

Sunday between 2 and 8 October

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

First Reading - Genesis 2.7-8,15,18-24

A reading from the book of Genesis.

The Lord God formed Adam -
the first human being -
from the dust of the earth.

And the Lord God
breathed
into Adam's nostrils
the breath of life,
and Adam became
a living being.

And the Lord God planted
a garden, in Eden, in the east;
and the Lord God placed Adam in the garden,
to tend it, and to keep it.

Then the Lord God said, 'It is not good
for Adam to be alone.
I will make a helper, to be alongside Adam.'

So the Lord God formed, from the dust of the earth,
every animal of the field,
and every bird of the air.

And the Lord God brought them to Adam,
and whatever Adam called each living creature,
that was its name.

And so Adam gave names
to the cattle, to the birds of the air,
and to every animal of the field.

But still, no suitable helper was found
to be alongside Adam.

So the Lord God caused Adam
to fall into a deep sleep.

And while Adam slept, the Lord God
opened Adam's side, and took one of Adam's ribs;
and closed up the place, where the rib
had been taken, with flesh;
and formed the rib into a woman.

And the Lord God brought her to Adam.

And Adam said, 'This, at last,
is bone of my bone,
and flesh of my flesh, formed
from my very self. I name her "Woman".'

And so it is
that when two people marry,
they become one body.

This is the word of the Lord.

Second Reading - Hebrews 2.6-11

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

In the psalms, it says,
'What are human beings,
that you remember them,
or mortals,
that you care for them?'

And it continues,
'You have made
mortal human beings
to be, for a little while,
lower
than the angels.

And yet, you have crowned them
with glory and honour,
and you have set them
to rule
over all
that you have made.'

We certainly do not yet
see this
fully accomplished
for us all.

But we do see
Jesus, who,
for a little while,
was indeed
made lower
than the angels.

And, by the grace of God,
having tasted death
for everyone,
Jesus is indeed
now crowned
with glory and honour.

Having shared with us
in our sufferings,
Jesus has become
the pioneer of our salvation;
and he will lead us
to that same
glory and honour;
for Jesus is not ashamed
to call us
his brothers and sisters,
sharing the same Father,
the creator
of all that exists.

This is the word of the Lord.

Gospel - Mark 10.13-16

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

People were bringing children
to Jesus,
so that he could bless them.

When Jesus realised
that the disciples
were trying to stop them,
he was indignant,
and said to them,
'Let the children
come to me,
for the kingdom of God
belongs
to such as these.

Indeed,
you can only enter
the kingdom of God
if you receive it
like a child.'

And he put his arms
around them,
and blessed them.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.