

**A reading from Genesis chapter 2 verses 4 through 9 and 15 through 17. You can find this reading on page 2 of your pew Bible.**

These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens.

When no bush of the field was yet in the land and no small plant of the field had yet sprung up—for the Lord God had not caused it to rain on the land, and there was no man to work the ground, and a mist was going up from the land and was watering the whole face of the ground— 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.

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.”

**The Word of the Lord.**  
***Thanks be to God.***

**Please join me in praying Psalm 123.**

Leader: To you I lift up my eyes,  
O you who are enthroned in the heavens!

**People: Behold, as the eyes of servants  
look to the hand of their master,**

Leader: as the eyes of a maidservant  
to the hand of her mistress,

**People: so our eyes look to the Lord our God,  
till he has mercy upon us.**

Leader: Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us,  
for we have had more than enough of contempt.

**People: Our soul has had more than enough  
of the scorn of those who are at ease,  
of the contempt of the proud.**

**Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit: as it was  
in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**Leader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Mark.**

***People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

And he went up on the mountain and called to him those whom he desired, and they came to him. And he appointed twelve (whom he also named apostles) so that they might be with him and he might send them out to preach and have authority to cast out demons. He appointed the twelve: Simon (to whom he gave the name Peter); James the son of Zebedee and John the brother of James (to whom he gave the name Boanerges, that is, Sons of Thunder); Andrew, and Philip, and Bartholomew, and Matthew, and Thomas, and James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

**Leader: The Gospel of the Lord**

***People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.***