

SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

TRINITY SUNDAY (YEAR A)

COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity: keep us steadfast in this faith, that we may evermore be defended from all adversities; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Isa 40.12–17, 27–31

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand and marked off the heavens with a span, enclosed the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales and the hills in a balance? Who has directed the spirit of the Lord, or as his counsellor has instructed him? Whom did he consult for his enlightenment, and who taught him the path of justice? Who taught him knowledge, and showed him the way of understanding? Even the nations are like a drop from a bucket, and are accounted as dust on the scales; see, he takes up the isles like fine dust. Lebanon would not provide fuel enough, nor are its animals enough for a burnt-offering. All the nations are as nothing before him; they are accounted by him as less than nothing and emptiness. Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, 'My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God'? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but

those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 8



℣. How great is your name, O Lord our God, through all the earth! (*All repeat*)



Out of the mouths of | babes and infants your majesty is praised a-|bove the heavens. You have founded a stronghold a-|gainst your foes, to quell the enemy | and avenger. ℣.

When I consider the heavens, the work | of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you | have ordained, what is man, that you should be mind-|ful of him? and the son of man, that | you should care for him? ℣.

Yet you have made him little lower | than the angels; you crown him with glo-|ry and honour. You give him mastery over the works | of your hands, and put all things be-|neath his feet: ℣.

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. ℣.

SECOND READING

2 Cor 13.11–13

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

Brothers and sisters, put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace

will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf Rev 1.8

Alleluia, alleluia.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
one God, who was, and who is, and who is to come, the Almighty.

Alleluia.

GOSPEL READING

Mt 28.16–20

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Hear the Gospel ✠ of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. And when they saw him they worshipped him, but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

POST-COMMUNION

Almighty and eternal God, you have revealed yourself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and live and reign in the perfect unity of love: hold us firm in this faith, that we may know you in all your ways and evermore rejoice in your eternal glory, who are three Persons yet one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

SOLEMN BLESSING

God the Father, who first loved us and made us accepted in the beloved Son, bless you.

Amen.

God the Son, who loved us and washed us from our sins in his own blood, bless you.

Amen.

God the Holy Spirit, who sheds abroad the love of God in our hearts, bless you.

Amen.

The blessing of the one true God, to whom be all love and all glory for time and for eternity, come down upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Lord our God, sanctify the offerings we make to you, as we call upon your name, and grant that through them we may ourselves be made an everlasting gift to you; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**