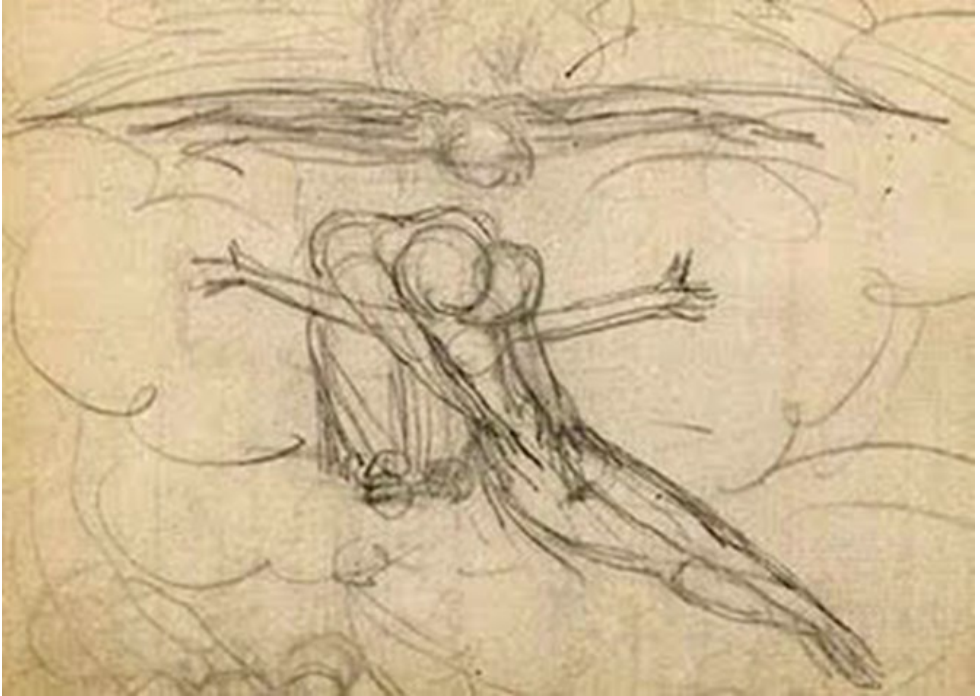


The First Sunday after Pentecost

TRINITY SUNDAY

9.30am Sung Eucharist—St Michael's, Wangaratta

11.00am Eucharist—St Paul's, Glenrowan.



Holy Trinity
William Blake, circa 1793

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Introduction to the day

Trinity Sunday, officially "The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity," is one of the few feasts of the Christian Year that celebrates a reality and doctrine rather than an event or person. On Trinity Sunday we remember and honour the eternal God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Trinity Sunday is celebrated the Sunday after Pentecost, and lasts only one day, which is symbolic of the unity of the Trinity.

The Trinity is a mystery. By mystery the Church does not mean a riddle, but rather the Trinity is a reality above our human comprehension that we may begin to grasp, but ultimately must know through worship, symbol, and faith. It has been said that mystery is not a wall to run up against, but an ocean in which to swim.

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Opening Hymn: AHB 65/TiS 132 [tune, Nicea]

1. **Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty,
early in the morning to you our praise shall be;
holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.**
2. **Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore you,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before you,
God everlasting through eternity.**
3. **Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide you,
though the sinful human eye your glory may not see,
you alone are holy, there is none beside you
perfect in power, in love and purity.**
4. **Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty,
all your works shall praise your name
in earth and sky and sea;
holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.**

Reginald Heber 1783-1826 alt.

The Welcome, Acclamation and Greeting

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Responsory

Blessed are you, the God of our forebears:

Worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.

Blessed is your holy and glorious name:

Worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.

Blessed are you, glorious in your holy temple:

Worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.

Blessed are you who behold the depths:

Worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.

Blessed are you on the throne of your kingdom:

Worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.

Blessed are you in the heights of heaven:

Worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.

Blessed are you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.

Let us pray

**Eternal God, source of all blessing,
help us to worship you
with all our heart and mind and strength;
for you alone are God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Two Great Commandments

‘Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.’

Jesus said: ‘This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: you shall love your neighbour as yourself.’

Lord have mercy (Kyrie eleison) said or sung

**Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.**

Confession and Absolution

St Paul says

‘Be imitators of God; love as Christ loved;
do not grieve the Holy Spirit;
put away all anger and bitterness, all slander and malice.’
So let us confess our sins to God, who forgives us in Christ.

**O King enthroned on high,
and Spirit filling the earth with your glory:
holy is your name,
Lord God almighty.**

**In our sinfulness we cry to you to take our guilt away,
and to cleanse our lips to speak your word,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.** cf Isaiah 6

May the God of love and power
forgive you and free you from your sins,
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Hymn of Praise—said or sung

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God’s people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.**

The Collect

O blessed Trinity,
in whom we know the Maker of all things, seen and unseen,
the Saviour of all, both near and far:

by your Spirit enable us so to worship your divine majesty,
that with all the company of heaven
we may magnify your glorious name, saying,
Holy, holy, holy. Glory to you, O Lord most high. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah [6. 1-8]

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said:

‘Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory.’

