

Sunday 31 May – Trinity Sunday

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.

First Reading: Isaiah 40:12-17, 27-end

¹²Who 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?

¹³Who has directed the spirit of the LORD,
or as his counsellor has instructed him?

¹⁴Whom 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?

¹⁵Even 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.

¹⁶Lebanon would not provide fuel enough,
nor are its animals enough for a burnt-offering.

¹⁷All the nations are as nothing before him;
they are accounted by him as less than nothing and emptiness.

²⁷Why do you say, O Jacob,
and speak, O Israel,

‘My way is hidden from the LORD,
and my right is disregarded by my God’?
²⁸Have 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.
²⁹He gives power to the faint,
and strengthens the powerless.
³⁰Even youths will faint and be weary,
and the young will fall exhausted;
³¹but 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.

Psalm 8

*O Lord our governor, ♦
how glorious is your name in all the world!*

Your majesty above the heavens is praised ♦
out of the mouths of babes at the breast.

You have founded a stronghold against your foes, ♦
that you might still the enemy and the avenger.

When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, ♦
the moon and the stars that you have ordained,

What are mortals, that you should be mindful of them; ♦
mere human beings, that you should seek them out?

You have made them little lower than the angels ♦
and crown them with glory and honour.

You have given them dominion over the works of your hands ♦
and put all things under their 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.

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how glorious is your name in all the world!*

Second Reading 2 Corinthians 13:11-end

¹¹Brothers 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.

¹²Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

¹³The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

Gospel: Matthew 28:16-end

¹⁶The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'