

Scripture Notes for Trinity Sunday Easter Year B

Matthew 28:16-20 "The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had ordered them. When they all saw him, they worshiped, but they doubted. Then Jesus approached and said to them, "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age."

Old Testament Suggestions/references of the Holy Trinity

Genesis 1:26 "Then God said, "Let Us make man in our image, according to Our likeness;"

Genesis 3:22a "Then the LORD God said, "Behold, the man has become like one of Us, knowing good and evil;"

Genesis 11:7 " The Lord said, "...Come, let us go down and confuse their language so they will not understand each other."

Genesis 18:2 "Abraham looked up and saw three men standing nearby. When he saw them, he hurried from the entrance of his tent to meet them and bowed low to the ground."

Isaiah 6:3 "And one (of angels) called out to another and said, "Holy, Holy, Holy, is the LORD of hosts, The whole earth is full of His glory."

Also, Revelation 4:8 "they (four living creatures) do not cease to say, "1)HOLY,2)HOLY, 3)HOLY is The Lord God, The Almighty, Who was, and Who is and Who is to come."

God Exodus 3:14 "God replied to Moses: I am who I am. Then he added: This is what you will tell the Israelites: I AM has sent me to you."

God's Name given to Moses: "He who IS" Is this understanding God as a VERB?

God understood actively, God of wonders, God of Deeds, God of Action

John 1:1 "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."

John 1:14 "And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us,"

Isaiah 44:6 "Thus says the LORD, Israel's king, its redeemer, the LORD of hosts: I am the first, I am the last; there is no God but me."

Revelation 1:8 "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "the one who is and who was and who is to come, the almighty."

Revelation 22:13 "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."

Jesus is FACE of GOD

“Jesus Christ is the face of the Father’s mercy.” (from Pope Francis, *Misericordiae Vultus*, Bull of Indiction of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy first line April 11, 2015)

2 Corinthians 4:6 “For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” made His light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.”

John 12:45 “and whoever sees me sees the one who sent me.”

John 14:9 “Whoever has seen me has seen the Father.”

1 John 1:1 “What was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we looked upon and touched with our hands concerns the Word of life—“

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New Testament Full Revelation of Trinity

Title ‘Father’ always rolling off the lips of Jesus in his prayer and in his teaching ‘Our Father’ (Matt 6:9) or when he prayed for our forgiveness on his way to the Cross “Father, forgive them, they know not what they do” (Luke 23:34).

Title ‘Son’ is found used by Jesus himself. See John 5:18-19 “18For this reason therefore the Jews were seeking all the more to kill Him, because He not only was breaking the Sabbath, but also was calling God His own Father, making Himself equal with God. 19Therefore Jesus answered and was saying to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, unless it is something He sees the Father doing; for whatever the Father does, these things the Son also does in like manner.”

Also, to use name ‘Father’, means ‘I am a son-child’

Title ‘Holy Spirit’ is given by Jesus also when he names the Holy Spirit promising at the Last Supper to send back the Spirit from the Father’s glory in John 14:26 “But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things...” also, in John 16:13 “But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth...”

Trinity and Catholic Liturgy

1) Sign of the Cross

2) Pauline Greeting 2 Cor 13:14 “The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.”

John Baptist himself says in Luke 3:16 “John answered, saying unto them all, I baptize you with water; but one mightier than I is coming, and I am unworthy to loosen the strap of his sandals: he shall baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire:”

Because some Christians may claim other baptisms:

“Jesus Only”: some argue that the New Testament talks about people being baptized “in the name of Jesus,” but there are only four such passages (Acts 2:38, 8:16, 10:48, and 19:5). However, the phrase “baptized in the name of Jesus” is simply Luke’s way to distinguish Christian baptism from other baptisms of the period, such as John’s baptism (which Luke mentions in Acts 1:5, 22, 10:37, 11:16, 13:24, 18:25, 19:4), Jewish (Essenes) baptism, and the baptisms of Roman pagan cults (ex. Mithraism). Think: ‘baptize just as Jesus specified.’

Whole Trinity in One Verse!

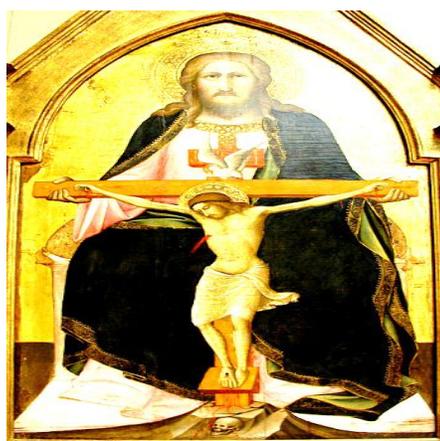
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John 14:26 “The Advocate, the holy Spirit that the Father will send in my name—he will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you.”

John 14:23 “Jesus answered and said to him, “Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him.”

John 14:16-17 “And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth...”

2 Corinthians 13:13 “The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the holy Spirit be with all of you.”



Bishop St Athanasian Creed (500 AD)

Whosoever will be saved, before all things it is necessary that he hold the catholic faith. Which faith except everyone do keep whole and undefiled, without doubt he shall perish everlastingly.

And the catholic faith is this: That we worship one God in Trinity, and Trinity in Unity, neither confounding the persons, nor dividing the substance.

For there is one Person of the Father, another of the Son, and another of the Holy Spirit. But the godhead of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, is all one, the glory equal, the majesty co-eternal.

Such as the Father is, such is the Son, and such is the Holy Spirit. The Father uncreated, the Son uncreated, and the Holy Spirit uncreated. The Father incomprehensible, the Son incomprehensible, and the Holy Spirit incomprehensible.

The Father eternal, the Son eternal, and the Holy Spirit eternal. And yet they are not three eternals, but one Eternal.

As also there are not three incomprehensibles, nor three uncreated, but one Uncreated, and one

Incomprehensible. So likewise the Father is Almighty, the Son Almighty, and the Holy Spirit Almighty.

And yet they are not three almighties, but one Almighty.

So the Father is God, the Son is God, and the Holy Spirit is God. And yet they are not three gods, but one God.

So likewise the Father is Lord, the Son Lord, and the Holy Spirit Lord. And yet not three lords, but one Lord.

For as we are compelled by the Christian verity to acknowledge each Person by Himself to be both God and Lord, so we are also forbidden by the catholic religion to say that there are three gods or three lords.