

COLLECT

Almighty God,
you have created the heavens and the earth
and made us in your own image:
teach us to discern your hand in all your works
and your likeness in all your children;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who with you and the Holy Spirit
reigns supreme over all things,
now and for ever.

FIRST READING

Genesis 2:4b-9. 15-25

A reading from the book of Genesis.

In the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens, when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up – for the LORD God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground; but a stream would rise from the earth, and water the whole face of the ground – then the LORD God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being. And the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed. Out of the ground the LORD God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, “You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.” Then the LORD God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.” So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, “This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken.” Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh. And the man and his wife were both naked, and were not ashamed.

PSALM Psalm 65

R *Be joyful in God, all the earth.*



Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion;
to you that answer prayer shall vows be paid.
To you shall all flesh come to confess their sins;
when our misdeeds prevail against us,
you will purge them away. **R**

Happy are they whom you choose
and draw to your courts to dwell there.
We shall be satisfied with the blessings of
your house, even of your holy temple.
With wonders you will answer us in your
righteousness, O God of our salvation,
O hope of all the ends of the earth
and of the farthest seas. **R**

In your strength you set fast the mountains
and are girded about with might.
You still the raging of the seas,
the roaring of their waves
and the clamour of the peoples.
Those who dwell at the ends of the earth
tremble at your marvels;
the gates of the morning and evening sing
your praise. **R**

You visit the earth and water it;
you make it very plenteous.
The river of God is full of water;
you prepare grain for your people,
for so you provide for the earth.
You drench the furrows and smooth out the
ridges;
you soften the ground with showers and
bless its increase. **R**

You crown the year with your goodness,
and your paths overflow with plenty.
May the pastures of the wilderness flow with
goodness
and the hills be girded with joy.
May the meadows be clothed with flocks of
sheep
and the valleys stand so thick with corn
that they shall laugh and sing. **R**

SECOND READING Revelation 4

A reading from the book of Revelation.

After this I looked, and there in heaven
a door stood open! And the first voice,
which I had heard speaking to me like a
trumpet, said, “Come up here, and I will
show you what must take place after this.”
At once I was in the spirit, and there in
heaven stood a throne, with one seated
on the throne! And the one seated there
looks like jasper and carnelian, and around
the throne is a rainbow that looks like an
emerald. Around the throne are twenty-
four thrones, and seated on the thrones are
twenty-four elders, dressed in white robes,
with golden crowns on their heads. Coming
from the throne are flashes of lightning,
and rumblings and peals of thunder, and

in front of the throne burn seven flaming
torches, which are the seven spirits of God;
and in front of the throne there is something
like a sea of glass, like crystal. Around the
throne, and on each side of the throne, are
four living creatures, full of eyes in front and
behind: the first living creature like a lion,
the second living creature like an ox, the
third living creature with a face like a human
face, and the fourth living creature like a
flying eagle. And the four living creatures,
each of them with six wings, are full of eyes
all around and inside. Day and night without
ceasing they sing, “Holy, holy, holy, the Lord
God the Almighty, who was and is and is to
come.” And whenever the living creatures
give glory and honour and thanks to the
one who is seated on the throne, who lives
for ever and ever, the twenty-four elders fall
before the one who is seated on the throne
and worship the one who lives for ever
and ever; they cast their crowns before the
throne, singing, “You are worthy, our Lord
and God, to receive glory and honour and
power, for you created all things, and by
your will they existed and were created.”

GOSPEL Luke 8:22-25

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

One day Jesus got into a boat with his
disciples, and he said to them, “Let us go
across to the other side of the lake.” So
they put out, and while they were sailing he
fell asleep. A gale swept down on the lake,
and the boat was filling with water, and they
were in danger. They went to him and woke
him up, shouting, “Master, Master, we are
perishing!” And he woke up and rebuked
the wind and the raging waves; they ceased,
and there was a calm. He said to them,
“Where is your faith?” They were afraid and
amazed, and said to one another, “Who
then is this, that he commands even the
winds and the water, and they obey him?”

POST COMMUNION

God our creator,
by your gift
the tree of life was set at the heart of the
earthly paradise,
and the bread of life at the heart of your
Church:
may we who have been nourished at your
table on earth
be transformed by the glory of the Saviour’s
cross
and enjoy the delights of eternity;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.



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