

# God Created Us to Dwell with Him

## Paradise

Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the Lord God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the Lord God among the trees of the garden. (Gen 3:18)

## Eden as a temple (dwelling place of God)

- Trees and flowers
- God 'walking with his people'
- On a mountain
- Entered from the East and guarded by Cherubim
- Adam and Eve had priestly roles: 'work and keep' the garden (Gen 2:15)

## The Garden and the World

God blessed them and said to them, 'Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.' (Gen 1:28)

## Down and Out

### Out to the East

The Lord God banished him from the Garden of Eden to work the ground from which he had been taken. <sup>24</sup> After he drove the man out, he placed on the east side of the Garden of Eden cherubim and a flaming sword flashing back and forth to guard the way to the tree of life.

### Down to death

You were in Eden,  
the garden of God;  
every precious stone adorned you: (...)  
You were anointed as a guardian cherub,  
for so I ordained you.  
You were on the holy mount of God;  
you walked among the fiery stones.  
You were blameless in your ways  
from the day you were created  
till wickedness was found in you. (...)  
So I drove you in disgrace from the mount of God,  
and I expelled you, guardian cherub (...)  
So I threw you to the earth. (Ezek 28:13-17)

So what is needed to re-enter paradise?

Down to Egypt

Can humanity be brought back into the presence of God?

Exodus – I will dwell with them and be their God

Then let them make a sanctuary for me, and I will dwell among them. (Ex 25:8)

Then I will dwell among the Israelites and be their God. <sup>46</sup>They will know that I am the Lord their God, who brought them out of Egypt so that I might dwell among them. I am the Lord their God. (Ex 29:45-46)

Day of atonement

Scapegoat goes \_\_\_\_\_

High priest goes \_\_\_\_\_

The promised land as a new Eden

Exile – cast out to the East