

Church of the Divine Love

TRINITY SUNDAY

JUNE 12, 2022

9:00 A.M.

HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

THE WORD OF GOD

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First Lesson: **Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31**

Psalm 8

Second Lesson: **Romans 5:1-5**

Gradual Hymn – #423 – **Immortal, invisible, God only wise**

Gospel: **John 16:12-15**

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Welcome and Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

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Doxology (sung)

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Sermon Sunday June 12, 2022

Proverbs 8:1-4,22-31; Psalm 8; Romans 5:1-5; John 16:12-15

Sisters and brothers in Christ,

Today is the Feast of the Holy Trinity, a day that many understand as being devoted to and focused on a doctrine. While there is some truth in that understanding, it is, I believe, only a very small piece of what today is about. The greater truth is that we live Trinitarian lives. We live, move, and have our being in the Blessed Trinity.

We pray to the Holy Trinity offering ourselves, joys and sorrows, concerns, and thanksgivings in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. We are baptized into new life in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. In some churches people gather in the chapel to be anointed in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit for the healing of their body, mind, and soul. Each Sunday the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit sanctify our offerings of bread and wine that they might become the food and drink of eternal life. On a regular basis we bless people, pets, and things in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. The prayers at the beginning of our burial liturgy remind us that we entrust those who have died to the care of the Holy Trinity.

We are Trinitarian people. From beginning to end and everything in between, our creation, birth, life, and death, are constituted, sustained, and filled by the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. So, to see this day, this holy feast, as nothing more than a concept of numbers in which one equals three and three equals one is like saying a wedding anniversary is simply the remembrance and celebration of the

concept of love. Concepts, whether of love or the Holy Trinity, rarely, if ever, sustain or transform our lives. Instead, our lives are sustained and transformed by relationships and experiences.

Try to define love or explain to your spouse why you love her or him. Make a list, count the ways: you are pretty, smart, funny; we have a lot in common; we enjoy the same things; you are fun to be with; you are a good cook; you have a good job; you are a good provider; I am attracted to you; you make me happy. The list begins to sound shallow, superficial, and you know at a deep level that list does not even begin to reflect your love. How can words ever describe or capture the beauty and mystery of two lives shared, given, and received? How do you talk about giving yourself to another so completely that you live within the other, not losing yourself but finding your true and complete self? Words fail. Some things, like love, cannot really be talked about. They can only ever be experienced.

Likewise, try to define the Trinity and you end up with nonsensical math in which $1+1+1=1$. Or you hear bad and, most often, heretical analogies: God is like an egg and the three persons are the shell, the white, and the yolk of the egg. The Trinity is like the three musketeers, all for one and one for all. At best we are left confused and at worst we decide this whole Trinitarian thing is outdated and irrelevant. How can words ever describe or capture the beauty and mystery of three lives shared, given, and received? How do you talk about three persons giving themselves to each other so completely that they live within one another, not losing themselves but finding their true and complete self? Words fail. Some things, like the Trinity, cannot really be talked about. They can only ever be experienced. The experience of and participation in Trinitarian love is where the gospel is taking us today. Jesus is more interested in our Trinitarian participation than in our Trinitarian understanding.

In today's gospel Jesus speaks of the Father and the Spirit and the relationship the three of them share. It is not a lecture about the Trinity. He does not describe what they are but rather, how they are. According to Jesus this is how they are. They are in complete relationship. All they have is given, received, and shared. Nothing is withheld. Nothing is secret. All that the Father has is Jesus'. All that Jesus has is taken by the Spirit and declared to us. We are included in the life and love the Holy Trinity. All that the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit have is being given and made available to us. Nothing is withheld. Nothing is secret.

The Feast of the Holy Trinity is the feast of God's life and love united with ours. It is the reality that unity and diversity, the one and the many, are not opposites. Rather, they necessarily constitute each other. It is the celebration of sharing, giving, and receiving each other lives. It is the invitation to fully participate in God's life and thereby in each other's lives. The deepest and most profound truths of our lives are not provable facts. They are, rather, relational, personal, and intimate. They offer experiences and meaning not explanations and understanding. The Feast of the Holy Trinity is not about a doctrine, ideas, or concepts. It is a feast of life, a feast of being and existence, a feast of love, a feast of sharing and giving, a feast of mystery that invites human beings to participate in God's life.

