

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
and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Psalm 29

Ascribe to the Lord, you / powers of / heaven :
ascribe to the / Lord / glory and / strength.

Ascribe to the Lord the honour / due to his / name :
worship the / Lord • in the / beauty of / holiness.

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;
the God of / glory / thunders :
the Lord is up/on the / mighty / waters.

The voice of the Lord is mighty in / oper/ation :
the voice of the Lord / is a / glorious / voice.

The voice of the Lord / breaks the / cedar trees :
the Lord / breaks the / cedars of / Lebanon;

He makes Lebanon / skip like a / calf :
and Sirion / like a / young wild / ox.

The voice of the Lord splits the flash of lightning;
the voice of the Lord / shakes the / wilderness :
the Lord / shakes the / wilderness of / Kadesh.

The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe
and strips the / forests / bare :
in his / temple / all cry, / 'Glory!'

The Lord sits enthroned a/bove the / water flood :
the Lord sits enthroned as / king for / ever/more.

The Lord shall give / strength to his / people :
the Lord shall give his / people the / blessing of / peace.

Romans 8. 12-17

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh - for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ - if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

Alleluia, alleluia.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
one God, who was, and who is, and who is to come,
the Almighty.

Alleluia.

John 3. 1-17

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.