

**FIRST READING: Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31** Wisdom's role in creation (NIVUK)

<sup>8</sup> Does not wisdom call out? Does not understanding raise her voice?  
<sup>2</sup> At the highest point along the way, where the paths meet, she takes her stand; <sup>3</sup> beside the gate leading into the city, at the entrance, she cries aloud: <sup>4</sup> 'To you, O people, I call out; I raise my voice to all humanity. <sup>22</sup> 'The LORD brought me forth as the first of his works, <sup>[a][b]</sup> before his deeds of old; <sup>23</sup> I was formed long ages ago, at the very beginning, when the world came to be. <sup>24</sup> When there were no watery depths, I was given birth, when there were no springs overflowing with water; <sup>25</sup> before the mountains were settled in place, before the hills, I was given birth, <sup>26</sup> before he made the world or its fields or any of the dust of the earth. <sup>27</sup> I was there when he set the heavens in place, when he marked out the horizon on the face of the deep, <sup>28</sup> when he established the clouds above and fixed securely the fountains of the deep, <sup>29</sup> when he gave the sea its boundary so that the waters would not overstep his command, and when he marked out the foundations of the earth. <sup>30</sup> Then I was constantly <sup>[c]</sup> at his side. I was filled with delight day after day, rejoicing always in his presence, <sup>31</sup> rejoicing in his whole world and delighting in the human race.

**PSALM 8**

<sup>1</sup> LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory in the heavens. <sup>2</sup> Through the praise of children and infants you have established a stronghold against your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger. <sup>3</sup> When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, <sup>4</sup> what is mankind that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care for them? <sup>[c]</sup> <sup>5</sup> You have made them <sup>[d]</sup> a little lower than

the angels<sup>[e]</sup> and crowned them<sup>[f]</sup> with glory and honour. <sup>6</sup> You made them rulers over the works of your hands; you put everything under their<sup>[g]</sup> feet: <sup>7</sup> all flocks and herds, and the animals of the wild, <sup>8</sup> the birds in the sky, and the fish in the sea, all that swim the paths of the seas. <sup>9</sup> LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

**SECOND READING: Romans 5:1-5** The Christian experience of the Trinity (NIVUK)

<sup>5</sup> Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we<sup>[a]</sup> have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup> through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we<sup>[b]</sup> boast in the hope of the glory of God. <sup>3</sup> Not only so, but we<sup>[c]</sup> also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; <sup>4</sup> perseverance, character; and character, hope. <sup>5</sup> And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

**GOSPEL: John 16:12-15** The Spirit from God will bear witness to Jesus (NIVUK)

<sup>12</sup> 'I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. <sup>13</sup> But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. <sup>14</sup> He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you. <sup>15</sup> All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will receive from me what he will make known to you.'