

SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

TRINITY SUNDAY (YEAR B)

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 6.1–8

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one called to another and said: “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!” And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. And I said: “Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!”

Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth and said: “Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.”

And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” Then I said, “Here am I! Send me.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

from Ps 29



R. The Lord our God almighty is King.

Alleluia! (*All repeat*)



Ascribe to the Lord, you | powers of heaven,
ascribe to the Lord glo-ry and strength.

Ascribe to the Lord the honour due un-|to
his name;
worship the Lord in the beau-|ty of
holiness. **R.**

The voice of the Lord is up-|on the waters;
the God of | glory thunders.

The voice of the Lord is mighty in | operation;
the voice of the Lord is a | glorious voice. **R.**

The voice of the Lord | breaks the cedars;
the Lord | shakes the wilderness.

The voice of the Lord strips the | forests bare,
and in his temple | all cry ‘Glory!’ **R.**

The Lord sits enthroned a-|bove the
waterflood;

the Lord sits enthroned as king for | evermore.
The Lord shall give strength | to his people;
the Lord shall give his people the bless-|ing
of peace. **R.**

SECOND READING

Rom 8.12–17

A reading from the letter of Paul to the
Romans.

Brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs – heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf Rev 1.8

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

Jn 3.1-17

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no-one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him." Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? No-one

has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

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.**

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.**