

Humanity Sunday

Second Sunday of Creation

Year B

12th September 2021

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Prayer of the Day:

Heavenly Father,
we, as Earth beings, celebrate with you,
our connection with creation.
Help us to recognise our inseparable dependence from the
domains of nature,
that this Earth is not a stopping place for our souls,
but our lives gives life,
as your Son, our Christ, gave his spirit, mind, body and soul to you,
as a servant.

Amen.

A reading from the Genesis

Chapter 1 beginning at verse 26.

²⁶ Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of thesea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wildanimals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."

²⁷ So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. ²⁸ 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."

[NRSV Genesis 1: 26-28]

Hear the word of the Lord,

thanks be to God

Psalm 8 [ABPA p 229]

*The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark,
Chapter 10 beginning at verse 41.*

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴¹ When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. ⁴² So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. ⁴³ But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴ and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵ For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

[NRSV Mark 10: 41-45]

This is the Gospel of the Lord, **praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sentence:

Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves.

- 1 O Lord, our Governor:
how glorious is your name in all the earth!
- 2 Your majesty above the heavens is yet recounted:
by the mouths of babes and sucklings.
- 3 You have founded a strong defence 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 which you have set in order.
- 5 What are we, that you should be mindful of us:
what are we, that you should care for us?
- 6 Yet you have made us little less than gods:
and you have crowned us with glory and honor.
- 7 You have given us dominion over your handiwork:
and have put all things in subjection beneath our feet.
- 8 All sheep and oxen:
and all the creatures of the field.
- 9 The birds of the air, and the fish of the sea:
and everything that moves in the pathways of the great waters.
- 10 O Lord, our Governor,
how glorious is your name in all the earth!

*A reading from the Letter to the Philippians,
Chapter 2 beginning at Verse 1.*

¹ If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, ² make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³ Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴ Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. ⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷ but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, ⁸ he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

[NRSV Philippians 2: 1-8]

Hear the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God.**