

Daily Reading for Sunday, October 3rd, 2021

Reading 1, *Genesis 2:18-24*

¹⁸ Yahweh God said, 'It is not right that the man should be alone. I shall make him a helper.' ¹⁹ So from the soil Yahweh God fashioned all the wild animals and all the birds of heaven. These he brought to the man to see what he would call them; each one was to bear the name the man would give it. ²⁰ The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of heaven and all the wild animals. But no helper suitable for the man was found for him. ²¹ Then, Yahweh God made the man fall into a deep sleep. And, while he was asleep, he took one of his ribs and closed the flesh up again forthwith. ²² Yahweh God fashioned the rib he had taken from the man into a woman, and brought her to the man. ²³ And the man said: This one at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh! She is to be called Woman, because she was taken from Man. ²⁴ This is why a man leaves his father and mother and becomes attached to his wife, and they become one flesh.

Responsorial Psalm, *Psalms 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6*

¹ [Song of Ascents] How blessed are all who fear Yahweh, who walk in his ways! ² Your own labours will yield you a living, happy and prosperous will you be.

³ Your wife a fruitful vine in the inner places of your house.
Your children round your table like shoots of an olive tree.

⁴ Such are the blessings that fall on those who fear Yahweh.

⁵ May Yahweh bless you from Zion! May you see Jerusalem prosper all the days of your life,

⁶ and live to see your children's children! Peace to Israel!

Reading 2, *Hebrews 2:9-11*

⁹ but we do see Jesus, who was for a short while made less than the angels, now crowned with glory and honour because he submitted to death; so that by God's grace his experience of death should benefit all humanity. ¹⁰ It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom everything exists, should, in bringing many sons to glory, make perfect through suffering the leader of their salvation. ¹¹ For consecrator and consecrated are all of the same stock; that is why he is not ashamed to call them brothers

Gospel, Mark 10:2-16

² Some Pharisees approached him and asked, 'Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?' They were putting him to the test. ³ He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' ⁴ They replied, 'Moses allowed us to draw up a writ of dismissal in cases of divorce.' ⁵ Then Jesus said to them, 'It was because you were so hard hearted that he wrote this commandment for you. ⁶ But from the beginning of creation he made them male and female. ⁷ This is why a man leaves his father and mother, ⁸ and the two become one flesh. They are no longer two, therefore, but one flesh. ⁹ So then, what God has united, human beings must not divide.' ¹⁰ Back in the house the disciples questioned him again about this, ¹¹ and he said to them, 'Whoever divorces his wife and marries another is guilty of adultery against her. ¹² And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another she is guilty of adultery too.' ¹³ People were bringing little children to him, for him to touch them. The disciples scolded them, ¹⁴ but when Jesus saw this he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. ¹⁵ In truth I tell you, anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' ¹⁶ Then he embraced them, laid his hands on them and gave them his blessing.