The Trinitarian life begins with the three, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, but it is not limited to the three. It is the ongoing dance of God's being and existence. All are invited to join the dance. No one is denied an invitation and in God's world everyone knows how to dance. Sometimes we see the world through another's eyes and their joys or sorrows take root in us as if they were our own. When that happens, we are not receiving news or information about another, we are sharing a common life. We are loving our neighbor as ourselves. That's trinitarian life.

This dance of God's life and love is not, however, abstract. It is embodied and revealed through flesh and blood dancers that can touch and heal with God's hands, see with God's eyes, listen, and discern with God's ears, speak God's truth, and love with God's heart. The Trinitarian life is embodied and revealed through us. Wherever we are and whoever with we are with, there is God's dance floor, in our families and marriages, in friendships, in places of reconciliation and healing, at school, in our workplace, at the food pantry, in our silence and solitude, in our recreation, in our joys and in our sorrows, in our concerns and in our thanksgivings.

In every one of those places there is God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit asking with one voice, May I have this dance? The Holy Trinity is not a concept to be explained, numbers to be calculated, or a problem to be solved. It is a life to be lived, a love to be shared, and a beauty to be revealed. Stop thinking about God. Live the life, share the love, reveal the beauty. **Amen!**

Masks optional with social distance seating

TRINITY SUNDAY	9:00 AM	HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II	(also on zoom)
		COFFEE HOUR FOLLOWS	
MONDAY	8:00 AM	AA MEETING	
WEDNESDAY	7:00 PM	AL-ANON MEETING	
THURSDAY	10AM-2PM	THRIFT SHOP	
	8:00 PM	AA MEETING	
SATURDAY	10AM-2PM	THRIFT SHOP	
12 PENTECOST	9:00 AM	HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II	(also on zoom)
		COFFEE HOUR FOLLOWS	

SUPPORT THE FOOD DRIVE – DROP OFF IN THE KITCHEN

	Today	Next Week
Eucharistic Minister	Jess Berbeck	Deb Giordano
Altar Guild	Deb Giordano	Roe Prosser
	Jess Berbeck	Marie Quatorze
Coffee Hour	Judy Golden	Deb & Anthony Giordano

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Give to all who suffer the refreshing waters of your compassion and healing. Make them dwell in the safety of your care even in the midst of all that troubles them. Especially we remember before you:

Carol K.	Harriet Capers	Bob Curley
Julia	Arlene Goodenough	Celeste
Chris Dickson	Kate Jones	Grace Schinella
Michael Echevarria	John Rocco	Robert Sweat
Martinisi Family	Michael & Family	Warren
Charlotte H.	Bernie Walther	Theresa K.
Mo (Rachael)	Bill Conklin Sr.	Laura
Anthony Paribello	Barbara Curran	Taylor
Ciara	Gabriel	Aidan
Elodie	Del	Dorothy
People of Haiti	Chrissy Neville	Vincent
Maggie & Family	People of Ukraine	Amy E.
Nathan Treadwell	Christopher & Family	Tim
Bob Lazevnick	Jen & Family	Anthony

Help us to speak words of encouragement and offer deeds of kindness to them.
Bring us with them, into the unending joy of your kingdom. Amen

Prayer before Worship

Almighty God, who pours out on all who desire it, the
spirit of grace. Deliver us, when we draw near to you,
from coldness of heart and wanderings of mind, that
with steadfast thoughts and kindled affections we may
worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ
our Lord. Amen.

Hymn to be sung during the consecration:

Father I adore you,
Lay my life before you,
How I love you.

Repeat twice with second verse starting with Jesus and third verse starting with
Spirit.

Prayer for Peace

Eternal God, in whose perfect kingdom no sword is drawn
but the sword of righteousness, no strength known but the strength of love: So
mightily spread abroad your Spirit, that
all peoples may be gathered under the banner of the Prince
of Peace, as children of one Father; to whom be dominions
and glory, now and for ever. Amen

