

**A reading from the book of Genesis chapter 1 verse 26 through chapter 2 verse 3:**

Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

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

And 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 heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth." And God said, "Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on 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 heavens 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. And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, 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 the host of them. And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation.

**The Word of the Lord.**

***Thanks be to God.***

**Please join me in praying Psalm 104**

**Leader: O Lord, how manifold are your works!**

People: In wisdom have you made them all;  
the earth is full of your creatures.

**Leader: Here is the sea, great and wide,**

People: which teems with creatures innumerable,  
living things both small and great.

**Leader: There go the ships,  
and Leviathan, which you formed to play in it.**

People: These all look to you,  
to give them their food in due season.

**Leader: When you give it to them, they gather it up;  
when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.**

People: When you hide your face, they are dismayed;

**Leader: when you take away their breath, they die  
and return to their dust.**

People: When you send forth your Spirit, they are created,  
and you renew the face of the ground.

**All: 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 John.**

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

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. (John bore witness about him, and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.'") For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

**Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.**

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

**Leader: You may be seated.**