

**First Reading**  
*read by Kate Richard*

A Reading from the book of Genesis 2: 18-24

**All: Glory to you Oh Lord**

They become one body. The Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone. I will make him a helpmate.' So from the soil the Lord God fashioned all the wild beasts 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. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of heaven and all the wild beasts. But no helpmate suitable for man was found for him. So the Lord God made the man fall into a deep sleep. And while he slept, he took one of his ribs and enclosed it in flesh. The Lord God built the rib he had taken from the man into a woman, and brought her to the man. The man exclaimed: 'This at last is bone from my bones, and flesh from my flesh! This is to be called woman, for this was taken from man. , This is why a man leaves his father and mother and joins himself to his wife, and they become one body.'

The word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God**

## **Responsorial Psalm**

*led by Kate Richard & Sarah Daigle*

**Ps 148 1-4. 9-14. R v.12**

### **R Praise the name of the Lord**

- 1 Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise him in the heights. Praise him, all his angels, praise him, all his host. **R**
- 2 Praise him, sun and moon, praise him, shining stars. Praise him, highest heavens and the waters above the heavens. **R**
- 3 All mountains and hills, all fruit trees and cedars, beasts, wild and tame, reptiles and birds on the wing. **R**
- 4 All earth's kings and peoples, 3 earth's princes and rulers: young men and maidens, old men together with children. **R**
- 5 Let them praise the name of the Lord for he alone is exalted. The splendour of his name reaches beyond heaven and earth. **R**

**Second Reading**  
*read by Sarah Daigle*

A Reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians 12: 31-13:8

**All: Glory to you Oh Lord**

If I am without love, it will do me no good whatever. Be ambitious for the higher gifts. And I am going to show you a way that is better than any of them. If I have all the eloquence of men or of angels, but speak without love, I am simply a gong booming or a cymbal clashing. If I have the gift of prophecy, understanding all the mysteries there are, and knowing everything, and if I have faith in all its fullness, to move mountains, but without love, then I am nothing at all. If I give away all that I possess, piece by piece, and if I even let them take my body to burn it, but am without love, it will do me no good whatever. Love is always patient and kind; it is never jealous; love is never boastful or conceited; it is never rude or selfish; it does not take offence and is not resentful. Love takes no pleasure in other people's sins but delights in the truth: it is always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope, and to endure whatever comes. Love does not come to an end.

The word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God**

*(All stand for Gospel Acclamation)*

**All: Alleluia, alleluia!**

**As long as we love one another God will live in us, and His love will be complete in us.**

**Alleluia**

Priest: The Lord be with you.

**All: And with your spirit.**

Priest: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

**All: Glory to you Oh Lord**

**Gospel: John 15: 12 - 16**

Jesus said to his disciples : "This is my commandment: Love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friend. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I no longer call you slaves, because a slave does not know what his master is doing. I have called you friends, because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father. It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you."

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

*(Please sit for the homily)*

**Homily**