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: ‘Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!’

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: ‘Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.’ Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, ‘Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?’ And I said, ‘Here am I; send me!’

Hear the word of the Lord.

THANKS BE TO GOD

Psalm 29

Plain = Lectern side *Italics = Pulpit side* **Bold = All**

Ascribe to the Lord, you powers of heaven:
ascribe to the Lord glory and might.

*Ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his name:
O worship the Lord in the beauty of his holiness.*

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters:
the God of glory thunders, the Lord upon the great waters.

*The voice of the Lord is mighty in operation:
the voice of the Lord is a glorious voice.*

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar-trees:
the Lord breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon.

*He makes them skip like a calf:
Lebanon and Sirion like a young wild ox.*

**The voice of the Lord divides the lightning-flash:
the voice of the Lord whirls the sands of the desert,
the Lord whirls the desert of Kadesh.**

**The voice of the Lord rends the terebinth trees,
and strips bare the forests:
in his temple all cry ‘Glory.’**

The Lord sits enthroned above the water-flood:
the Lord sits enthroned as a king for ever.

*The Lord will give strength to his people:
the Lord will give to his people the blessing of peace.*

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans [8. 12-17]

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, ‘Abba! Father!’ it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

Hear the word of the Lord.
THANKS BE TO GOD

Gradual Hymn: AHB 520/TIS 599. Tune, Savannah

- 1. Take my life, and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days,
let them flow in ceaseless praise.**
- 2. Take my hands, and let them move
at the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet, and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee.**

- 3. Take my voice, and let me sing
always, only, for my King.
Take my lips, and let them be
filled with messages from thee.**
- 4. Take my silver and my gold,
nothing, Lord, would I withhold.
Take my intellect, and use
every power as thou shalt choose.**
- 5. Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.**
- 6. Take my love: my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure-store.
Take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.**

Frances Ridley Havergal 1836–79 *alt.*

The Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to John [3. 1-17].
Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things?

No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

‘For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

‘Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

For the Gospel of the Lord
PRAISE TO YOU LORD JESUS CHRIST

The Sermon

A time of silence, for reflection, follows the sermon.

Affirmation of Faith

We say together in faith

**Holy, holy, holy
is the Lord God almighty,
who was, and is, and is to come.**

We believe in God the Father,
who created all things:

**for by his will they were created
and have their being.**

We believe in God the Son,
who was slain:

**for with his blood,
he purchased us for God,
from every tribe and language,
from every people and nation.**

We believe in God the Holy Spirit:

**the Spirit and the Bride say, ‘Come!’
Even so come, Lord Jesus! Amen.**



THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray for the world and for the Church.

High and holy God, Father, Son and Spirit robed in majesty, Lord of heaven and earth, we pray that you will bring justice, faith and salvation to all peoples.

We remember before you all nations and peoples who are suffering from war and unrest, remembering especially, Israel, Palestine, Sudan, Nigeria, Syria.

In our cycle of prayer we pray this week for: Angola, Mozambique. Today we pray for the oceans of the world and their care, and we remember and pray for those involved in shipping: Ship owners; Shipping Agents; Port Authorities, the International Labour Organisation. The Missions to Seafarers, Star of the Sea (Stella Maris) and all who care for Seafarers.

Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

You chose us in Christ to be your people and to be the temple of your Holy Spirit; we pray that you will fill your Church with vision and hope.

Especially we pray for Mission Organisations supported by the Anglican Church of Australia; Anglican Board of Mission, Anglicare, AngliCord, Church Missionary Society, The Church Army, Bush Church Aid Society, The Bible Society, Christmas Bowl.

We pray for Bishop Clarence and Michelle. And today we give thanks for the Retired Clergy & Permission to Officiate (PTO) Clergy of our Diocese, for their continued support and enrichment of the life of the Diocese and its parishioners.

Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Your Spirit enables us to cry, 'Abba! Father!', affirms that we are fellow-heirs with Christ and pleads for us in our weakness; we pray for all who are in need or distress.

We offer our prayers for those commended to our intercessions: Sharon W. Robert P. Zoe. Nina Colson. Melanie. Wayne. Warren G. Kaye McKenzie. Josef.

Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

In the baptism and birth of Jesus, you have opened heaven to us and enabled us to share in your glory: the joy of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit from before the world was made.

Especially we remember this week the Years Minds of: Norm Dean. Betty Dodemaide. Ida Pool. Eril Plum. Ruby Whitehead. John Butcher. Margaret Payne. Cheryl Campbell. Pauline Stirland. Ida Maxwell. Colin Symes. John Beckton. Dorothy Hamilton. Lyn Brough-Smythe. Mary Thompson.

Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord.
and let light perpetual shine upon them.

We rejoice this week as we recall the Visit of The Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth the mother of John the Baptist.
May your whole Church, living and departed,
come to a joyful resurrection in your city of light.

Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.

**Grant that what we have asked in faith
we may by your grace receive,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE GREETING OF PEACE

Please stand

Peace to you from God our heavenly Father.
Peace from his Son Jesus Christ who is our peace.
Peace from the Holy Spirit, the life-giver.

