

SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

TRINITY 19 (YEAR B) PROPER 22

COLLECT

O God, forasmuch as without you we are not able to please you; mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Gen 2.18–24

A reading from the book of Genesis.

The Lord God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him.” Now out of the ground the Lord God had formed every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens 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 livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him. So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept 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; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.” Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 8



℟. How great is your name, O Lord our God, through all the earth! (*All repeat*)



Out of the mouths of | babes and infants
your majesty is praised a-|bove the heavens.
You have founded a stronghold a-|gainst your
foes,
to quell the enemy | and avenger. ℟.

When I consider the heavens, the work | of
your fingers,
the moon and the stars that you | have
ordained,
what is man, that you should be mind-|ful of
him?
and the son of man, that | you should care for
him? ℟.

Yet you have made him little lower | than the
angels;
you crown him with glo-|ry and honour.
You give him mastery over the works | of
your hands,
and put all things be-|neath his feet: ℟.

All | sheep and oxen,
even the wild beasts | of the field,
the birds of the air, the fish | of the sea,
and whatsoever moves in the paths | of the
sea. ℟.

SECOND READING

Heb 1.1–4; 2.5–12

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than

theirs.

Now it was not to angels that God subjected the world to come, of which we are speaking. It has been testified somewhere, "What is man, that you are mindful of him, or the son of man, that you care for him? You made him for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned him with glory and honour, putting everything in subjection under his feet." Now in putting everything in subjection to him, he left nothing outside his control. At present, we do not yet see everything in subjection to him. But we see him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honour because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

For it was fitting that he, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering. For he who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one source. That is why he is not ashamed to call them brothers, saying, "I will tell of your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will sing your praise."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

1 Jn 4.12

Alleluia.

If we love one another, God abides in us:
and his love is perfected in us.

Alleluia.

GOSPEL READING

Mk 10.2-16

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Hear the Gospel ✠ of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Pharisees came up and in order to test Jesus asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of divorce and

to send her away." And Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote you this commandment. But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' 'Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate."

And in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. And he said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her, and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

And they were bringing children to him that he might touch them, and the disciples rebuked them. But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it." And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Grant, Lord, that we may offer our gifts to you in the spirit of loving worship. Let your grace purify our hearts, so that this sacrament may free us from our sinfulness; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION

Holy and blessed God, you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son and filled us with your Holy Spirit: may we honour you, not only with our lips but in lives dedicated to the service of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**