Puzzle # 3 – Symbolization

Guess the words defined by the clues below. The answers vary in length from three to eleven letters long (as indicated) and of these, four are capitalized, one is archaic and two are common foreign words. The punctuation in the clues may or may not help the solver.

Enter the answers in the grid one after the other starting in the top left corner and in the same order as the clues. Across words that don't end at the rightmost square of the row will continue on the leftmost square of the next row. Similarly, down words that do not end in the bottom square will continue at the top of the next column.

For four across words and four down words you will need to replace part of each of those eight answers with an appropriate symbol. In addition, six other across words and six other down words will not fit in the grid unless one of their letters is removed. These twelve letters, taken in order, will spell out a phrase further defining the eight replacements.

Across

1. Upset son, pits set characteristic of morbilli (10)
2. In place of Hydrogen, to return with the pointed vessel (7)
3. Difficult or not, first hesitation with your first (6)
4. Fair, never starting song (3)
5. Fish part I conclude (4)
6. Odds, Gary has in with Switzerland spoiler (6)
7. Dream about missing key Martian, plain (4)
8. Indian land, area I tear about (5)
9. Parents are right, really starting young, salmon (4)
10. Sail about randomly to precede Mona in classic (4)
11. Illegally, don't follow, suit Rene for example, inside (6)
12. Support criminal act, a wager maybe (4)
13. The Parisian article takes the middle of, takes loss (4)
14. In front of the Ritz, maybe operate or manage the first half (7)
15. Epiphanies include win, just (3)
16. Top floor, come back without kinetic potential (4)
17. Swiss maybe, drag around and about turn (5)
18. Hot, the trash…. (3)
19. ….the trash in the terminal, it terminates there (6)
20. A centimeter, gram, second unit, moon around and get the bird (7)
21. Regarding Fred, without stop, sign and control (3)
22. A northern guest, turn east out for The Blues (5)
23. Stigma, Mother is out and about nuts and bolts (4)
24. The glow of the Aurora, Uranium (4)
25. A thousand kneel in loo, outhouse initially (4)
26. Noting second post office, goes to Trinidad and Tobago with a gin fizz (8)
27. Pinhead, sized photograph for Tom, cord I untied (8)

Down

1. Per myself, do come back on, tall bottomless about teeth, surrounding materials (11)
2. Green, olivine agent returns identification and returns to (7)
3. It's a tester, the first that is in the railroad (5)
4. A very significant planet, it's about heart (5)
5. Thromboplastin, get in the bunco (5)
6. Gather Grappa, erratically in back (4)
7. Chant for Oxygen and butter, replacement (4)
8. This is not in every room, for starters it's smaller (6)
9. Not out, vitamin has nothing about Indian (4)
10. Author and Anne knocked senseless (5)
11. Mature part of the back nine, piracy (4)
12. In Thereof, that is frequent (3)
13. Russia has the capital of Georgian hairpiece (3)
14. Church sounds evil at first and gets excited (7)
15. Merit for me, out and about for length, of time (4)
16. Scare very badly and consecrate (5)
17. Move hastily with transcendental, constant character (4)
18. Jewish maybe fat, with root of, minus one plus half first (5)
19. Spoil and say hello, coming back for pilgrimage, attire (5)
20. Eastern spirit wears anorak, no, not there (4)
21. Firm, has right to take on a lawyer, start for the skeletons (5)
22. Brew, byproduct of where brew is served first, magnificent (4)
23. Was belted right? Wrong, Plancks constant is missing (4)
24. Soul, mate of Fred in disorderliness (6)
25. Capital of Lagos, look in here (4)
26. Do it!, set about the most decayed (7)
27. Redo, hippo to move about time, of light (11)