



CHRIST
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June 12, 2022
Trinity Sunday

REFLECTION

Celebrating God as Trinity: The Blessed Mystery of God

O God, and Spirit, and Jesus, the three,
From the crown of my head,
O Trinity,
To the soles of my feet mine offering be.
Come I unto thee, O Jesus, my King;
O Jesus, do thou be my sheltering.

I worship today
In the name of the King of life,
In the name of the Christ of love,
In the name of the Holy Spirit—
The Triune of my strength.

The Sacred Three
To save, to shield, to surround
The hearth, the home,
This day and every day.

God with me protecting,
The Lord with me directing,
The Spirit with me strengthening,
Forever and forevermore. Amen.

— From *The Breastplate of St. Patrick of Ireland*

TRINITY SUNDAY

Advent + Christmas + Epiphany + Lent + Easter + Pentecost

Gathering Hymn

This Day at Thy Creating Word

— God + calls + cleanses + speaks + strengthens + sends —

1. This day at thy cre - at - ing word first o'er the
 2. This day the Lord for sin - ners slain in might vic -
 3. This day the Ho - ly Spir - it came with fi - ery
 4. O day of light and life and grace, from earth - ly
 5. All praise to God the Fa - ther be, all praise, e -

earth the light was poured: O Lord, this day up -
 to - rious rose a - gain: O Je - sus, may we
 • tongues of clo - ven flame: O Spir - it, fill our
 toil sweet rest - ing place, thy hal - lowed hours, blest
 ter - nal Son, to thee, whom, with the Spir - it,

on us shine and fill our souls with light di - vine.
 rais - ed be from death of sin to life in thee!
 • hearts this day with grace to hear and grace to pray.
 gift of love, give we a - gain to God a - bove.
 we a - dore for - ev - er and for - ev - er - more.

Call to Worship Deuteronomy 6:4–6

Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.

You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.

And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart

Invocation

Praise Hymn King of Kings

In the darkness we were waiting, Without hope without light
Till from Heaven You came running, There was mercy in Your eyes
To fulfil the law and prophets, To a virgin came the Word
From a throne of endless glory, To a cradle in the dirt

Chorus

Praise the Father, Praise the Son, Praise the Spirit three in one
God of Glory, Majesty, Praise forever to the King of Kings

To reveal the kingdom coming, And to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation, You did not despise the cross
For even in Your suffering, You saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation, Jesus for our sake You died

Chorus

And the morning that You rose, All of heaven held its breath
Till that stone was moved for good, For the Lamb had conquered death
And the dead rose from their tombs, And the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who'd come, To the Father are restored

Chorus

And the Church of Christ was born, Then the Spirit lit the flame
Now this Gospel truth of old, Shall not kneel shall not faint
By His blood and in His Name, In His freedom I am free
For the love of Jesus Christ, Who has resurrected me

Chorus

New Testament teaching on the Trinity:

Matt. 3:16-17; 28:18-19; John 14:24-26; Acts 2:32-33;
Eph. 1:3, 11, 12-14; 4:4-7; 2 Cor. 13:14

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Old Testament Lesson Joel 2:12–13, 28–32

Confession of Sin

Hymn of Confession O Come and Mourn With Me A While (Vs 1-3)

O come and mourn with me awhile, O come ye to the Savior's side
O come, together let us mourn, Jesus our Lord is crucified.

Seven times He spake seven words of love; And all three hours His silence cried
For mercy on the souls of men; Jesus our Lord is crucified.

Chorus

O love of God! O sin of man! In this dread act Your strength is tried;
And victory remains with love; Jesus our Lord is crucified!

O break, O break, hard heart of mine! Thy weak self-love and guilty pride
His Pilate and His Judas were: Jesus our Lord is crucified.

