

READINGS AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

May 31st—8:00 & 10:15am

First Reading (8 & 10:15) *Please check that microphone is on*

A reading from the book of Genesis.

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the 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. Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

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

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

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

And God said, “Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.” So 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. God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

And 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. God 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.

Then 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.”

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

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

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

These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

The Word of the Lord.

The Psalm (8:00 only) *Please check that microphone is on*

Let us pray Psalm 8 responsively, breaking at the asterisk.

- 1 O Lord our Governor, ***
how exalted is your Name in all the world!
- 2 Out of the mouth of infants and children***
your majesty is praised above the heavens.
- 3 You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries, ***
to quell the enemy and the avenger.
- 4 When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, ***
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,
- 5 What is man that you should be mindful of him? ***
the son of man that you should seek him out?
- 6 You have made him but little lower than the angels; ***
you adorn him with glory and honor;
- 7 You give him mastery over the works of your hands; ***
you put all things under his feet:
- 8 All sheep and oxen, ***
even the wild beasts of the field,
- 9 The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, ***
and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.
- 10 O Lord our Governor, ***
how exalted is your Name in all the world.

Second Lesson (8 & 10:15) *Please check that microphone is on*

A reading from the second letter to the Corinthians.

Finally, 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. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

The 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.

The Prayers (8:00 & 10:15) Please check that microphone is on

Deacon: Wondrous God, we offer our prayers to you and hope and confidence as we say, Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Almighty God, giver of every good gift, look graciously on your Church, St. Paul's, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For the whole church of God, that we might strive to be as one, as our God is one, that we might fulfill your call to ceaselessly give witness to the power of Christ's example and persevere in continuing his ministry of reconciliation and healing. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Embolden us to hold our leaders accountable to the possibility of hope and transformation; Grant them wisdom and courage to work for the greatest good for all people. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For the creation, that we might be effective stewards and use the abundant resources you have given us wisely and sustainably. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For this assembly, that we might discern your will for us and deploy the gifts you have given us to build the Kingdom of God through our daily lives. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bring healing to what is broken in our lives and in the lives of those important to us; Help all who suffer that they might find release from their anguish and wholeness in their souls. Especially we pray for **Beverly, Mary, Barbara, Connie,**

John, Paul, Mary Jane, David, Marcia, Claudius, Jack, Linda, Mara, Shelia, Bill, Diane, Lois, Donna, Hans, Nathan, Noreen, Scott, Bertha, Amelia, Ella, Bill, and those whose names are held in the quiet of our heart. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for the lives and examples of **Joan Atwater and of Mickey Vassallo**, in whose honor and to God's glory the flowers have been given. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Welcome the dying, comfort the grieving, and grant us entry into your eternal presence in the age to come. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

After a period of silence, the presider adds a collect.