

## 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.

