

Scripture, June 12, 2022 – Pride & Choir Sunday

An Epistle, Romans 5:1-5

5Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we^{*} have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access^{*} to this grace in which we stand; and we^{*} boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we^{*} also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

Reading from the Hebrew Bible:

Proverbs 8:1-4,22-31

8Does not wisdom call,
and does not understanding raise her voice?
² On the heights, beside the way,
at the crossroads she takes her stand;
³ beside the gates in front of the town,
at the entrance of the portals she cries out:
⁴ 'To you, O people, I call,
and my cry is to all that live.

- 22 The LORD created me at the beginning* of his work,*
the first of his acts of long ago.
- 23 Ages ago I was set up,
at the first, before the beginning of the earth.
- 24 When there were no depths I was brought forth,
when there were no springs abounding with water.
- 25 Before the mountains had been shaped,
before the hills, I was brought forth—
- 26 when he had not yet made earth and fields,*
or the world's first bits of soil.
- 27 When he established the heavens, I was there,
when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,
- 28 when he made firm the skies above,
when he established the fountains of the deep,
- 29 when he assigned to the sea its limit,
so that the waters might not transgress his command,
when he marked out the foundations of the earth,
- 30 then I was beside him, like a master worker;*
and I was daily his* delight,
rejoicing before him always,
- 31 rejoicing in his inhabited world
and delighting in the human race.