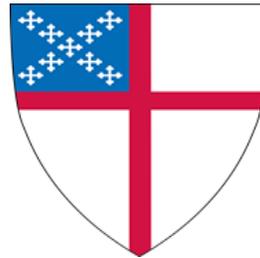
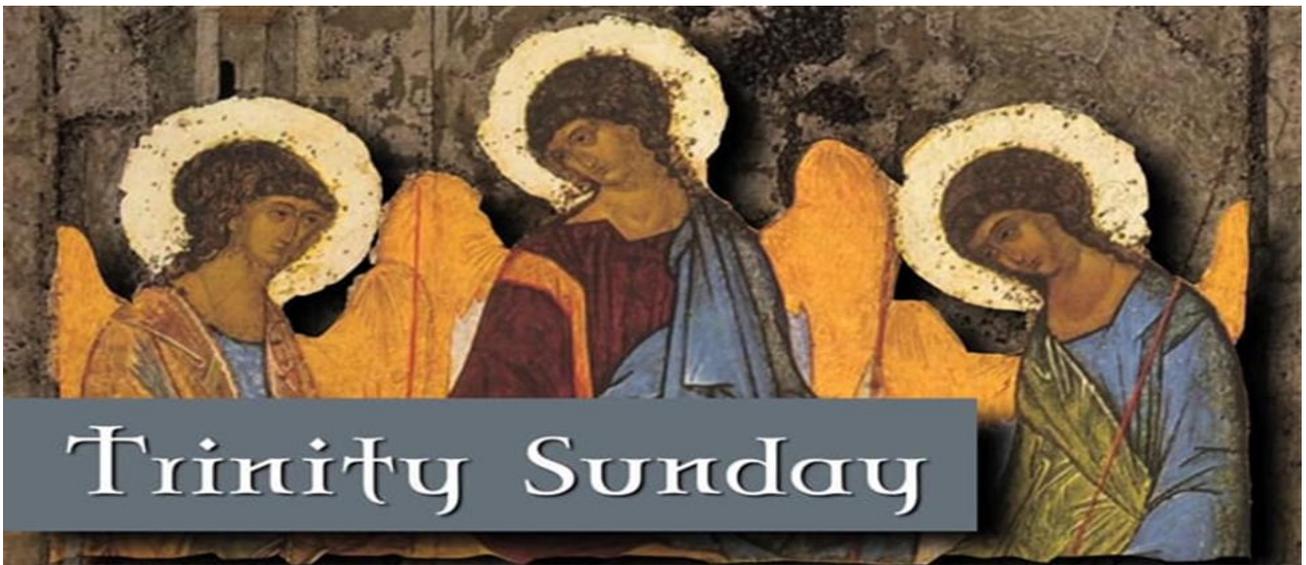


# **Holy Trinity Episcopal Church Prayer List & Newsletter**



**June 6, 2020**



## **LESSONS FOR TRINITY SUNDAY**

- 1. Psalm 8**
- 2. Genesis 1:1-4a**
- 3. 2 Corinthians 13: 11-13**
- 4. Matthew 28: 16-20**

# All there is to know about Trinity Sunday

## What we celebrate:

The Church's official recognition of the Trinity as the three "persons" of the one God — Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

## Date:

The First Sunday after Pentecost

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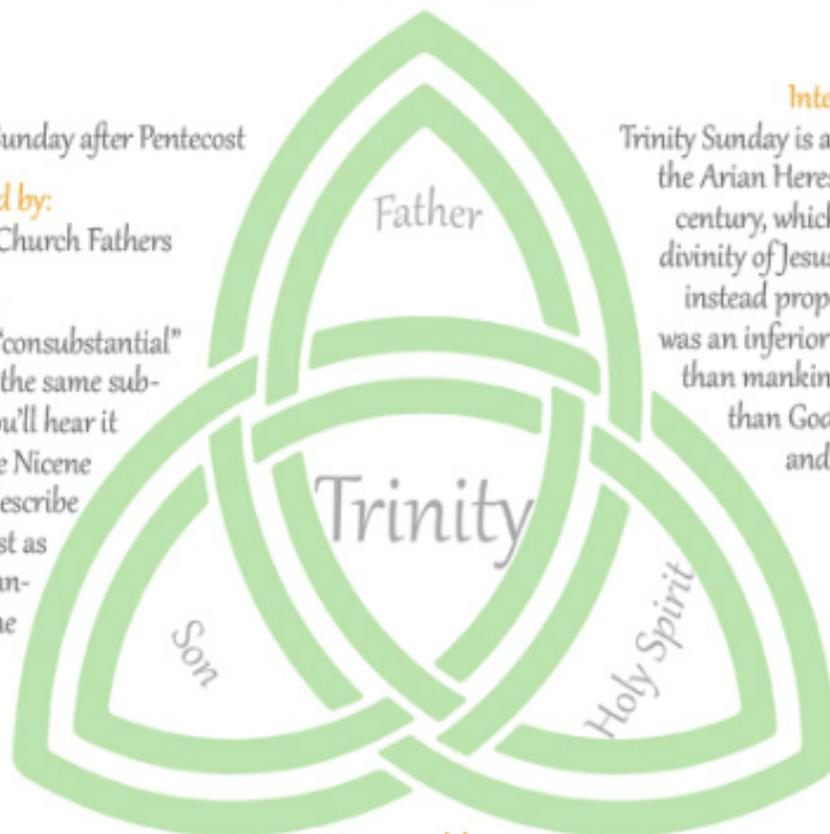
The Early Church Fathers

