

THE READING FROM THE BOOK OF PROVERBS

Thus says the wisdom of God: 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.'

Proverbs 8. 1–4, 22–31

THE PSALM

R/. Above the heavens your majesty be praised.

O Lord our governor, how glorious is your name in | all the world!
Your majesty above the heaven is praised
out of the mouths of babes | at the breast.
You have founded a stronghold a | gainst your foes,
that you might still the enemy and | the avenger. R/.

When I consider your heavens, the work | of you fingers,
the moon and the stars that you | have ordained,
what are mortals, that you should be mind | ful of them;
mere human beings, that you should | seek them out R/.

You have made them little lower | than the angels
and crowned them with glo | ry and honour.
You have given hem dominion over the works | of your hands
and put all things un | der their feet. R/.

All sheep and oxen, even the wild beasts | of the field,
The birds of the air, the fish | of the sea
and whatsoever moves in the paths | of the sea.
O Lord our governor, how glorious is your name in | all the world! R/.

Psalms 8

THE READING FROM THE LETTER OF SAINT PAUL TO THE ROMANS

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.

Romans 5. 1-5

THE READING FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT JOHN

Jesus said to his disciples: '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.'

John 16. 12-15