

Sunday

3rd September 2023

1st Sunday of Creationtide

COLLECT

Father of light,
in whom is no change or
shadow of turning, you give us
every good and perfect gift and
have brought us to birth by
your word of truth: may we be a
living sign of that kingdom
where your whole creation will
be made perfect in Jesus Christ
our Lord.

FIRST READING

Job 37. 14-24

'Hear this, O Job; stop and
consider the wondrous works
of God. Do you know how God
lays his command upon them,
and causes the lightning of his
cloud to shine?
Do you know the balancing of
the clouds, the wondrous
works of the one whose
knowledge is perfect, you
whose garments are hot when
the earth is still because of the
south wind?
Can you, like him, spread out
the skies, unyielding as a cast
mirror? Teach us what we shall
say to him; we cannot draw up
our case because of darkness.
Should he be told that I want to
speak? Did anyone ever wish to
be swallowed up?
Now, no one can look on the
light when it is bright in the
skies, when the wind has
passed and cleared them.
Out of the north comes golden
splendour;
around God is awesome
majesty. The Almighty - we
cannot find him; he is great in
power and justice, and
abundant righteousness he will
not violate. Therefore mortals
fear him;
he does not regard any who are
wise in their own conceit.'

PSALM

Psalms 130

R *My soul waits for the Lord*

Out of the depths have I cried
to you, O Lord; Lord, hear my
voice;
let your ears consider well the
voice of my supplication.
If you, Lord, were to mark what
is done amiss, O Lord, who
could stand?
But there is forgiveness with
you, so that you shall be feared.
R

I wait for the Lord; my soul
waits for him; in his word is my
hope.
My soul waits for the Lord,
more than the night watch for
the morning, more than the
night watch for the morning. **R**

O Israel, wait for the Lord, for
with the Lord there is mere;
With him is plenteous
redemption and he shall
redeem Israel from all their sins.
R

SECOND READING

Revelation 4

After this I looked, and there in
heaven a door stood open! And
the first voice, which I had
heard speaking to me like a
trumpet, said, 'Come up here,
and I will show you what must
take place after this.' At once I
was in the spirit, and there in
heaven stood a throne, with
one seated on the throne! And
the one seated there looks like
jasper and cornelian, and
around the throne is a rainbow
that looks like an emerald.
Around the throne are twenty-
four thrones, and seated on the
thrones are twenty four elders,
dressed in white robes, with
golden crowns on their heads.
Coming from the thrones are
flashes of lightning, and
rumblings and peals of thunder,
and in front of the throne burn
seven flaming torches, which
are the seven spirits of God;
and in front of the throne there

is something like a sea of glass,
like crystal.

Around the throne, and on each
side of the throne, are four
living creatures, full of eyes in
front and behind: the first living
creature like a lion, the second
living creature like an ox, the
third living creature with a face
like a human face, and the
fourth living creature like a
flying eagle. And the four living
creatures, each of them with six
wings, are full of eyes all
around and inside. Day and
night without ceasing they sing,
'Holy, holy, holy,
the Lord God the Almighty,
who was and is and is to come'
And whenever the living
creatures give glory and honour
and thanks to the one who is
seated on the throne, who lives
for ever and ever, the twenty
four elders fall before the one
who is seated on the throne
and worship the one who lives
for ever and ever; they cast
their crowns before the throne,
singing,
'you are worthy, our Lord and
God, to receive glory and
honour and power, for you
created all things, and by your
will they existed and were
created.'

GOSPEL

Matthew 8. 23-27

And when Jesus got into the
boat, his disciples followed
him. A gale arose on the lake,
so great that the boat was
being swamped by the waves;
but he was asleep. And they
went and woke him up, saying,
'Lord, save us! We are
perishing!' And he said to them,
'Why are you afraid, you of little
faith?' Then he got up and
rebuked the winds and the sea;
and there was a dead calm.
They were amazed, saying,
'what sort of man is this, that
even the winds and the sea
obey him?'