## Listen for:

The word "consubstantial" means "of the same substance." You'll hear it used in the Nicene Creed to describe Jesus Christ as "consubstantial with the Father."

## Interesting fact:

Trinity Sunday is a response to the Arian Heresy of the 4th century, which denied the divinity of Jesus Christ and instead proposed that he was an inferior god (higher than mankind, but lower than God the Father) and not the Son of God.



## How we celebrate:

During Mass, pay close attention to who we say that Jesus is as we proclaim the Gloria ("Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father") and profess the Creed

("I believe in Jesus Christ, the only Son of God ... God from God, Light from Light, True God from True God").

You might also notice that the homily and all of the prayers mention the relationship of the Trinity, and all of the songs will mention the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, as in "Holy, Holy, Holy."

## Mass Readings:

Exodus 34:4b-6,8-9 -- Moses comes face-to-face with God. He affirms God's mercy and invites God to accompany the Israelites on their journey to freedom.

2 Corinthians 13:11-13 -- Paul's letter to the Corinthians begins with a greeting that affirms their faith in the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

John 3:16-18 -- The well-known "God so loved the world" scripture explicitly states Jesus' relationship to God.

## Psalm 8

1 Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory in the heavens.

2 Through the praise of children and infants

you have established a stronghold against your enemies,  
to silence the foe and the avenger.

3 When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,

4 what is mankind that you are mindful of them,  
human beings that you care for them?[c]

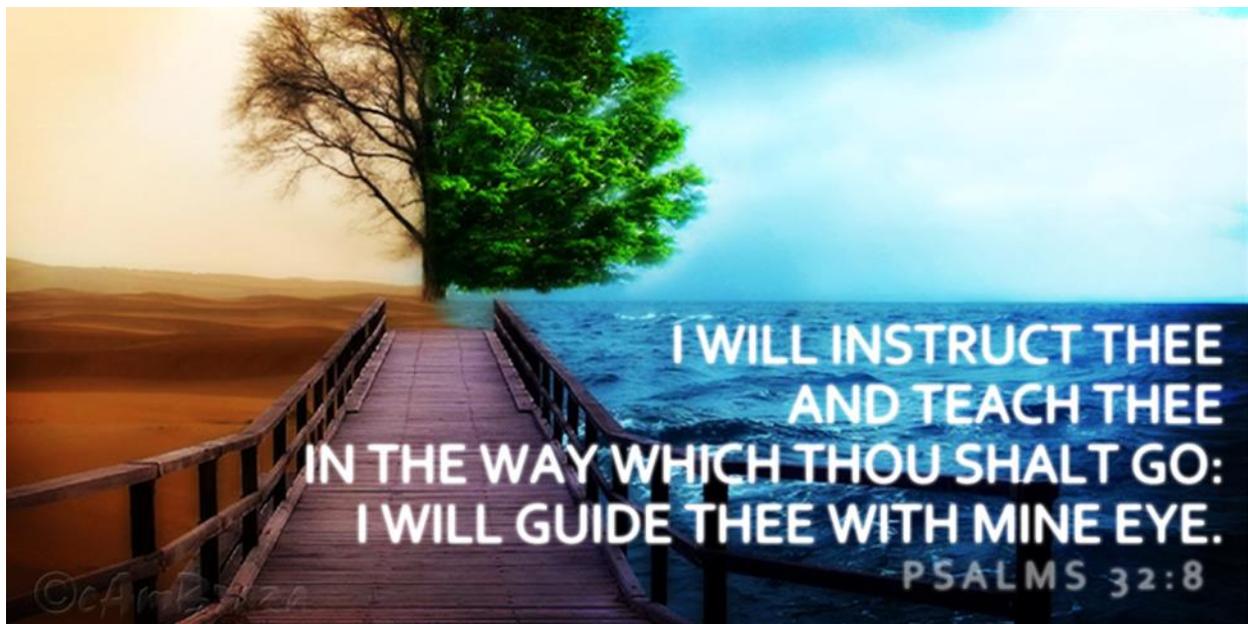
5 You have made them[d] a little lower than the angels[e]  
and crowned them[f] with glory and honor.

