

# SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

TRINITY 3 (YEAR A) PROPER 8

## COLLECT

Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts whereby we call you Father: give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that we and all creation may be brought to the glorious liberty of the children of God; 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

*Jer 28.5-9*

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah.

The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the Lord; and the prophet Jeremiah said, 'Amen! May the Lord do so; may the Lord fulfil the words that you have prophesied, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the Lord, and all the exiles. But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the Lord has truly sent the prophet.'

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*from Ps 89*



*R.* I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord.

*(All repeat)*



I will sing for ever of your | love O Lord;  
through all ages my mouth will pro-|claim  
your truth.

Of this I am sure, that your love | lasts for  
ever,  
that your truth is firmly established | as the  
heavens. *R.*

'With my chosen one I have | made a  
covenant;

I have sworn an oath to my | servant David:  
'I will establish your dynas-|ty for ever  
and set up your throne | through all ages.'" *R.*

Happy are the people who know the | shout  
of triumph,  
who walk in the light of your | face O Lord,  
who find their joy every day | in your name,  
who make your justice the source | of their  
bliss. *R.*

For you O Lord are the glory | of their  
strength;  
by your favour it is that our might | is exalted.  
Truly the Lord | is our shield;  
the Holy One of Israel | is our king. *R.*

## SECOND READING

*Rom 6.12-23*

A reading from the letter of Paul to the  
Romans.

Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present

yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification. When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*cf Acts 16.14*

**Alleluia.**

Open our hearts, O Lord:  
to receive the words of your Son.

**Alleluia.**

GOSPEL READING

*Mt 10.40–42*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

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

**Glorify to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to the twelve:

“Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me. The one who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and the one who receives a righteous

person because he is a righteous person will receive a righteous person’s reward. And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

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PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

O God, in your mercy you give us the sacraments to help us: grant that we may offer this sacrifice in a manner worthy of your gifts; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION

O God, whose beauty is beyond our imagining and whose power we cannot comprehend: show us your glory as far as we can grasp it, and shield us from knowing more than we can bear until we may look upon you without fear; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**