Individual Confession

Absolution Isaiah 53:5–6

But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are
healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own
way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Thanksgiving Hymn O Come and Mourn With Me A While (Vs 4)

A broken heart, a fount of tears, Ask, and they will not be denied;
A broken heart love's cradle is: Jesus our Lord is crucified.

Chorus

Old Testament Lesson Psalm 110

Peace of Christ The peace of the Lord be with you!
And also with you!

Trinity Song

Holy Father Son and Spirit; Holy Communion Three in One
Come with Your peace with Your invitation; Bind us together in holy love
Holy Father Son and Spirit; Holy Communion Three in One

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Sermon Text Mark 5:1-20

Sermon The King and the Cross: Mark's Gospel | Pastor Curran Bishop

Response Hymn Days of Elijah

These are the days of Elijah, Declaring the Word of the Lord
And these are the days, Of Your servant Moses, Righteousness being restored,
And though these are days of great trials, Of famine and darkness and sword,
Still we are the voice in the desert, crying, Prepare ye the way of the Lord

Chorus

Behold He comes, Riding on the clouds
Shining like the sun, At the trumpet call
So lift your voice, It's the year of Jubilee
And out of Zion's hill, Salvation comes

And these are the days of Ezekiel, The dry bones becoming as flesh
And these are the days, Of Your servant David, Rebuilding a temple of praise
And these are the days of the harvest, The fields are as white in the world
And we are the laborers, In Your vineyard, Declaring the Word of the Lord

Chorus

There is no God like Jehovah (repeat 6x)

Chorus

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Bringing Our Life to God

Prayers | Collection | Profession

Prayers of the People

Collection

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Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost!

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be;

World, without end; Amen, Amen.

Confession of Faith

The Apostle's Creed (1st Century)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son Our Lord,

Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into Hell;

the third day He rose again from the dead;

He ascended into Heaven, and sits at the right hand of God, the Father almighty;

from there He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic* Church,

the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body and life everlasting. Amen.

*that is, the universal church

Communion in Christ Jesus

All Christians are invited to receive Christ's presence of bread and wine. When directed please take your bulletin, stand and form a circle around the worship space. Whether you intend to take communion or not, please join us in the circle. If you are not able to stand, please move your chair into the circle. We serve wine in the outer rings of the tray in the Lord's Supper, believing it to be the Biblical element used. We provide grape juice in the inner rings for those who, out of conscience or for health, do not drink wine.

Communion Hymn

I Bind Myself to Thee Today (Vs 1-3)

Prayer for those searching

Oh God, I am discovering that the more I have, the more I need to have, the more I am loved, the more I need to be loved, the more I achieve, the more I need to achieve. Nothing seems to satisfy me. Could it be, as someone once said, that “Our hearts are restless until they find their rest in thee.” Dear God, if this is true, and if as the Bible teaches there is life and life eternal in Christ alone, please guide me to Him. Open me to the reality of the One who alone can satisfy my restless heart. Give me the courage to believe that which I cannot see but can understand, feel and touch through the Word, sacraments and church family. Lord I want to believe, help my unbelief! Amen.

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Coronation Hymn

I Bind Myself to Thee Today (Vs 4)

Benediction adapted from Numbers 6:24–26:

Now may the Lord, the Father, bless you and keep you;
the Lord, the Son, make his face shine on you and be gracious to you;
the Lord, the Holy Spirit, turn his face toward you and give you peace.

Unison

I I bind un - to my - self to - day the strong name

of the Trin - i - ty, by in - vo - ca - tion

of the same, the three in one and one in three.

