

# Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

## Wisdom's Call

**8** Does not wisdom call out? Does not understanding raise her voice?

<sup>2</sup> At the highest point along the way,  
where the paths meet, she takes her  
stand;

<sup>3</sup> beside the gate leading into the city,  
at the entrance, she cries aloud:

<sup>4</sup> "To you, O people, I call out;  
I raise my voice to all mankind.

<sup>22</sup> "The LORD brought me forth as the  
first of his works, before his deeds of  
old;

<sup>23</sup> I was formed long ages ago, at the  
very beginning, when the world came to  
be.

<sup>24</sup> When there were no watery depths, I  
was given birth, when there were no  
springs overflowing with water;

<sup>25</sup> before the mountains were settled in  
place, before the hills, I was given birth,

<sup>26</sup> before he made the world or its fields  
or any of the dust of the earth.

<sup>27</sup> I was there when he set the heavens in  
place, when he marked out the  
horizon on the face of the deep,

<sup>28</sup> when he established the clouds above  
and fixed securely the fountains of the  
deep,

<sup>29</sup> when he gave the sea its boundary  
so the waters would not overstep his  
command, and when he marked out the  
foundations of the earth.

<sup>30</sup> Then I was constantly<sup>[c]</sup> at his side.

I was filled with delight day after day,  
rejoicing always in his presence,

<sup>31</sup> rejoicing in his whole world  
and delighting in mankind.