

# Reflecting On Sunday's Readings

HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY—June 16, 2019

## First Reading — Proverbs 8:22-31

<sup>22</sup> The LORD created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of old. <sup>23</sup> Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. <sup>24</sup> When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. <sup>25</sup> Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth; <sup>26</sup> before he had made the earth with its fields, or the first of the dust of the world. <sup>27</sup> When he established the heavens, I was there, when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, <sup>28</sup> when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep, <sup>29</sup> 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, <sup>30</sup> then I was beside him, like a master workman; and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always, <sup>31</sup> rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the sons of men.

## Responsorial Psalm PS 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9

R. (2a) **O Lord, our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth!**

When I behold your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars which you set in place —  
What is man that you should be mindful of him,  
or the son of man that you should care for him?

R. **O Lord, our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth!**

You have made him little less than the angels,  
and crowned him with glory and honor.

You have given him rule over the works of your hands,

putting all things under his feet:

R. **O Lord, our God, how wonderful your name**

**in all the earth!**

All sheep and oxen,  
yes, and the beasts of the field,  
The birds of the air, the fishes of the sea,  
and whatever swims the paths of the seas.

R. **O Lord, our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth!**

## Second Reading — Romans 5:1-5

<sup>1</sup> Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>2</sup> Through him we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in our hope of sharing the glory of God. <sup>3</sup> More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup> and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup> and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

## Gospel Reading — John 16:12-15

<sup>12</sup> "I have yet many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. <sup>13</sup> When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. <sup>14</sup> He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. <sup>15</sup> All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

## Our Lady of Perpetual Help

### INVITATION TO PRAY

Pause for a few moments of silence and enter more deeply into the presence of God...

### Proclaim the Scriptures out loud

As you listen to the scriptures be attentive to a word, a phrase, a question, an image, or a feeling that emerges. Reflect on this quietly or share it aloud.

### INVITATION TO REFLECT

### INVITATION TO GROUP SHARING

#### First Reading — Proverbs 8:22-31

1. How does this passage reveal more than one aspect of the Trinity?

#### Second Reading — Romans 5:1-5

2. All three persons of the Trinity are mentioned in this passage. How do you see their interaction in our salvation?

#### Gospel Reading — John 16:12-15

3. How do you see the Trinity revealed, and the three roles clarified through this statement by Jesus?
4. What light does this verse shed on how the early Church Fathers developed an understanding of the doctrine of the Trinity?
5. How can your understanding of the Trinity become more of a real influence in your life?

### INVITATION TO ACT

*Determine a specific action (individual or group) that flows from your sharing. When choosing an individual action, determine what you will do and share it with the group. When choosing a group action, determine who will take responsibility for different aspects of the action. These should be your primary considerations.*

### CLOSING INVITATION TO PRAY

*Give thanks to God (aloud or silently) for new insights, for desires awakened, for directions clarified, for the gift of one another's openness and sensitivity. Conclude with a final prayer.*