

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.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION cf. 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

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

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.’

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

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UNITY OF LOVE

There is a famous icon of the Trinity by Rublev in which the three persons of the Trinity are depicted gathered around a table. Each of the figures looks toward the others and while each is painted in different colours each one is difficult to distinguish from the others. Rublev chose this graphic means to depict the uniqueness and unity of the Triune God. Similarly, the New Testament writers sought to express what they understood about the nature of God as Father, Son and Spirit. Each has a particular role in the unfolding of salvation history and yet they are united in a community of love.

For Paul, it is through our faith in Jesus that we are judged to be righteous, a righteousness which comes through his death and resurrection and enables us to look forward to the future glory of God the Father. The Spirit, for his part, has poured the love of God into our hearts. Certainly, Paul would not have claimed to have fully plumbed the depths of God, and yet like other first-generation Christians, he knew that you could not speak about God without coming to terms with God as Father, Son and Spirit.

The unity of Father, Son and Spirit is strongly expressed in the Gospel of John where all that the Father has is also the Son's, and whatever the Spirit will speak to the Church is an expression of what comes from the Father and the Son.

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FIRST READING

Prov 8:22-31

A reading from the book of Proverbs

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.

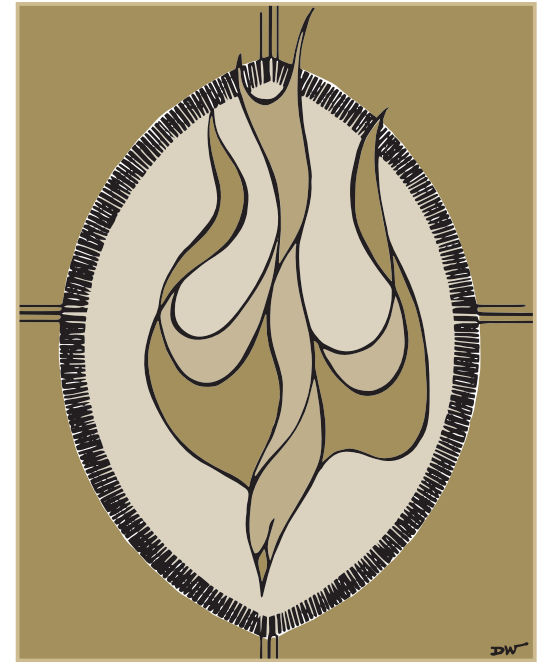
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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

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

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

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

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