

# LECTIONARY READING - June 12, 2022

## Proverbs 8:1-4, 8:22-31 New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

### The Gifts of Wisdom

**8** Does not wisdom call  
and 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 who live.

### Wisdom's Part in Creation

**22** "The LORD created me at the beginning<sup>[a]</sup> 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,  
playing before him always,  
**31** playing in his inhabited world  
and delighting in the human race.