

## 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.