

Sunday, June 4, 2023
The Holy Trinity, Year A

First Reading Genesis 1:1--2:4a
Psalm Psalm 8
Second Reading 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

A READING FROM GENESIS

¹In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

⁶And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." ⁷So 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. ⁸God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

⁹And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. ¹⁰God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. ¹¹Then 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. ¹²The 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. ¹³And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

¹⁴And 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, ¹⁵and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. ¹⁶God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. ¹⁷God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, ¹⁸to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

²⁰And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures,

and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.” ²¹So 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. ²²God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” ²³And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

²⁴And 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. ²⁵God 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.

²⁶Then God said, “Let us make humankind 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.”

²⁷So God created humankind in his image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.

²⁸God 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.” ²⁹God 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. ³⁰And 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. ³¹God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

^{2:1}Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. ²And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. ³So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

^{4a}These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

THE WORD OF THE LORD
THANKS BE TO GOD

*(If the Psalm is sung by the choir, you will not be required to lead the Psalm.
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PLEASE JOIN ME IN READING THE 8th PSALM IN UNISON

**¹O | LORD our Lord,
how majestic is your name in | all the earth!—
²you 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.
³When I consider your heavens, the work | of your fingers,
the moon and the stars you have set | in their courses,
⁴what are mere mortals that you should be mind- | ful of them,
human beings that you should | care for them? R
⁵Yet you have made them little less | than divine;
with glory and hon- | or you crown them.
⁶You have made them rule over the works | of your hands;
you have put all things un- | der their feet:
⁷all | flocks and cattle,
even the wild beasts | of the field,
⁸the birds of the air, the fish | of the sea,
and whatever passes along the paths | of the sea.
⁹O | LORD our Lord,
how majestic is your name in | all the earth! R**

A READING FROM 2nd CORINTHIANS

[Paul writes:] ¹¹Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. ¹²Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

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

**THE WORD OF THE LORD
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Sunday, June 11, 2023

Lectionary 10, Year A, 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading Hosea 5:15--6:6
Psalm Psalm 50:7-15
Second Reading Romans 4:13-25

A READING FROM HOSEA

¹⁵I will return again to my place
until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face.
In their distress they will beg my favor:
^{6:1}"Come, let us return to the LORD;
for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us;
he has struck down, and he will bind us up.
²After two days he will revive us;
on the third day he will raise us up,
that we may live before him.
³Let us know, let us press on to know the LORD;
his appearing is as sure as the dawn;
he will come to us like the showers,
like the spring rains that water the earth."
⁴What shall I do with you, O Ephraim?
What shall I do with you, O Judah?
Your love is like a morning cloud,
like the dew that goes away early.
⁵Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets,
I have killed them by the words of my mouth,
and my judgment goes forth as the light.
⁶For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice,
the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

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PLEASE JOIN ME IN READING THE 50th PSALM IN UNISON

⁷Listen, my people, and I will speak: Israel, I will bear witness against you;

for I am God, your God.

**⁸I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices;
your burnt offerings are always before me.**

**⁹I will not accept a calf from your stalls,
nor goats from your pens;**

**¹⁰for all the wild animals of the forest are mine,
the cattle on a thousand hills. R**

**¹¹I know every bird of the mountains,
and the creatures of the fields are mine.**

**¹²If I were hungry, I would not tell you,
for the whole world is mine and all that is in it.**

**¹³Do you think I eat the flesh of bulls,
or drink the blood of goats?**

**¹⁴Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving
and make good your vows to the Most High.**

**¹⁵Call upon me in the day of trouble;
I will deliver you, and you shall honor me. R**

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A READING FROM ROMANS

¹³The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith.

¹⁴If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

¹⁶For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, ¹⁷as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations")—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

¹⁸Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." ¹⁹He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. ²⁰No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²²Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." ²³Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, ²⁴but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, ²⁵who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

THE WORD OF THE LORD
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Sunday, June 18, 2023

Lectionary 11, Year A, 3rd Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading Exodus 19:2-8a
Psalm Psalm 100
Second Reading Romans 5:1-8

A READING FROM EXODUS

²[The Israelites] had journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain.³Then Moses went up to God; the LORD called to him from the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the Israelites: ⁴You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. ⁵Now therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, ⁶but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites."