6 You made them rulers over the works of your hands;  
you put everything under their[g] feet:

7 all flocks and herds, and the animals of the wild,

8 the birds in the sky, and the fish in the sea, all that swim the paths of the seas.

9 Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!



## Genesis 1:1-4 New International Version (NIV)

### The Beginning

1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. 2 Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. 3 And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. 4 God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness.

## 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 New International Version (NIV)

### Final Greetings

11 Finally, brothers and sisters, rejoice! Strive for full restoration, encourage one another, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you.

12 Greet one another with a holy kiss. 13 All God's people here send their greetings.

## Matthew 28:16-20 New International Version (NIV)

### The Great Commission

16 Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. 17 When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. 18 Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

THE  
TRINITY

Knowing God as  
Father, Son, and  
Holy Spirit





## **Any Ideas?**

We have been trying to think of ideas to keep connected at Holy Trinity.

Some suggestions are:

Virtual Bible Study for Adults & Kids

Virtual coffee hour to catch up & connect

Virtual Book Club

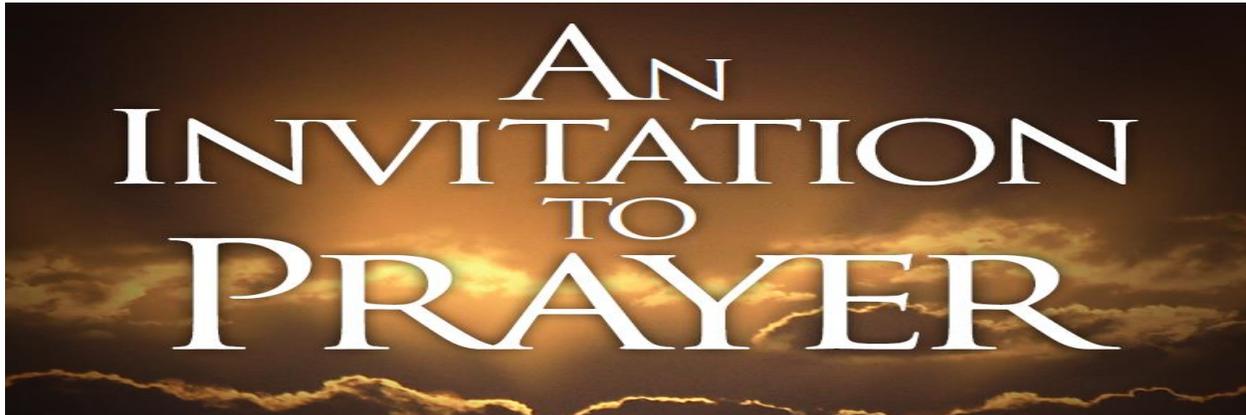
Virtual Vacation Bible School

Some kind of signage for the church & rectory to show support for the community and front line people who have supported us during Covid 19

If you have any ideas please contact me and let's see if we can make this happen. I feel we are missing out on a great opportunity to show thanks and support and to spread the word that we are a vital part of the community. Am I wrong?

