

# The Living Word

**The Most Holy Trinity, Year C**

**15 June 2025**

## **First Reading Prv 8:22-31**

*Wisdom was born before the earth was made.*

The Wisdom of God cries aloud:

The Lord created me when his purpose  
first unfolded,  
before the oldest of his works.  
From everlasting I was firmly set,  
from the beginning, before earth came  
into being.  
The deep was not, when I was born,  
there were no springs to gush with water.  
Before the mountains were settled,  
before the hills, I came to birth;  
before he made the earth, the  
countryside,  
or the first grains of the world's dust.  
When he fixed the heavens firm, I was  
there,  
when he drew a ring on the surface of  
the deep,  
when he thickened the clouds above,  
when he fixed fast the springs of the  
deep,  
when he assigned the sea its boundaries  
– and the waters will not invade the  
shore –  
when he laid down the foundations of  
the earth,  
I was by his side, a master craftsman,  
delighting him day after day,  
ever at play in his presence,  
at play everywhere in his world,  
delighting to be with the sons of men.

## **Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 8:4-9. R. v.2**

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

1. When I see the heavens, the work of  
your hands,  
the moon and the stars which you  
arranged,  
what is man that you should keep him  
in mind,  
mortal man that you care for him? (R.)
2. Yet you have made him little less than a  
god;  
with glory and honour you crowned him,  
gave him power over the works of your  
hand,  
put all things under his feet. (R.)

3. All of them, sheep and cattle,  
yes, even the savage beasts,  
birds of the air, and fish  
that make their way through the waters. (R.)

## **Second Reading Rom 5:1-5**

*To God through Christ in the love which is poured out through  
the Spirit.*

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, by faith we  
are judged righteous and at peace with  
God, since it is by faith and through Jesus  
that we have entered this state of grace in  
which we can boast about looking forward to  
God's glory. But that is not all we can boast  
about; we can boast about our sufferings.  
These sufferings bring patience, as we  
know, and patience brings perseverance,  
and perseverance brings hope, and this  
hope is not deceptive, because the love of  
God has been poured into our hearts by the  
Holy Spirit which has been given us.

## **Gospel Acclamation See Apoc 1:8**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Glory to the Father, the Son, and the  
Holy Spirit:**

**to God who is, who was, and who is  
to come.**

**Alleluia!**

## **Gospel Jn 16:12-15**

*Whatever the Father has is mine. The Spirit will receive  
what I give and tell you about it.*

Jesus said to his disciples:

'I still have many things to say to you  
but they would be too much for you now.  
But when the Spirit of truth comes  
he will lead you to the complete truth,  
since he will not be speaking as from  
himself  
but will say only what he has learnt;  
and he will tell you of the things to come.  
He will glorify me,  
since all he tells you  
will be taken from what is mine.  
Everything the Father has is mine;  
that is why I said:  
All he tells you  
will be taken from what is mine.'



## **Reflection by Fr Michael Tate**

The Feast of the Trinity of God  
comes about because Jesus painted  
a picture of the most intimate  
communion of Divine Life between  
Himself, the Father, and the Holy  
Spirit. This is a relationship and yet  
the most perfect unity.

God is Divine pulsating, shimmering  
light dancing in threefold exchange  
of love. In fact, the best name for  
God is 'Being-in-Love'. What does  
this mean for us?

How often have you heard: 'You are  
made in the image and likeness of  
God'? If God is threefold Being-in-  
Love, then you and I are made to live  
in relationship – not in solitary. We  
are totally on the wrong track if we  
think that the ultimate good is to be  
self-sufficient. It will turn out to be a  
Hellish choice. When we live as  
much self-giving as is possible, we  
are closest to Divine Life. In fact, we  
are Divine Life pulsating into a  
particular time and place through us.

Each time we bless ourselves, a bit  
of a Catholic routine, we are invoking  
the threefold exchange of love and  
calling its power into our life. Be  
careful, there will be consequence!  
You could become more God-like!

We could pause for a moment,  
slowly make the Sign of the Cross  
which recalls our baptism: 'In the  
Name of the Father and of the Son  
and of the Holy Spirit', and promise  
to image that Name in our lives.

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**S**t Anthony of Padua was born at Lisbon, Portugal in c. 1193. He joined the Franciscan friars around the age of 25 and worked as a missionary among the Muslims in Morocco. Returning to Europe due to ill health, Anthony spent time at an Italian hermitage, where his gift for preaching was soon discovered. Due to his reputation as a biblical scholar, he spent the remaining nine years of his life teaching in France and Italy before dying at Padua, around 1232. Many miracles were attributed to his intercession and to this day St Anthony is regularly invoked by many as a finder of lost items. He is named as one of the doctors of the Roman Catholic Church.

## The Spirit shows what is true

Write down whether these statements are true or false

God created the world in eight days.

God the Father loves us so much that he gave us his only Son.

Jesus was baptized by John the Evangelist.

Jesus died so that we may have eternal life.

The disciples received the Holy Spirit on Easter Monday.

The Holy Spirit allowed the disciples to speak in many different languages.

## Wordsearch

Try to find these words:



bring  
full  
glory  
guide  
heard  
message  
mine  
much  
speak  
taking  
truth  
understand

K	Q	Y	K	O	H	L	B	H	E	A	R	D	Y	J
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