

Psalm 8

<sup>1</sup>O LORD, our Sovereign,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!  
You have set your glory above the heavens.  
<sup>2</sup>Out of the mouths of babes and infants  
you have founded a bulwark because of your foes,  
to silence the enemy and the avenger.  
<sup>3</sup>When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars that you have established;  
<sup>4</sup>what are human beings that you are mindful of them,  
mortals that you care for them?  
<sup>5</sup>Yet you have made them a little lower than God,  
and crowned them with glory and honor.  
<sup>6</sup>You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;  
you have put all things under their feet,  
<sup>7</sup>all sheep and oxen,  
and also the beasts of the field,  
<sup>8</sup>the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,  
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.  
<sup>9</sup>O LORD, our Sovereign,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-5 (The Message)

<sup>1-2</sup> By entering through faith into what God has always wanted to do for us—set us right with him, make us fit for him—we have it all together with God because of our Master Jesus. And that's not all: We throw open our doors to God and discover at the same moment that he has already thrown open his door to us. We find ourselves standing where we always hoped we might stand—out in the wide open spaces of God's grace and glory, standing tall and shouting our praise.

<sup>3-5</sup> There's more to come: We continue to shout our praise even when we're hemmed in with troubles, because we know how troubles can develop passionate patience in us, and how that patience in turn forges the tempered steel of virtue, keeping us alert for whatever God will do next. In alert expectancy such as this, we're never left feeling

shortchanged. Quite the contrary—we can't round up enough containers to hold everything God generously pours into our lives through the Holy Spirit!

Gospel: John 16:12-15

[Jesus said,] <sup>12</sup>"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. <sup>13</sup>When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. <sup>14</sup>He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. <sup>15</sup>All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."