinity: "Let voices rise and interweave, / by love and hope set free." It's a wonderful hymn to sing at any time, but especially today, Trinity Sunday, to remember that we are part of the divine, as much as they are a part of us. (firstuccnp.com; umcdiscipleship.org)

A brief note about the choir anthem: If you listen carefully to the text of the anthem, which is a hymn from our ELW, and then listen to the first reading this morning, you will hear a wonderful connection between the two about creation. The hymn was written by Canadian American author Catherine Cameron in 1967. The lyrics reflect the human awe of the cosmos, such as space exploration and the splitting of the atom, and asks God to guide these immense scientific discoveries so they serve humanity, not destroy it. It was crafted during a period of personal growth for Cameron, who designed it to marry ancient theological awe with the modern realities of the Space Age and urban life. (wordandwonder.com)