



O <sup>1</sup> LORD our Lord,  
 how majestic is your name in <sup>1</sup> all the earth!—  
<sup>2</sup>you whose glory is chanted above the heavens  
 out of the mouths of in- <sup>1</sup> fants and children;  
 you have set up a fortress against your enemies,  
 to silence the foe <sup>1</sup> and avenger.  
<sup>3</sup>When I consider your heavens, the work <sup>1</sup> of your fingers,  
 the moon and the stars you have set <sup>1</sup> in their courses,  
<sup>4</sup>what are mere mortals that you should be mind- <sup>1</sup> ful of them,  
 human beings that you should <sup>1</sup> care for them? **R**  
<sup>5</sup>Yet you have made them little less <sup>1</sup> than divine;  
 with glory and hon- <sup>1</sup> or you crown them.  
<sup>6</sup>You have made them rule over the works <sup>1</sup> of your hands;  
 you have put all things un- <sup>1</sup> der their feet:  
<sup>7</sup>all <sup>1</sup> flocks and cattle,  
 even the wild beasts <sup>1</sup> of the field,  
<sup>8</sup>the birds of the air, the fish <sup>1</sup> of the sea,  
 and whatever passes along the paths <sup>1</sup> of the sea.  
<sup>9</sup>O <sup>1</sup> LORD our Lord,  
 how majestic is your name in <sup>1</sup> all the earth! **R**

First Reading, continued

<sup>20</sup>And God said, “Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.” <sup>21</sup>So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. <sup>22</sup>God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” <sup>23</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

<sup>24</sup>And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.” And it was so. <sup>25</sup>God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

<sup>26</sup>Then God said, “Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.”

<sup>27</sup>So God created humankind in his image,

in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

<sup>28</sup>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 air and over every living thing that moves upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. <sup>30</sup>And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, 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. <sup>31</sup>God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

<sup>21</sup>Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. <sup>2</sup>And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. <sup>3</sup>So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

<sup>4</sup>These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

## Second Reading

## 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

*Paul closes a challenging letter to the Corinthians with an appeal to Christian fellowship grounded in the triune harmony of Christ's grace, God's love, and the Spirit's partnership.*

[Paul writes:] Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. <sup>12</sup>Greet one another with a holy kiss. All

the saints greet you.

<sup>13</sup>The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

## Gospel

## Matthew 28:16-20

*After his resurrection, Jesus summons his remaining disciples and commissions them to baptize and teach all nations in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. <sup>17</sup>When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. <sup>18</sup>And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup>Go

therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”