2 I bind this day to me for - ev - er, by power of
3 I bind un - to my - self to - day the vir - tues
4 I bind un - to my - self to - day the power of
5 I bind un - to my - self the name, the strong name

faith, Christ's in - car - na - tion, his bap - tism in the
of the star - lit heav - en, the glo - rious sun's life -
God to hold and lead, his eye to watch, his
of the Trin - i - ty, by in - vo - ca - tion

Jor - dan Riv - er, his cross of death for my sal -
 giv - ing ray, the white - ness of the moon at
 might to stay, his ear to hear - ken to my
 of the same, the three in one and one in

va - tion, his burst - ing from the spic - ed tomb, his
 c - ven, the flash - ing of the light - ning free, the
 need, the wis - dom of my God to teach, his
 three, of whom all na - ture has cre - a - tion, e -

rid - ing up the heaven - ly way, his com - ing at the
 whirl - ing wind's tem - pes - tuous shocks, the sta - ble earth, the
 hand to guide, his shield to ward, the Word of God to
 ter - nal Fa - ther, Spir - it, Word. Praise to the Lord of

day of doom, I bind un - to my - self to - day.
 deep salt sea, a - round the old e - ter - nal rocks.
 give me speech, his heaven - ly host to be my guard.
 my sal - va - tion, sal - va - tion is of Christ the Lord!

REFLECTION

On God as Three and One

Every once in a while in my discussions someone asks how I can believe in the Trinity. My answer is always the same. I would still be an agnostic if there were no Trinity, because there would be no answers. Without the high order of personal unity and diversity as given in the Trinity, there are no answers....

Man is made in the image of God; therefore, on the side of the fact that God is a personal God the chasm stands not between God and man, but between man and all else. But on the side of God's infinity, man is as separated from God as the atom or any other finite thing of the universe. So we have the answer to man's being finite and yet personal.

It is not that this is the best answer to existence; it is the only answer. That is why we may hold our Christianity with intellectual integrity. The only answer for what exists is that he, the infinite-personal God, really is there.

Now we must develop the second part a bit farther—personal unity and diversity on the high order of trinity. Einstein taught that the whole material world may be reduced to electromagnetism and gravity. At the end of his life he was seeking a unity above these two, something that would unite electromagnetism and gravity, but he never found it. But what if he had found it? It would only be unity in diversity in relationship to the material world, and as such it would only be child's play. Nothing would really have been settled because the needed unity and diversity in regard to personality would not have been touched. If he had been able to bring electromagnetism and gravity together, he would not have explained the need of personal unity and diversity.

In contrast, let us think of the Nicene Creed—three Persons, one God. Rejoice that they chose the word “person.” Whether you realize it or not, that catapulted the Nicene Creed right into our century and its discussions: three Persons in existence, loving each other, and in communication with each other, before all else was.

If this were not so, we would have had a God who needed to create in order to love and communicate. In such a case, God would have needed the universe as much as the universe needed God. But God did not need to create; God does not need the universe as the universe needs him. Why? Because we have a full and true Trinity. The Persons of the Trinity communicated with each other, and loved each other before the creation of the world. This is not only an answer to the acute philosophic need of unity in diversity, but of personal unity and diversity. The unity and diversity cannot exist before God or be behind God, because whatever is farthest back is God. But with the doctrine of the Trinity, unity and diversity is God himself—three Persons, yet one God. That is what the Trinity is, and nothing less than this.

—*He Is There And He Is Not Silent*, Francis Schaeffer (1972)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Community Group | Meeting tonight at 5:30 at the Bishops' house for a Bible study and community meal. Signup to bring a dish, drink or side on the link in the weekly email.

Men's Breakfast | Wednesdays at 7am, Pop's Restaurant (134 Old Gate Ln.). A space for community, important questions, and understanding. Feel free to invite friends, coworkers and neighbors.

Thursday Night Prayer Meeting | 7-7:50pm. Please join us as we follow a short prayer and scripture liturgy and pray for each other.

[Zoom link](#) | Meeting ID: 899 5618 6470 | Passcode: 355978

Men's & Women's Bible Studies | Women on 6/25, from 9-10:30am. Men meet next in July. Email questions for either study to info@cpcmilford.org.

Men's & Women's Monthly Fellowship | Generally 3rd weekends, rotating months: the women will meet next month. RSVP to info@cpcmilford.org.

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