

## Readings — October 4, 2015

### FIRST READING — Genesis 2:18-24

<sup>18</sup>The LORD God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.”  
<sup>19</sup>So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. <sup>20</sup>The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. <sup>21</sup>So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. <sup>22</sup>And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. <sup>23</sup>Then the man said,  
“This at last is bone of my bones  
and flesh of my flesh;  
this one shall be called Woman,  
for out of Man this one was taken.”  
<sup>24</sup>Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

### Psalm 8

<sup>1</sup>O | LORD our Lord,  
how majestic is your name in | all the earth!—  
<sup>2</sup>**you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of in- | fants and children;**  
**you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe | and avenger.**  
<sup>3</sup>When I consider your heavens, the work | of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars you have set | in their courses,  
<sup>4</sup>**what are mere mortals that you should be mind- | ful of them,**  
**human beings that you should | care for them?**  
<sup>5</sup>Yet you have made them little less | than divine;  
with glory and hon- | or you crown them.  
<sup>6</sup>**You have made them rule over the works | of your hands;**  
**you have put all things un- | der their feet:**  
<sup>7</sup>all | flocks and cattle,  
even the wild beasts | of the field,  
<sup>8</sup>**the birds of the air, the fish | of the sea,**  
**and whatever passes along the paths | of the sea.**  
<sup>9</sup>O | LORD our Lord,  
how majestic is your name in | all the earth!

### Gospel: Mark 10:2-16

<sup>2</sup>Some Pharisees came, and to test [Jesus] they asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” <sup>3</sup>He answered them, “What did Moses command you?” <sup>4</sup>They said, “Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.” <sup>5</sup>But Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. <sup>6</sup>But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’ <sup>7</sup>‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, <sup>8</sup>and the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. <sup>9</sup>Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.”

<sup>10</sup>Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. <sup>11</sup>He said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; <sup>12</sup>and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.”

<sup>13</sup>People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. <sup>14</sup>But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. <sup>15</sup>Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” <sup>16</sup>And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.