

Sunday Readings

15th June 2025

Collect

God our Father, who by sending into the world the Word of truth and the Spirit of sanctification made known to the human race your wondrous mystery,
grant us, we pray, that in professing the true faith, we may acknowledge the Trinity of eternal glory and adore your Unity, powerful in majesty. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of Proverbs 8:22-31

Thus says the Wisdom of God: The LORD possessed me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of old. Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth, before he had made the earth with its fields, or the first of the dust of the world. When he established the heavens, I was there; when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep, when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth, then I was beside him, like a master workman, and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always, rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the children of man.

The word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 8: 4-9. R/. v.2.

R/. How great is your name, O Lord our God, through all the earth!

When I see the heavens, the work of your hands,
the moon and the stars which you arranged,
what is man that you should keep him in mind,
mortal man that you care for him? **R/.**

Yet you have made him little less than a god;
with glory and honour you crowned him,
gave him power over the works of your hand,
put all things under his feet. **R/.**

All of them, sheep and cattle,
yes, even the savage beasts,
birds of the air, and fish
that make their way through the waters. **R/.**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

5: 1-5

Brothers and Sisters: Since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

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Gospel Acclamation

cf Apoc 1:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
the God who is, who was, and who is to come.
Alleluia!*

GOSPEL

John 16:12-15

The Lord be with you.
And with your Spirit.

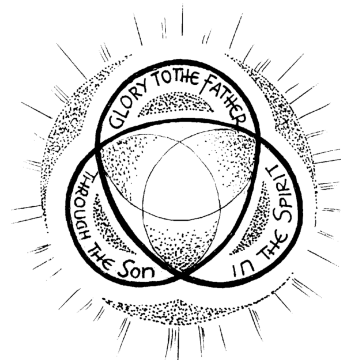
A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.
Glory to you, O Lord.

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.'

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Prayer after Communion

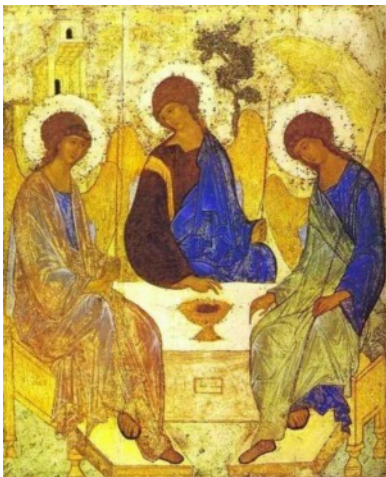
May receiving this Sacrament, O Lord our God, bring us health of body and soul,
as we confess your eternal holy Trinity and undivided Unity.
Through Christ our Lord.



The Most Holy Trinity

The Word of God

Today we celebrate God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The doctrine of the Trinity is implicit rather than explicit in the Bible. It grew out of Christian experience in the early years of the Church; people looked back into Old Testament times and found that their knowledge of God was also triune; and today, if we reflect on our experience of God, we will discover that that is how we know God too. If we sum up our understanding we can say God reaches out in creation and redemption and enables us to respond. Our readings express this: God discloses himself in wisdom (Prov.8); human being is the crown of creation and we exist in the image of God (Psalm 8); God redeems us through Jesus and we experience this redemption through the Holy Spirit (Romans 5); and the Spirit will make this revelation clear through succeeding generations (John 16).



The language and concept of the Trinity are very difficult. But Christians cannot get by with only the word "God". We have a richer, more personal, more dynamic, experience of God than a view which puts God as sovereign, transcendent, distant and unknowable. The doctrine of the

Trinity tries to elucidate the understanding we have of God through the Bible and in our Christian community through the ages.

So how do we know God as Trinity today? When we start to seek meaning in life, a search for sense and grace, we encounter God whom we find has been reaching out to us, helping us to understand our experience. When you stand in awe and wonder at creation, realizing that you are nothing beside the one who made heaven and earth, then you know that a greater Being exists. When you fall short of the potential that you know you have to be more fully human, a potential evident in the one who was fully human, Jesus, and you receive forgiveness and a new determination to live a life more purposefully in the service of others, then you have an experience of God's redemption. Creation, revelation, salvation - the experience of the Trinity. These are things of human experience.

Saint of the Week

Saturday 21 June 2025

**St Aloysius Gonzaga
(1568 - 1591)**

St Aloysius was the eldest son of a Mantuan nobleman, and was intended by his father to be a soldier. Aloysius, on the other hand, had determined to be a missionary, and even to die for his faith. He renounced his birthright in favour of his brother and at the age of 16 became a Jesuit novice in Rome, living the same life of severe austerity and penance that he had followed even when serving in the courts of dukes and princes. In 1591 an epidemic of plague broke out in Rome, and the Jesuits opened a hospital to care for the sick. Aloysius, still a novice, worked hard in the hospital until he himself caught the plague. He did not recover; but, his determination to die for the faith having been fulfilled, died at midnight on the 20th of June with the name of Jesus on his lips.

Prayer of the Week

From St Patrick's Breastplate

I bind unto myself the Name,
the strong Name of the Trinity,
by invocation of the same,
the Three in One, and One in Three.
Of whom all nature hath creation,
eternal Father, Spirit, Word:
praise to the Lord of my salvation,
salvation is of Christ the Lord.
Amen.

