

Prayer of the Day

Father, we praise you,
that through your Word and Holy Spirit
you created all things;
you reveal your salvation in all the world
through Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh;
through your Holy Spirit you give us a share
in your life and love:
fill us with the vision of your glory,
that we may always serve and praise you,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A reading from the Book of Proverbs,*Chapter 8 beginning at Verse 1*

- 8 Does not wisdom call,
and does not understanding raise her voice?
2 On the heights, beside the way,
at the crossroads she takes her stand;
3 beside the gates in front of the town,
at the entrance of the portals she cries out:
4 “To you, O people, I call,
and my cry is to all that live.
22 The Lord created me at the beginning[a] of his work,[b]
the first of his acts of long ago.
23 Ages ago I was set up,
at the first, before the beginning of the earth.
24 When there were no depths I was brought forth,
when there were no springs abounding with water.
25 Before the mountains had been shaped,
before the hills, I was brought forth—

26 when he had not yet made earth and fields,[c]
or the world's first bits of soil.
27 When he established the heavens, I was there,
when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,
28 when he made firm the skies above,
when he established the fountains of the deep,
29 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,
30 then I was beside him, like a master worker;[d]
and I was daily his[e] delight,
rejoicing before him always,
31 rejoicing in his inhabited world
and delighting in the human race. [NRSV Proverbs 8.1-4, 22-31]

Hear the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God**

Psalm 8

1 O Lord our Governor:
how glorious is your name in all the earth!
2 Your majesty above the heavens is yet recounted:
by the mouths of babes and sucklings.
3 You have founded a strong defence
against your adversaries:
to quell the enemy and the avenger.
4 When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers:
the moon and the stars which you have set in order,
5 What are we, that you should be mindful of us:
what are we, that you should care for us?
6 Yet you have made us little less than gods:
and have crowned us with glory and honour.
7 You have given us dominion over your handiwork:
and have put all things in subjection beneath our feet,
8 All sheep and oxen:
and all the creatures of the field,

9 The birds of the air and the fish of the sea:
and everything that moves
in the pathways of the great waters.

10 O Lord our Governor:
how glorious is your name in all the earth!

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans, Chapter 5 beginning at Verse 1

5 Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we^[a] have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access^[b] to this grace in which we stand; and we^[c] boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we^[d] also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and 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. [NRSV Romans 5.1-5]

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The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John, Chapter 3 beginning at verse 1

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

¹²“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When 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. ¹⁴He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you. [NRSV John 16.12-15]

This is the Gospel of the Lord, **praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sentence

Does not wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice? 'The Lord created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago.'