



Celebrate

The Holy Trinity

June 15, 2025

"O LORD our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!" Today we celebrate the holy Trinity. Paul writes that through Jesus we have peace with God, whose love pours into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, giving us lasting hope. We celebrate the gracious One-in-Three, eternal Three-in-One, as we worship in community; as we share water and word, bread and wine; and as we bring God's love and hope to our neighbors.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

First Reading

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

In the Bible, wisdom is portrayed in terms sometimes human and sometimes divine. Often, wisdom 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?
²On the heights, beside the way,
at the crossroads she takes her
stand;
³beside 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 of his work,
the first of his acts of long ago.
²³Ages ago I was set up,
at the first, before the beginning of
the earth.

²⁴When there were no depths I was
brought forth,
when there were no springs
abounding with water.
²⁵Before the mountains had been
shaped,

before the hills, I was brought
forth—
²⁶when he had not yet made earth and
fields,
or the world's first bits of soil.
²⁷When he established the heavens,
I was there,
when he drew a circle on the face
of the deep,
²⁸when he made firm the skies above,
when he established the fountains
of the deep,
²⁹when 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,

³⁰then I was beside him, like a
master worker;
and I was daily his delight,
rejoicing before him always,
³¹rejoicing in his inhabited world
and delighting in the human race."

Psalm

Psalm 8; refrain, Ps. 8:2



Your glo - ry is chant - ed a - bove the heav - ens.

- O ¹ LORD our Lord,
how majestic is your name in ¹ all the earth!—
- ²you whose glory is chanted above the heavens
out of the mouths of in- ¹ fants and children;
you have set up a fortress against your enemies,
to silence the foe ¹ and avenger. **R**
- ³When I consider your heavens, the work ¹ of your fingers,
the moon and the stars you have set ¹ in their courses,
⁴what are mere mortals that you should be mind- ¹ ful of them,
human beings that you should ¹ care for them? **R**
- ⁵Yet you have made them little less ¹ than divine;
with glory and hon- ¹ or you crown them.
- ⁶You have made them rule over the works ¹ of your hands;
you have put all things un- ¹ der their feet:
- ⁷all ¹ flocks and cattle,
even the wild beasts ¹ of the field,
⁸the birds of the air, the fish ¹ of the sea,
and whatever passes along the paths ¹ of the sea.
- ⁹O ¹ LORD our Lord,
how majestic is your name in ¹ all the earth! **R**

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, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we 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.

Gospel

John 16:12-15

Jesus' ongoing presence with the disciples will be made known through the coming Spirit who will guide them and communicate to them Jesus' will and glory.

[Jesus said:] "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."

Prayers of Intercession

The prayers are prepared locally for each occasion. The following examples may be adapted or used as appropriate.

Drawn into the embrace of the holy Trinity, we lift our prayers for the wholeness of the church, the world, and all creation.

A brief silence.

Abiding God, your love pours into your whole church, creating faith and bestowing hope. Fill all the baptized with these good gifts in our various callings. Gather your church in every place and expression into the unity of your Spirit. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Creating God, your name is majestic in all the earth, and we are filled with awe at your creation. Renew this planet and all its wonders: springs abounding with water, earth and soil, beasts of the field, birds of the air, and fish of the sea. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Sovereign God, you delight in the whole human race. On this week of Juneteenth, bring an end to racial oppression and heal the wounds of racial trauma. Grant us your wisdom, so that all people, especially those in au-

thority, work for the life and freedom of others. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Compassionate God, your mindful care for us is everlasting. Give peace to all who are troubled, endurance to all who suffer, deliverance to all who are afflicted, and healing to all who are sick (*especially*). God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Living God, your glory appears in our shared life. On this Father's Day, give to all fathers and father figures gentle hearts and strong spirits, heal the wounds in our families, and comfort those for whom this day brings pain. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Eternal God, your hope does not disappoint. We give you thanks for all who have died in the hope of the resurrection (*especially the Emanuel Nine, martyrs*). Hold us in our grief, and bring us at last to fullness of life in you. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Gather all our prayers in your mercy, O God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.

Preparing for Next Week

Monday Psalm 124. **Tuesday** (commemoration of the Emanuel Nine, martyrs, 2015) Ephesians 5:15-20. **Wednesday** Daniel 1:1-21. **Thursday** Psalm 22:19-28. **Friday** Galatians 3:15-22. **Saturday** (commemoration of Onesimos Nesib, translator, evangelist, 1931) Isaiah 59:1-8. **2nd Sunday after Pentecost** Isaiah 65:1-9; Psalm 22:19-28; Galatians 3:23-29; Luke 8:26-39.

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