

June 26

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READING I

Gen. 2:4b-9, 15

A reading from the book of Genesis

*God took the man and settled him in the garden of Eden to cultivate  
and take care of it*

At the time when the Lord God made earth and heaven there was as yet no wild bush on the earth nor had any wild plant yet sprung up, for the Lord God had not sent rain on the earth, nor was there any man to till the soil. However, a flood was rising from the earth and watering all the surface of the soil. The Lord God fashioned man of dust from the soil. Then he breathed into his nostrils a breath of life, and thus man became a living being.

The Lord God planted a garden in Eden which is in the east, and there he put the man he had fashioned. The Lord God caused to spring up from the soil every kind of tree, enticing to look at and good to eat, with the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the middle of the garden. The Lord God took the man and settled him in the garden of Eden to cultivate and take care of it.

This is the Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps. 2:7-12

**R.** Praise the Lord, all you peoples!

*All repeat:* **R.** Praise the Lord, all you peoples!

I will announce the decree of the Lord:

He said to me: «You are my Son.

It is I who have begotten you this day».

**R.** Praise the Lord, all you peoples!

«Ask and I shall bequeath you the nations,  
put the ends of the earth in your possession.

With a rod of iron you will break them,  
shatter them like a potter's jar».

**R.** Praise the Lord, all you peoples!

Now, O kings, understand,  
take warning, rulers of the earth;  
serve the Lord with awe and trembling,  
pay him your homage.

R/. Praise the Lord, all you peoples!

Lest he be angry, and you perish,  
for suddenly his anger will blaze.

Blessed are they who put their trust in God.

R/. Praise the Lord, all you peoples!

READING II

Rom. 8:14-17

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

*The Spirit himself and our spirit bear united witness that we are children of God*

Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God. The spirit you received is not the spirit of slaves bringing fear into your lives again; it is the spirit of sons, and it makes us cry out: «Abba, Father!» The Spirit himself and our spirit bear united witness that we are children of God. And if we are children we are heirs as well: heirs of God and coheirs with Christ, sharing his sufferings so as to share his glory.

This is the Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL

Luke 5:1-11

V/. Alleluia. R/. Alleluia.

Mark 1:17

V/. Follow me, says the Lord,  
and I will make you fishers of men. R/. Alleluia.

✠ A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke

*I will place my trust in your words*

Jesus was standing one day by the lake of Gennesaret, with the crowd pressing round him listening to the word of God, when he caught sight of two boats close to the bank. The fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats—it was Simon's—and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat.

When he had finished speaking he said to Simon Peter, «Put out into deep water and pay out your nets for a catch.» «Master,» Simon replied, «we worked hard all night long and caught nothing, but if you say so, I will pay out the nets.» And when they had done this they netted such a huge number of fish that their nets began to tear, so they signalled to their companions in the other boat to come and help them; when these came, they filled the two boats to sinking point.

When Simon Peter saw this he fell at the knees of Jesus saying, «Leave me Lord; I am a sinful man.» For he and all his companions were completely overcome by the catch they had made; so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were Simon's partners. But Jesus said to Simon, «Do not be afraid; from now on it is men you will catch.» Then, bringing their boats back to land, they left everything and followed him.

This is the gospel of the Lord.