



THE HOLY TRINITY

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

FIRST READING: Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

A reading from Proverbs.

¹Does 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.”

The word of the Lord. *or* Word of God, word of life.

FIRST READING

The New Testament helps us to hear this poem extolling wisdom as finding its completion in the person of the Son of God (“through whom all things were made”). The best clue as to the sound of the reading is found in the first four verses where we discover that wisdom is “calling” and “raising her voice on the heights.” Let this delightful poem about the creation of the world ring out!

SECOND READING

This snippet from Romans mentions all three persons of the Godhead (reason enough for its selection for reading on this day that celebrates the Three in One). What is of particular importance, however, is the manner in which these five short verses draw a picture of our relationship with the Trinity and how that

PSALMODY: Psalm 8

SECOND READING: Romans 5:1-5

A reading from Romans.

¹Therefore, 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.

The word of the Lord. *or* Word of God, word of life.

GOSPEL: John 16:12-15

The holy gospel according to John.

「Jesus said,
¹²“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.”

The gospel of the Lord.

relationship informs the suffering we may endure during our lives. Work the hearer slowly and lovingly through this explanation of our celebration of the name of God today.

GOSPEL

Imagine—before reading the gospel aloud—how this first sentence must have weighed on Jesus' heart. Help the hearer sense our Lord's struggle. It is that context that makes verses 13-15 hopeful promise rather than doctrinal proposition. Consider the value of a pause of substance between verses 12 and 13 to allow its truth to reach the ear of the listener.