

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.

