

## May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2013    Holy Trinity Sunday

### **Introduction to the Day**

*"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!*

*After a moment of silent meditation to prepare ourselves for worship, we will begin the liturgy.*

### **Prayers of the People**

Rejoicing in the good news of God come near, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

*A brief silence.*

Holy God, blessed Trinity, have mercy on your church. Lead us into all truth, that we might faithfully bear your saving name to all the earth. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Holy God, blessed Trinity, have mercy on your beloved creation. Where chaos threatens and human carelessness destroys, be this world's salvation. Bring health and healing to every wounded place. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Holy God, blessed Trinity, have mercy on the nations. Where poverty, fear, and injustice reign, bring hope of your kingdom's righteousness and peace. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Holy God, blessed Trinity, have mercy on the sick and the dying, the fearful and the despairing, the hungry and all who are oppressed. Let your healing come to all who cry out to you. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Holy God, blessed Trinity, have mercy on us. Give us courage and hope as we seek to be your church in this place. Pour your love into our hearts that we may serve all in need. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Holy God, blessed Trinity, keep us united with the saints. Inspire us by their witness, and keep us faithful to you until that great day when you gather us all into your glory. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, O God of compassion, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your great mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

**Lector: Please read the introduction, then the citation (i.e.. “The First Reading is from the.... chapter of ...” - then read the text. )**

**FIRST READING** – *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.*

**Proverbs 8:1–4, 22–31**

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.

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

## **PSALM 8**

How manifold are your works, O LORD!

O LORD our Lord,

how majestic is your name in all the earth!—

**you whose glory is chanted above the heavens  
out of the mouths of infants and children;**

**you have set up a fortress against your enemies,  
to silence the foe and avenger.**

When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,

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

**what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them,  
human beings that you should care for them?**

Yet you have made them little less than divine;

with glory and honor you crown them.

**You have made them rule over the works of your hands;**

**you have put all things under their feet:**

all flocks and cattle,

even the wild beasts of the field,

**the birds of the air, the fish of the sea,**

**and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.**

O LORD our Lord,

how majestic is your name in all the earth!

**SECOND READING** - *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.*

## **Romans 5:1–5**

Therefore, 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.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL READING** – *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.*

**John 16:12–15**

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.

Gospel of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**