

PARISH LIFE

Our Vision: *Transforming lives through a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ.*

Our Mission: *To share Christ's love and His Word with our community and the world through Christ-centered outreach, worship, prayer, and biblical study.*

CHRIST TOGETHER CYCLE OF PRAYER:

WNY ANGLICAN FELLOWSHIP CYCLE OF PRAYER:

DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER:

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Trinity Sunday

Saturday, June 6, 2020 4:30pm HE

Sunday, June 7, 2020 8, 9:15 & 11am HE

Sacring Bell

All stand when the bell rings.

Processional Hymn

Hymnal

Opening Sentences (Prayer Book Page 123)

Leader: Blessed be God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Versicles, Gloria & Salutation

Trinity Sunday (Prayer Book Page 615) Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Introduction: The word "Trinity" occurs nowhere in the Bible yet it is implied on just about every page. The Hebrew word for God (*Elohim*) is a uniplural noun like the word 'church.' It's written in the singular, but implies a plural. *God the Father* gives the command to create all things; *Christ the "Word"* does the actual creating (John 1:1-3, 10, 14); and *God the Holy Spirit* blesses it all, making creation function as a unified ecological balance. When God creates man, He says: "Let US (the Holy Trinity) make man in OUR image." He does not say "Me" and "My," but "US" and "OUR!" Thus, the evidence of the triune God can be seen right from the very beginning of the Bible, in Genesis

Genesis 1:1-2:3: "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was formless and void, and darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was moving over the surface of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light day, and the darkness He called night. And there was evening and there was morning, one day. Then God said, "Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." God made the expanse, and separated the waters which were below the expanse from the waters which were above the expanse; and it was so. God called the

expanse heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, a second day. Then God said, "Let the waters below the heavens be gathered into one place, and let the dry land appear," and it was so. God called the dry land earth, and the gathering of the waters He called seas; and God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, *and* fruit trees on the earth bearing fruit after their kind with seed in them," and it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed after their kind, and trees bearing fruit with seed in them, after their kind; and God saw that it was good. There was evening and there was morning, a third day. Then God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night, and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years; and let them be for lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth," and it was so. God made the two great lights, the greater light to govern the day, and the lesser light to govern the night; *He made* the stars also. God placed them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, and to govern the day and the night, and to separate the light from the darkness; and God saw that it was good. There was evening and there was morning, a fourth day. Then God said, "Let the waters teem with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth in the open expanse of the heavens." God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarmed after their kind, and every winged bird after its kind; and God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." There was evening and there was morning, a fifth day. Then God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures after their kind: cattle and creeping things and beasts of the earth after their kind," and it was so. God made the beasts of the earth after their kind, and the cattle after their kind, and everything that creeps on the ground after its kind; and God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. God blessed them; and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over every living thing that moves on the earth." Then God said, "Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the surface of all the earth, and every tree which has fruit yielding seed; it shall be food for you; and to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the sky and to everything that moves on the earth which has life, I have given every green plant for food," and it was so. God saw all that He had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day. Thus the heavens and the earth were completed, and all their hosts. By the seventh day God completed His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done. Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made."

Psalm 150 *Laudate Dominum* (Prayer Book Page 467)

- 1 Praise the Lord. Praise God in his holiness; praise him in the firmament of his power.
- 2 ***Praise him for his mighty acts; praise him for his excellent greatness.***
- 3 Praise him with the sound of the trumpet; praise him upon the lute and harp.
- 4 ***Praise him with the timbrels and dances; praise him upon the strings and pipe.***
- 5 Praise him with the resounding cymbals; praise him with the loud cymbals.
- 6 ***Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. O praise the Lord.***

SECOND READING

Introduction: God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit existed before our present universe did. After God created the universe (first reading), sin, as a result of man’s rebellion, entered into the world. How would things be “mended?” The Apostle Paul reminds us in this short reading: Through the “grace” (help) that comes from God the Holy Trinity

2 Corinthians 13:5-14: Test yourselves to see if you are in the faith; examine yourselves! Or do you not recognize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you—unless indeed you fail the test? But I trust that you will realize that we ourselves do not fail the test. Now we pray to God that you do no wrong; not that we ourselves may appear approved, but that you may do what is right, even though we may appear unapproved. For we can do nothing against the truth, but only for the truth. For we rejoice when we ourselves are weak but you are strong; this we also pray for, that you be made complete. For this reason I am writing these things while absent, so that when present I need not use severity, in accordance with the authority which the Lord gave me for building up and not for tearing down. Finally, brethren, rejoice, be made complete, be comforted, be like-minded, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

HOLY GOSPEL

Introduction: The Trinity is shown as “Creator” in the first reading, a “Mending Reconciler” in the second reading, and lastly in this lesson, as a restorative “Redeemer.” Christ sends the disciples out to bring the Gentiles back to God. He gives them authority to baptize and teach in the name of one God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Christians, at their baptisms, were normally given a middle, or third name, instead of just two - the first and sur (last) names; as a reminder of the triune nature of God.

St. Matthew 28:16-20: But the eleven disciples proceeded to Galilee, to the mountain which Jesus had designated. When they saw Him, they worshiped Him; but some were doubtful. And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

Sermon Hymn Hymnal
The Sermon Fr. Ward
Nicene Creed, Prayers of the People, Confession Pr Bk.pp. 127-129

Exchange of the ‘Peace,’ Announcements

Offertory 9:15am
11:15am

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Great Thanksgiving & Holy Week Preface (Euch. Prayer B) Pr.Bk.p. 132

Communion Hymn 9:15am
9:15 & 11:15am

Thanksgiving & Priest’s Blessing Pr.Bk.p
Closing Hymn Hymnal

The Dismissal CLERGY: “Let us bless the Lord.”
PEOPLE: “Thanks be to God”

THE CALENDAR

Sun.

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