The peace of the triune God be always with you
and also with you.

All may exchange a sign of peace

Offertory Hymn: TiS 658. tune, Here I Am.

- I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
My hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?**

***Refrain: Here I am, Lord; is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.***

- I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.**

**They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?**

Refrain.

- 3. I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?**

Refrain

Daniel L. Schutte 1947–
suggested by Isaiah 6

Offertory Prayer

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation:
through your goodness we have these gifts to share.
Accept and use our offerings to your glory
and for the service of your kingdom:
Blessed be God forever.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,
mighty Creator, ever-living God.

We give you thanks and praise for your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ, who by the power of your Spirit was born of
Mary and lived as one of us.

By his death on the cross and rising to new life,
he offered the one true sacrifice for sin and obtained an eternal
deliverance for his people.

Through him, you have revealed to us your glory in the community of
your love, three persons, one God, ever to be worshipped and adored.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and singing/saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**||| Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Merciful God, we thank you
for these gifts of your creation, this bread and wine,
and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit,
we who eat and drink them
may be partakers of Christ's body and blood. ✠

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread;
and when he had given you thanks he broke it,
and gave it to his disciples, saying

'Take, eat. This is my body given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me.' ✠

After supper, he took the cup, and again giving you thanks
he gave it to his disciples, saying,

'Drink from this, all of you.

This is my blood of the new covenant shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.' ✠

Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded:
proclaiming his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross,
his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming again, we celebrate, with this bread and
this cup, his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice
for the sins of the whole world.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Renew us by your Holy Spirit,
unite us in the body of your Son,
and bring us with all your people into the joy of your eternal kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, we worship you, Father,
in songs of never-ending praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE COMMUNION

We who are many are one body in Christ,
for we all share in one bread.

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
grant us peace.**

Draw near with faith,
to feed on Christ in your hearts with thanksgiving.

Communion Reflection Hymn, AHB 428, tune Erin

Come, Holy Ghost, your influence shed,
make real for us the sign;
your life infuse into the bread,
your power into the wine.

Effectual let the tokens prove
and made, by heavenly art,
fit channels to convey your love
to every faithful heart..

Charles Wesley

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Almighty and eternal God,
you have revealed yourself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
and live and reign in the perfect unity of love:
hold us firm in this faith,
that we may know you in all your ways
and evermore rejoice in your eternal glory,
who are three Persons yet one God,
now and for ever. **Amen.**

**Most loving God,
you send us into the world you love.
Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage
in the power of your Spirit. Amen.**

Notices may be given at this point.

Concluding Hymn TiS 687. tune, Camberwell.

- 1. God gives us a future,
daring us to go
into dreams and dangers
on a path unknown.
We will face tomorrow
in the Spirit's power,
we will let God change us,
for new life starts now.**
- 2. We must leave behind us
sins of yesterday,
for God's new beginning
is a better way.
Fear and doubt and habit
must not hold us back:
God gives hope, and insight,
and the strength we lack.**
- 3. Holy Spirit, teach us
how to read the signs,
how to meet the challenge
of our troubled times.
Love us into action,
stir us into prayer,
till we choose God's life,
and find our future there.**

The Blessing

God the Holy Trinity
make you strong in faith and love,
defend you on every side,
and guide you in all truth and peace;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:
In the name of Christ. Amen.



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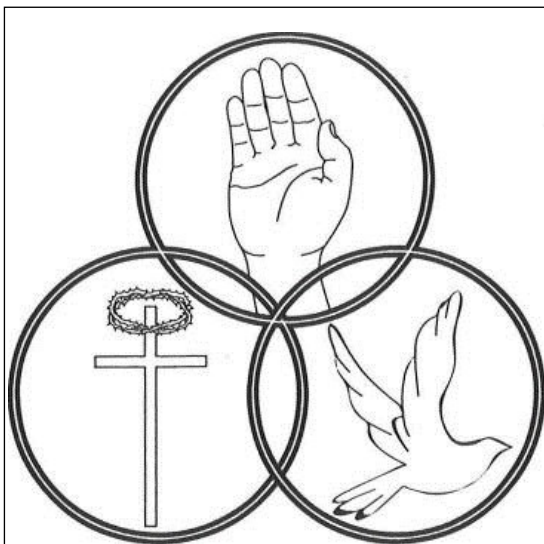
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...Real presence with another
rare so rare yet incessant the yearning
for two or more to gift each other with each other
in a moment of meeting
a sacred moment of Gift
lengthened in the listening.

Real presence
not magic words
but Eucharist embodied in lives
that meet and consecrate the world
and remember to celebrate the presence in each other

Noel Davis



“This clear, simple logo represents the three elements of the Triune God.

The empty cross and crown of thorns, shows that Christ is risen; the dove represents the spirit and peace.

The symbol for God was more challenging. Recognising that the Deity is above mere manhood (or, indeed womanhood), the hand was chosen to show the loving care and the guardianship of God.

When the priest gives the blessing, it is the hand that makes the sign of the cross to signify the Father, Son and Holy Spirit; and this is reflected in this logo.”

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