

COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God,
you have given us your servants
grace,
by the confession of a true faith,
to acknowledge the glory of the
eternal Trinity
and in the power of the divine
majesty to worship the Unity:
keep us steadfast in this faith,
that we may evermore be defended
from all adversities;
through Jesus Christ your Son our
Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING

Proverbs 8:1-4. 22-31

A reading from the book of Proverbs.

Thus says the wisdom of God:
Does not wisdom call, and does
not understanding raise her voice?
On the heights, beside the way,
at the crossroads she takes her
stand; beside the gates in front of
the town, at the entrance of the
portals she cries out: "To you, O
people, I call, and my cry is to all
that live. The LORD created me at
the beginning of his work, the first
of his acts of long ago. Ages ago
I was set up, at the first, before
the beginning of the earth. When

there were no depths I was brought
forth, when there were no springs
abounding with water. Before
the mountains had been shaped,
before the hills, I was brought
forth – when he had not yet made
earth and fields, or the world's first
bits of soil. When he established
the heavens, I was there, when he
drew a circle on the face of the
deep, when he made firm the skies
above, when he established the
fountains of the deep, 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, then I was
beside him, like a master worker;
and I was daily his delight, rejoicing
before him always, rejoicing in his
inhabited world and delighting in
the human race."

PSALM Psalm 8

*R O Lord our governor,
how glorious is your name in all
the world!*

Your majesty above the heavens is
praised
out of the mouths of babes at the
breast.

You have founded a stronghold
against your foes,
that you might still the enemy and
the avenger. **R**



When I consider your heavens, the
work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars that you
have ordained,
What is man, that you should be
mindful of him;
the son of man, that you should
seek him out? R

You have made him little lower than
the angels
and crown him with glory and
honour.

You have given him dominion over
the works of your hands
and put all things under his feet, R

All sheep and oxen,
even the wild beasts of the field,
The birds of the air, the fish of the
sea
and whatsoever moves in the paths
of the sea. R

SECOND READING Romans 5:1-5

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character

produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

GOSPEL John 16:12-15

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Jesus said to his disciples: "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

POST COMMUNION

Almighty and eternal God,
you have revealed yourself as
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
and live and reign in the perfect
unity of love:
hold us firm in this faith,
that we may know you in all your
ways
and evermore rejoice in your
eternal glory,
who are three Persons yet one
God,
now and for ever.

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