

Sunday Live 22nd March 2020

God's care of Creation

Readings

Genesis 1: 26-2:3

Then God said, "Now let's make humans who will be like us. They will rule over all the fish in the sea and the birds in the air. They will rule over all the large animals and all the little things that crawl on the earth."

27 So God created humans in his own image. He created them to be like himself. He created them male and female. 28 God blessed them and said to them, "Have many children. Fill the earth and take control of it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the air. Rule over every living thing that moves on the earth."

29 God said, "I am giving you all the grain bearing plants and all the fruit trees. These trees make fruit with seeds in it. This grain and fruit will be your food. 30 And I am giving all the green plants to the animals. These green plants will be their food. Every animal on earth, every bird in the air, and all the little things that crawl on the earth will eat that food." And all these things happened.

31 God looked at everything he had made. And he saw that everything was very good. There was evening, and then there was morning. This was the sixth day.

2So the earth, the sky, and everything in them were finished.
2 God finished the work he was doing, so on the seventh day

ACTIVITY

Get a piece of plain white A4 paper and make a black and white picture of what we read about in the Genesis passage.

You can email your pictures to sundaylive2020@gmail.com

The best 3 pictures will be shown on next week's Sunday Live.

he rested from his work. 3 God blessed the seventh day and made it a holy day. He made it special because on that day he rested from all the work he did while creating the world.

Luke 2:26-35

26 The Holy Spirit told him that he would not die before he saw the Messiah from the Lord. 27 The Spirit led Simeon to the Temple. So he was there when Mary and Joseph brought the baby Jesus to do what the Jewish law said they must do. 28 Simeon took the baby in his arms and thanked God:

29 "Now, Lord, you can let me, your servant, die in peace as you said. 30 I have seen with my own eyes how you will save your people. 31 Now all people can see your plan. 32 He is a light to show your way to the other nations. And he will bring honour to your people Israel."

33 Jesus' father and mother were amazed at what Simeon said about him. 34 Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, "Many Jews will fall and many will rise because of this boy. He will be a sign from God that some will not accept. 35 So the secret thoughts of many will be made known. And the things that happen will be painful for you—like a sword cutting through your heart."

PRAYERS

Collect for Mothering Sunday:

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; 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. AMEN

SONG

Lord, the light of your love is shining
In the midst of the darkness,
shining
Jesus, Light of the world,
shine upon us
Set us free by the truth you
now bring us
Shine on me, shine on me

*Shine, Jesus, shine
Fill this land with the
Father's glory
Blaze, Spirit, blaze
Set our hearts on fire
Flow, river, flow
Flood the nations with
grace and mercy
Send forth your word
Lord, and let there be light*

Lord, I come to your
awesome presence
From the shadows into your
radiance
By the blood I may enter
your brightness
Search me, try me, consume
all my darkness
Shine on me, shine on me

As we gaze on your kingly
brightness
So our faces display your
likeness
Ever changing from glory to
glory
Mirrored here may our lives
tell your story
Shine on me, shine on me

Next week's readings are:

2 Corinthians 8:1-7; 9:6-15
Luke 21:1-4

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