

Today's Readings

FEAST OF THE CREATOR | SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2026

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Creator, you have wonderfully fashioned the heavens and the earth and us in your own image. Teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your breath in all creatures that we may be of service in the healing of the earth, through Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, through whom you breathe all creation into being.

Amen.

THE FIRST READING

Proverbs 8.22-31

A reading from the Book of the Proverbs.

The Lord created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago. Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth—when he had not yet made earth and fields, or the world's first bits of soil. When he established the heavens, I was there, when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep, when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth, then I was beside him, like a master worker; and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always, rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 33.1-9

The psalm is spoken, as indicated by the presider.

Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous; *
it is good for the just to sing praises.

Praise the Lord with the harp; *
play to God upon the psaltery and lyre.

Sing for God a new song; *
sound a fanfare with all your skill upon the trumpet.

For the word of the Lord is right, *
and all the works of God are sure.

God loves righteousness and justice; *
the loving-kindness of the Lord fills the whole earth.

By the word of the Lord were the heavens made, *
by the breath of God's mouth all the heavenly hosts.

God gathers up the waters of the ocean as in a water-skin *
and stores up the depths of the sea.

Let all the earth fear the Lord; *
let all who dwell in the world stand in awe of God.
For God spoke, and it came to pass; *
God commanded, and it stood fast.

THE SECOND READING

Colossians 1.15-20

A reading from the Letter to the Colossians.

Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 1.1-5

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.