

# SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

2 BEFORE LENT (YEAR C)

## 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. **Amen.**

## FIRST READING

*Gen 2.4b–7,18–25*

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 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. 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.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*from Ps 65*



*R.* The morning and the evening sing your praise. *(All repeat)*



Praise is due to you O God in Zion; to you shall vows be performed in Jerusalem.

You listen to our prayers; to you shall all flesh come. *R.*

Awesome deeds will you show us in your righteousness, O God of our salvation, O hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas. *R.*

You set fast the mountains by your power; they are girded about with might. You calm the seas, you still the roaring of their waves, and the tumult of the peoples. *R.*

Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvellous signs; you make both the dawn and the dusk to sing aloud in triumph. *R.*

## SECOND READING

*Rev 4.1–2,6b–11*

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. 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.'

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Heb 1.2*

**Alleluia.**

God has spoken to us through his Son:  
through whom he created the worlds.

**Alleluia.**

GOSPEL READING

*Lk 8.22–25*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

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 set out, and as they sailed he fell asleep. And a wind-storm came down on the lake, and they were filling with water and were in danger. And they went and woke him, saying, "Master, Master, we are perishing!" And he awoke and rebuked the wind and the raging waves, and they ceased, and there was a calm. He said to them, "Where is your faith?" And they were

afraid, and they marvelled, saying to one another, "Who then is this, that he commands even winds and water, and they obey him?"

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

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PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

O God, you bestow the offerings we make to your name, and provide us with the gifts for our loving service: mercifully grant that the grace you impart may lead us to our reward. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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. **Amen.**