

Today's Readings
Sunday 4th
February 2024
2nd Sunday
before Lent

THE COLLECT

Almighty God,
give us reverence for all
creation
and respect for every
person,
that we may mirror your
likeness
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

FIRST READING

Proverbs 8.1,22-31

Does not wisdom call, and
does not understanding
raise her voice?

²² The Lord created me at
the beginning of his work,
the first of his acts of long
ago. ²³ Ages ago I was set
up, at the first, before the
beginning of the earth.

²⁴ When there were no
depths I was brought forth,
when there were no springs
abounding with water.

²⁵ Before the mountains
had been shaped, before
the hills, I was brought

forth—²⁶ when he had not
yet made earth and fields,
or the world's first bits of
soil. ²⁷ When he
established the heavens, I
was there, when he drew a
circle on the face of the
deep, ²⁸ when he made
firm the skies above, when
he established the
fountains of the deep,
²⁹ when he assigned to the
sea its limit, so that the
waters might not transgress
his command, when he
marked out the foundations
of the earth, ³⁰ then I was
beside him, like a master
worker; and I was daily
his delight, rejoicing before
him always, ³¹ rejoicing in
his inhabited world and
delighting in the human
race.

SECOND READING

Colossians 1.15-20

He is the image of the
invisible God, the firstborn
of all creation; ¹⁶ for in him
all things in heaven and on
earth were created, things
visible and invisible,
whether thrones or
dominions or rulers or

powers—all things have
been created through him
and for him. ¹⁷ He himself
is before all things, and in
him all things hold together.
¹⁸ He is the head of the
body, the church; he is the
beginning, the firstborn
from the dead, so that he
might come to have first
place in everything. ¹⁹ For
in him all the fullness of
God was pleased to
dwell, ²⁰ and through him
God was pleased to
reconcile to himself all
things, whether on earth or
in heaven, by making
peace through the blood of
his cross.

THE GOSPEL

Luke 8-22-25

One day he got into a boat
with his disciples, and he
said to them, 'Let us go
across to the other side of
the lake.' So they put
out, ²³ and while they were
sailing he fell asleep. A
gale swept down on the
lake, and the boat was
filling with water, and they
were in danger. ²⁴ They
went to him and woke him

up, shouting, 'Master,
Master, we are perishing!'
And he woke up and
rebuked the wind and the
raging waves; they ceased,
and there was a
calm. ²⁵ He said to them,
'Where is your faith?' They
were afraid and amazed,
and said to one another,
'Who then is this, that he
commands even the winds
and the water, and they
obey him?'

PSALM 104.26-37

There go the ships, and
Leviathan that you formed
to sport in it. ²⁷ These all
look to you to give them
their food in due season;
²⁸ when you give to them,
they gather it up; when you
open your hand, they are
filled with good things.
²⁹ When you hide your
face, they are dismayed;
when you take away their
breath, they die and return
to their dust. ³⁰ When you
send forth your spirit, they
are created; and you renew
the face of the ground.
³¹ May the glory of
the LORD endure for ever;

may the LORD rejoice in his
works— ³² who looks on
the earth and it trembles,
who touches the mountains
and they smoke. ³³ I will
sing to the LORD as long as
I live; I will sing praise to
my God while I have being.
³⁴ May my meditation be
pleasing to him, for I rejoice
in the LORD. ³⁵ Let sinners
be consumed from the
earth, and let the wicked be
no more. Bless the LORD, O
my soul. Praise the LORD!

**POST COMMUNION
PRAYER**

God our creator,
by your gift
the tree of life was set at
the heart of the earthly
paradise,
and the bread of life at the
heart of your Church:
may we who have been
nourished at your table on
earth
be transformed by the glory
of the Saviour's cross
and enjoy the delights of
eternity;
through Jesus Christ our
Lord.