

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P O God, whose never-failing providence orders all things both in heaven and earth, we humbly implore You to put away from us all hurtful things and to give us those things that are profitable for us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 2:7–17

Then the LORD God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature.

And the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed. And out of the ground the LORD God made to spring up every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

A river flowed out of Eden to water the garden, and there it divided and became four rivers. The name of the first is the Pishon. It is the one that flowed around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold. And the gold of that land is good; bdellium and onyx stone are there. The name of the second river is the Gihon. It is the one that flowed around the whole land of Cush. And the name of the third river is the Tigris, which flows east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates.

The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, “You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.”

P This is the Word of the Lord,

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

(Psalm 34:11, 5)

P Come, O children, lis- | ten to me; *
I will teach you the fear | of the LORD.

C Those who look to him are | radiant, *
and their faces shall never | be ashamed.

Epistle Reading

Romans 6:19–23

I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification.

When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

P This is the Word of the Lord,

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia

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Holy Gospel

Mark 8:1–9

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 8th chapter.

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

In those days, when again a great crowd had gathered, and they had nothing to eat, [Jesus] called his disciples to him and said to them, “I have compassion on the crowd, because they have been with me now three days and have nothing to eat.

And if I send them away hungry to their homes, they will faint on the way. And some of them have come from far away.” And his disciples answered him, “How can one feed these people with bread here in this desolate place?” And he asked them, “How many loaves do you have?” They said, “Seven.” And he directed the crowd to sit down on the ground. And he took the seven loaves, and having given thanks, he broke them and gave them to his disciples to set before the people; and they set them before the crowd. And they had a few small fish. And having blessed them, he said that these also should be set before them. And they ate and were satisfied. And they took up the broken pieces left over, seven baskets full. And there were about four thousand people. And he sent them away.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed *p191*

Sermon Hymn: *“Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good”* *LSB 819*

Sermon

Offertory *p192*

Offering

Prayer of the Church

P Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface - Sanctus - Lord’s Prayer *p194 ff*

The Words of Our Lord - Pax Domini - Agnus Dei

Distribution Hymns:

“Oh, How Great Is Thy Compassion” *LSB 559*

“Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread” *LSB 625*

“The Tree of Life” *LSB 561*

Nunc Dimittis - Thanksgiving - Post-Communion Collect *p199 ff*

Salutation - Benedicamus - Benediction

Closing Hymn: *“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”* *LSB 790*

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