

Proverbs 8:1–4, 22–31

¹ Does not wisdom call?

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
aloud:

⁴ "To you, O men, I call,
and my cry is to the children of man. . . .

²² "The Lord possessed me at the beginning of his
work,
the first of his acts of old.

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 before he had made the earth with its fields,
or the first of the dust of the world.

²⁷ When he established the heavens, I was there;
when he drew a circle on the face of the
deep,

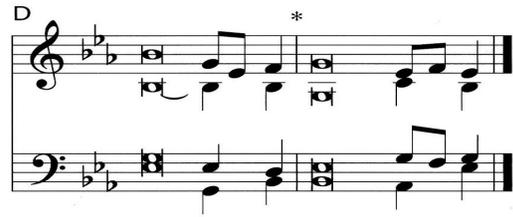
²⁸ when he made firm the skies above,
when he established the fountains of the
deep,

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
workman,

and I was daily his delight,
rejoicing before him always,

³¹ rejoicing in his inhabited world
and delighting in the children of man."

**Psalm 8**

¹ O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name
in | all the earth!*

You have set your glory above the |
heavens.

² Out of the mouth of babes and infants,
you have established strength because | of your
foes,*

to still the enemy and the a- | venger.

³ When I look at your heavens,
the work of your | fingers,*

the moon and the stars, which you have |
set in place,

⁴ what is man that you are mind- | ful of him,*
and the son of man that you | care for him?

⁵ Yet you have made him a little lower than the
heavenly | beings*

and crowned him with glory and | honor.

⁶ You have given him dominion over the works |
of your hands;*

you have put all things under | his feet,

⁷ all sheep and | oxen,*

and also the beasts | of the field,

⁸ the birds of the heavens, and the fish |
of the sea,*

whatever passes along the paths |
of the seas.

⁹ O | Lord, our Lord,*

how majestic is your name in |
all the earth!

Acts 2:14a, 22–36

¹⁴Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, . . .

²²"Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know—²³this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men.

²⁴God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. ²⁵For David says concerning him,

"I saw the Lord always before me,

for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken;

²⁶therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;

my flesh also will dwell in hope.

²⁷For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption.

²⁸You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'

²⁹"Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, ³¹he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. ³²This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. ³³Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. ³⁴For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says,"

'The Lord said to my Lord,

Sit at my right hand,

³⁵until I make your enemies your footstool.'

³⁶Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."

John 8:48–59

⁴⁸The Jews answered [Jesus], "Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?" ⁴⁹Jesus answered, "I do not have a demon, but I honor my Father, and you dishonor me. ⁵⁰Yet I do not seek my own glory; there is One who seeks it, and he is the judge. ⁵¹Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death." ⁵²The Jews said to him, "Now we know that you have a demon! Abraham died, as did the prophets, yet you say, 'If anyone keeps my word, he will never taste death.' ⁵³Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do you make yourself out to be?" ⁵⁴Jesus answered, "If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say, 'He is our God.' ⁵⁵But you have not known him. I know him. If I were to say that I do not know him, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and I keep his word. ⁵⁶Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad." ⁵⁷So the Jews said to him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?" ⁵⁸Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am." ⁵⁹So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.