

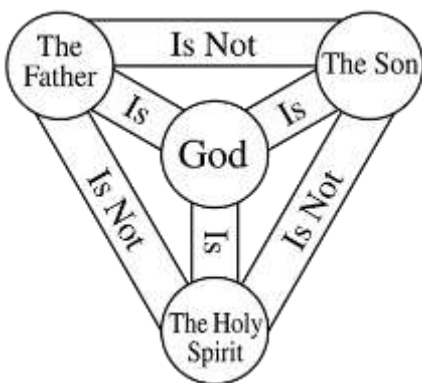
Bible Study: Trinity

Preparation

In our Bible Study this week we will be reading the following lectionary readings set for Trinity Sunday (7th June):

- **Genesis 1:1-2:4a**
(I don't suggest we read the whole of this familiar reading in the Zoom Bible Study as it is quite long, but please read it in advance if you want to.)
- **Psalm 8**
- **2 Corinthians 13:11-13**
- **Matthew 28:16-20**

When doing your Bible preparation or study this week, try to enter into God's presence. Be drawn into the dynamic relationship which is God's love! Try to avoid the static imagery about the Trinity which might be in your mind, for example try to avoid a hierarchical image of God.



Here are a Celtic Trinity Knot symbol and another representation "Shield of the Trinity". Both have three distinct parts which are also shared.

In the Celtic Knot, the parts which come to three points are eternally and seamlessly interconnected.

In the diagram with the words, we are offered an understanding of Trinity as distinct persons being part of the same God.

These images may help you or they may not help you! Please feel free to ignore them if they are unhelpful.

In the Bible study we can spend some time discussing how reflections on the nature of the Trinity might help and encourage us.

When exploring this week's readings you may wish to consider following the pattern below:

Pray a simple prayer first. (You could simply say, as the Catholics often do, "In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, Amen").

Then, Read one of the readings

PAUSE and reflect on that reading

- What did you understand?
- Did you feel any closer to God's presence?
- What did you learn about God's dynamic love?

If anything particular has struck you, try returning to it and reflecting again on that part of the reading. You might also want to make some notes – perhaps start a journal.

After your reflection, you can move on to another reading. (You don't have to look at them all.)

When you have finished your reflections, pray the final prayer:

Final Prayer:

Holy and blessed Trinity, God our creator, living Word, Holy Spirit, we adore you and we rejoice in your presence. Without you we are lost, but in your presence we come alive as your people, borne of the movement of your love. **Amen.**



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