Debbie

## **My Parish Family & Friends Prayer List**



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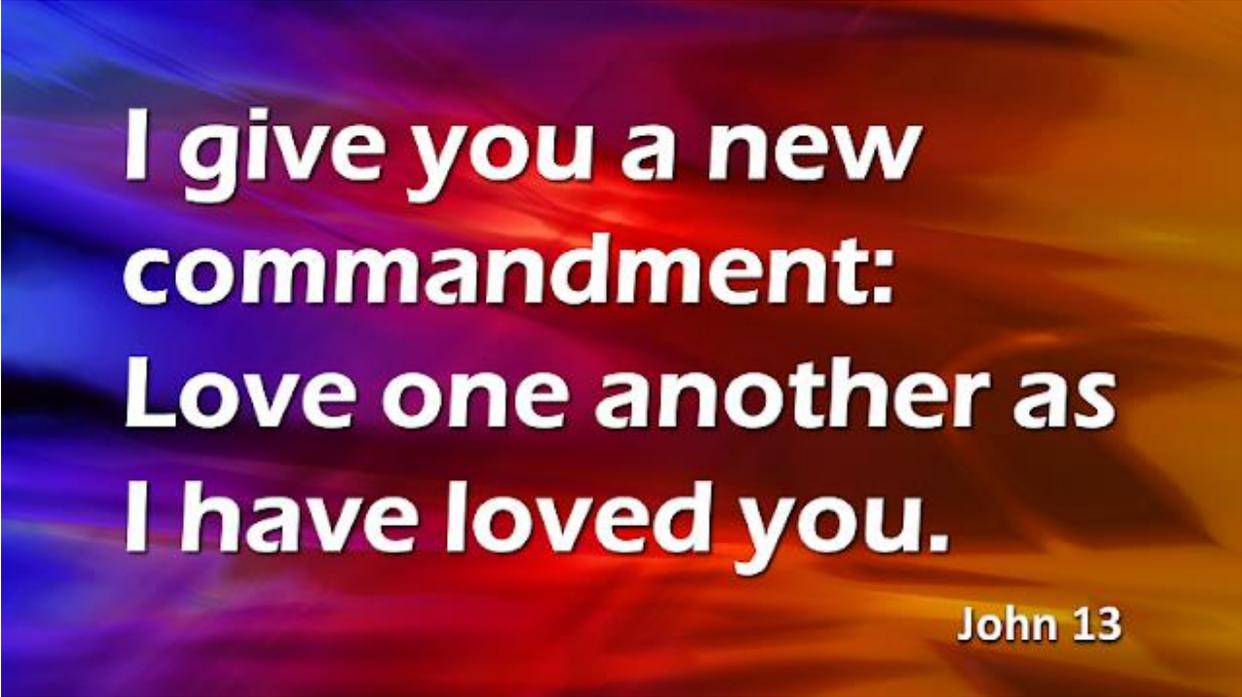
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Renee Giddings



**I give you a new  
commandment:  
Love one another as  
I have loved you.**

**John 13**

“What happens to a dream deferred? Does it dry up like a raisin in the sun? Or does it explode?” Langston Hughes (1902-1967)

No one can reasonably talk about the challenges of loving one another as God has loved us without addressing the knotty and perplexing issues of race. Try as we might to build bridges to those who look and act differently from ourselves, such good intentions often fall far short of the mark. Such failure, as we have tragically learned, can have fatal consequences.

Political and legal reforms can certainly begin to grapple with pervasive injustice in their own particular ways. However, wholesale changes on those levels are impotent in altering the soulful dictates of the human heart. As declared by St Paul in Romans 10:12, “... there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing His riches on all who call Him.”

The intractable problem of institutional racism will never be solved unless it is accompanied by a simultaneous commitment to dispense with the illusion that race is no longer a pervasive issue in our public and private lives. This means, of course, that we are faced with one of the most difficult transformations that many of us can expect to experience during our lifetimes. The only honest expectations one can dare to hold about this journey is that resistance will be strong, and that the comforts of a highly imperfect status quo seem oddly reassuring instead of the undefined promises of the short term future. The unknown is almost always frightening, and it contains the seeds of our profound reluctance to take the steps needed to bring about the reality of goodness in our lives.

Our common frailty is shared in the wisdom of 1 John 2:

“But whoever hates his brother is in darkness and walks in the darkness, and does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes.”

Indeed, while substantial progress has been achieved in alleviating the pernicious effects of multi- generational injustice, recent events have made it quite clear that much more work needs to be done. This passage from James 2: 14-17 reinforces this critical idea:

What good is it , my brothers, if someone says that he has faith but does not have works ? Can that faith save him? If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, be warmed and filled”, without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.”

Undoubtedly, many years will be cried and much blood will be shed as we sort out the directions that our social order will be taking in the days ahead. Much uncertainty will prevail, and dissension will probably haunt our waking moments for a number of years to come. But through all this turmoil, we are strengthened by God's enduring love for us, the one certainty upon which the bedrock of our faith lies. In this vein, our struggles are captured by the undying truth depicted in Isaiah 54:10:

“ Though the mountains be shaken and the hills be removed, yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken nor my covenant of peace be removed, says the Lord, who has compassion on you.”

In our own small and modest way, even casual acts of kindness and caring are a radical challenge to the hate based populism that exerts a malevolent hold on our contemporary national psyche. We know that this too shall pass, since our survival as a rational and compassionate people depends upon it. Martin Luther King Jr.'s statement that “ we must learn to live together as brothers or perish together as fools” has never seemed more urgent and prophetic.

With God's Grace and help, we earnestly pray and confidently expect that the first part of that moral imperative will ultimately triumph over time.

God's Peace,

Carl Bucking

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