⁷So Moses came, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him. ^{8a}The people all answered as one: "Everything that the LORD has spoken we will do."

THE WORD OF THE LORD THANKS BE TO GOD

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PLEASE JOIN ME IN READING THE 100th PSALM IN UNISON

¹Make a joyful noise to the LORD, | all you lands!

**²Serve the LORD with gladness; come into God's presence | with
a song.**

**³Know that the LORD is God, our maker to whom | we belong;
we are God's people and the sheep | of God's pasture. R**

**⁴Enter the gates of the LORD with thanksgiving and the | courts
with praise;**

give thanks and bless God's | holy name.

**⁵Good indeed is the LORD, whose steadfast love is | everlasting,
whose faithfulness endures from | age to age. R**

A READING FROM ROMANS

¹Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

THE WORD OF THE LORD
THANKS BE TO GOD

Sunday, June 25, 2023

Lectionary 12, Year A, 4th Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading Jeremiah 20:7-13
Psalm Psalm 69:7-10 [11-15] 16-18
Second Reading Romans 6:1b-11

A READING FROM JEREMIAH

⁷O LORD, you have enticed me,
and I was enticed;
you have overpowered me,
and you have prevailed.
I have become a laughingstock all day long;
everyone mocks me.
⁸For whenever I speak, I must cry out,
I must shout, "Violence and destruction!"
For the word of the LORD has become for me
a reproach and derision all day long.
⁹If I say, "I will not mention him,
or speak any more in his name,"
then within me there is something like a burning fire
shut up in my bones;
I am weary with holding it in,
and I cannot.
¹⁰For I hear many whispering:
"Terror is all around!
Denounce him! Let us denounce him!"
All my close friends
are watching for me to stumble.
"Perhaps he can be enticed,
and we can prevail against him,
and take our revenge on him."
¹¹But the LORD is with me like a dread warrior;
therefore my persecutors will stumble,
and they will not prevail.
They will be greatly shamed,
for they will not succeed.
Their eternal dishonor
will never be forgotten.

¹²O LORD of hosts, you test the righteous,
you see the heart and the mind;
let me see your retribution upon them,
for to you I have committed my cause.

¹³Sing to the LORD;
praise the LORD!

For he has delivered the life of the needy
from the hands of evildoers.

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PLEASE JOIN ME IN READING THE 69th PSALM IN UNISON

⁷**Surely, for your sake I have suf- | fered reproach,
and shame has cov- | ered my face.**

⁸**I have become a stranger to | my own kindred,
an alien to my | mother's children.**

⁹**Zeal for your house has eat- | en me up;
the scorn of those who scorn you has fall- | en upon me.**

¹⁰**I humbled my- | self with fasting,
but that was turned to | my reproach. R**

[¹¹**I put on | sackcloth also,
and became a by- | word among them.**

¹²**Those who sit at the gate mur- | mur against me,
and the drunkards make | songs about me.**

¹³**But as for me, this is my prayer to you, at the time you have |
set, O LORD:**

**"In your great mercy, O God, answer me with your un- | failing
help.**

¹⁴**Save me from the mire; do not | let me sink;
let me be rescued from those who hate me and out of | the deep
waters. R**

¹⁵**Let not the torrent of waters wash over me, neither let the deep
swal- | low me up;
do not let the pit shut its | mouth upon me.**

] ¹⁶**Answer me, O LORD, for your | love is kind;
in your great compassion, | turn to me.**

**¹⁷Hide not your face | from your servant;
be swift and answer me, for I am | in distress.**
**¹⁸Draw near to me | and redeem me;
because of my enemies de- | liver me. R**

A READING FROM ROMANS

^{1b}Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For whoever has died is freed from sin. ⁸But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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