

Sunday 2 October 2022. Fifth Sunday of Creationtide

COLLECT

God, the giver of life,
whose Holy Spirit wells up within
your Church:
by the Spirit's gifts equip us to live
the gospel of Christ
and make us eager to do your will,
that we may share with the whole
creation
the joys of eternal life;
through Jesus Christ your Son our
Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever

FIRST READING

Genesis 9:8-17

A reading from the book of Genesis

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, 'As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.' God said, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all

flesh that is on the earth.' God said to Noah, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.'

PSALM Psalm 67

God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us,
That your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations.

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

O let the nations rejoice and be glad, for you will judge the peoples righteously and govern the nations upon earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

Then shall the earth bring forth her increase, and God, our own God, will bless us.

God will bless us, and all the ends of the earth shall fear him.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 10:23-31

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians

All things are lawful', but not all things are beneficial. 'All things are lawful', but not all things build up. Do not seek your own advantage, but that of others. Eat whatever is sold in the meat market without raising any question on the ground of conscience, for 'the earth and its fullness are the Lord's.' If an unbeliever invites you to a meal and you are disposed to go, eat whatever is set before you without raising any question on the ground of conscience. But if someone says to you, 'This has been offered in sacrifice', then do not eat it, out of consideration for the one who

informed you, and for the sake of conscience—I mean the other's conscience, not your own. For why should my liberty be subject to the judgement of someone else's conscience? If I partake with thankfulness, why should I be denounced because of that for which I give thanks?

So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God.

GOSPEL

Matthew 5:43-48

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

'You have heard that it was said, "You shall love your neighbour and hate your enemy." But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax-collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

POST COMMUNION

God our Father,
whose Son, the light unfailing,
hath come from heaven that he may deliver the world
from the darkness of ignorance:
may the eyes of our understanding
be opened through these holy
mysteries
that we, knowing the way of life,
may walk in it without stumbling;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.