

THE COLLECT

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of Genesis - 1:26-28, 31a read by Ryan Hinkis

Male and female he created them.

God Said,

'Let us make man in our own image, in the likeness of ourselves,
and let them be masters of the fish of the sea,
the birds of heaven, the cattle, all the wild beasts
and all the reptiles that crawl upon the earth.'

God created man in the image of himself,
in the image of God he created him,
male and female he created them.

God blessed them, saying to them,
'Be fruitful, multiply, fill the earth and conquer it.
Be masters of the fish of the sea,
the birds of heaven and all living animals on the earth.'

God saw all he had made, and indeed it was very good.

THE PSALM

PSALM 144

R. "How Good is the Lord to All"

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians 12:31 -
13:8a read by Caitlin Paul

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 concited; 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.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(All): 'Alleluia, alleluia!

*(Choir): God is love;
let us love one another
as God has loved us.*

(All): Alleluia!"

THE GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 15:9-12

HOMILY

THE CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE

Sing Hosanna

*"Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising,
Give me joy in my heart, I pray;
Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising,
Keep me praising till the break of day:*

*Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
Sing hosanna to the King of kings.
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
Sing hosanna to the King.*

*Give me peace in my heart, keep me loving,
Give me peace in my heart, I pray;
Give me peace in my heart, keep me loving,
Keep me loving till the break of day:*

*Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
Sing hosanna to the King of kings.
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
Sing hosanna to the King.*

*Give me love in my heart, keep me serving,
Give me love in my heart, I pray;
Give me love in my heart, keep me serving,
Keep me serving till the break of day:*

*Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
Sing hosanna to the King of kings.
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
Sing hosanna to the King."*

THE CONCLUDING RITES

Lord of the Dance

by Sydney Carter

*"I danced in the morning
When the world was begun,
And I danced in the moon
And the stars and the sun,
And I came down from heaven
And I danced on the earth,
At Bethlehem
I had my birth.*

*Dance, then, wherever you may be,
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
And I'll lead you all in the Dance, said he.*

*I danced for the scribe
And the pharisee,
But they would not dance
And they wouldn't follow me.
I danced for the fishermen,
For James and John -
They came with me
And the Dance went on.
(Refrain)*