

Year C; Trinity Sunday
Liturgical Elements
Developed for June 15, 2025
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Lectionary Texts

- Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31
- Psalm 8:1-9
- Romans 5:1-5
- John 16:12-15

CALL TO WORSHIP (*from Psalm 8*)

One: O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

All: You have set your glory above the heavens.

One: When we look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and stars that you have established;

All: what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?

One: Yet you have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honor.

All: You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet.

One: O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

All: Let us worship God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit!

CALL TO CONFESSION (*from Romans 5*)

The Apostle Paul wrote that he and those who ministered with him boasted in their sufferings. Let us confess where we have been timid in faith and not followed God's call into suffering that produces endurance and, eventually, a hope that does not disappoint.

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*from Romans 5*)

Heavenly Father, you came in human form as Jesus, the long promised Messiah. In Jesus, however, you did not choose to live as kings live but to live as the poor. He suffered on our behalf that we might be glorified and forgiven in him. We, however, too often avoid suffering. We may express and live our faith when it is convenient. We read stories of martyrs throughout the history of the church including in our day and see suffering that produces endurance. We see character in them and a hope that does not disappoint. Grow us into a faith willing to suffer that we might be as them. Forgive our timidness, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON *(from Romans 5)*

Paul, also, writes that we are justified by faith and have peace with God through Jesus Christ. We have gained access to his grace. Trust in the grace of Jesus, and know that we are forgiven. **Amen.**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

God of love, you demonstrate what love and connection ideally is as you share in oneness as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Not only this, but you open your relationship even to us. In thankfulness for your love and your invitations to us, we offer these gifts for the work of your church. Amen.

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