

Thank you for serving your church in this way and for sharing God's word with your sisters and brothers. A few reminders:

- Practice the readings beforehand.
- Please arrive at least ten minutes before your scheduled service. "A Guide to Pronouncing Biblical Names" book is located in the Pastor's Sacristy, the small room on the right hand side at the front of the Sanctuary. If, after consulting the book, you still need help with any pronunciations, Pastor can help you.
- You may sit in one of the right-side altar chairs until it is time to read, or you may come forward prior to the Prayer of the Day.
- When speaking, please project your voice and make sure you are speaking as loudly and clearly as possible.
- The lessons may be introduced simply by saying,

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Thank you again for serving. Your contribution to worship is appreciated by all!

## INTRODUCTION

*"O Lord our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!" Today we celebrate the name of God: holy blessed Trinity. There is no other day quite like this one in the church's year. There is no other god like ours. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Spirit!*

## READINGS

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

Psalm 8

Romans 5:1-5

John 16:12-15

## FIRST READING: Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

*In the Bible, wisdom has many faces. It is portrayed in terms sometimes human and sometimes divine. Often, it is personified as feminine. In this passage, Woman Wisdom is depicted not only as the first creation of God but also as God's helper, rejoicing in God's creation, especially in human beings.*

Does not wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice?

<sup>2</sup>On the heights, beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand; <sup>3</sup>beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries out: <sup>4</sup>"To you, O people, I call, and my cry is to all that live.

<sup>22</sup>The LORD created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago.

<sup>23</sup>Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth.

<sup>24</sup>When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water.

<sup>25</sup>Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth—<sup>26</sup>when he had not yet made earth and fields, or the world's first bits of soil.

<sup>27</sup>When he established the heavens, I was there, when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, <sup>28</sup>when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep, <sup>29</sup>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, <sup>30</sup>then I was beside him, like a master worker; and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always, <sup>31</sup>rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race.\

**A** The Word of the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

## PSALM 8

<sup>1</sup>O LORD our Lord,\*

how exalted is your name in all the world!

<sup>2</sup>Out of the mouths of infants and children

your majesty is praised above the heavens.

<sup>3</sup>You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries,

to quell the enemy and the avenger.

<sup>4</sup>When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,

the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

<sup>5</sup>what is man that you should be mindful of him,

the son of man that you should<sup>1</sup> seek him out?  
<sup>6</sup>You have made him but little lower<sup>1</sup> than the angels;  
you adorn him with glo-<sup>1</sup>ry and honor;  
<sup>7</sup>you give him mastery over the works<sup>1</sup> of your hands;  
you put all things un-<sup>1</sup>der his feet:  
<sup>8</sup>all<sup>1</sup> sheep and oxen,  
even the wild beasts<sup>1</sup> of the field,  
<sup>9</sup>the birds of the air, the fish<sup>1</sup> of the sea,  
and whatsoever walks in the paths<sup>1</sup> of the sea.  
<sup>10</sup>O<sup>1</sup> LORD our Lord,  
how exalted is your name in<sup>1</sup> all the world!

**SECOND READING: Romans 5:1–5**

*Paul describes the life of faith with reference to God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. Even now, we have peace with God through Jesus, and our hope for the future is grounded in the love of God that we experience through Christ's Holy Spirit.*

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,<sup>2</sup> 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.<sup>3</sup> And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance,<sup>4</sup> and endurance produces character, and character produces hope,<sup>5</sup> 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.

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**GOSPEL: John 16:12–15**

*Jesus' ongoing presence with the disciples will be borne by the coming Spirit, who will guide them and communicate to them Jesus' will and glory.*

<sup>12</sup>I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. <sup>13</sup>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. <sup>14</sup>He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. <sup>15</sup>All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

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