

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 *How exalted is your name in all
the world!*

O Lord our governor,
how exalted is your name in all the
world!

Out of the mouths of infants and
children
your majesty is praised above the
heavens.

You have set up a stronghold
against your adversaries,
to quell the enemy and the
avenger. **R**

When I consider your heavens, the
work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars you have
set in their courses,
What are mortals, that you should
be mindful of them?
mere human beings, that you
should seek them out?
You have made them little lower
than the angels;
you adorn them with glory and
honour. **R**

You give them mastery over the
works of your hands;
and put all things under their feet,
All sheep and oxen,
even the wild beasts of the field,
The birds of the air, the fish of the
sea,
and whatsoever walks in the paths
of the sea.

O Lord our governor,
how exalted is your name in all the
world! **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.