

EASTER TO TRINITY SUNDAY



Revised Common Lectionary /Scripture Citations for Year C - All Seasons
<http://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/calendar/2024-25/?season=all&download=txt>

Welcome to the last leg of the Liturgy journey for year C: Easter to Transfiguration Sunday. Our hope is that individuals as well as group/class members will make use of this devotional material as it not only reflects the Sunday sermons but ensures that we take our learnings deeper. We do this with scripture readings, daily devotions, reflections on scripture and questions. May you hear His truths, ensure it is transformative and experience God's love for you personally.

Week 1: Sunday 20 April - The empty tomb.

Week 2: Sunday 27 April – Jesus appears to his disciples.

Week 3: Sunday 4 May – Jesus and the miraculous catch of fish.

Week 4: Sunday 11 May – Further conflict over Jesus's claims.

Week 5: Sunday 18 May – Jesus predicts Peter's denial.

Week 6: Sunday 25 May – The healing at the pool.

29 May – Ascension Day

Week 7: Sunday 1 June – Jesus prays for all believers.

Week 8: Sunday 8 June – Jesus the way to the Father.

Week 9: Sunday 15 June – Trinity Sunday.

1



Week 9: Sunday 15 June

Trinity Sunday

Bring God into the meeting with prayer, lighting a candle, listening to a worship song.

[King of Kings \(Lyric Video\) - Hillsong Worship](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Of5lcfWiEpg) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Of5lcfWiEpg>

Read the Bible readings provided:

Liturgical Date: Trinity Sunday

Calendar Date: Jun 15, 2025

First* reading and Psalm: Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31 Psalm 8

Alternate* First reading and Psalm:

Second reading: Romans 5:1-5

Gospel: John 16:12-15

John 16:12-15 New International Version - UK

¹² 'I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. ¹³ But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. ¹⁴ He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you. ¹⁵ All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will receive from me what he will make known to you.'

A reflection on the Bible reading by: LIMPHO DLAMINI

The Holy Trinity is one of those Christian doctrines that have confused, challenged and confirmed the faith of many believers. The 3 Persons of the Godhead – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – can be seen throughout the Scriptures from the beginning. In His farewell discourse, Jesus highlights the work of the Triune God in the world Easter to Trinity Sunday 2025

and the lives of believers. Jesus encourages the disciples that they will not be left alone, but through the work of the Trinity, they will receive the very presence of God when the Holy Spirit comes to them, and as we remember from Pentecost, this promise was and still is fulfilled to this day.

Jesus, fully aware that everything He has been saying may be too much for any human to accept and understand, tells them more of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit in this passage of Scripture we are reflecting on is sent to do 2 main tasks – to guide and to glorify. This is not all that the Holy Spirit is sent to do, but it is the focus for these verses. He is sent to guide God's people into all truth, but what truth? The truth about Jesus, the work of God in Him and His Spirit, as well as what is to come. We see this come to fulfilment in the lives and writings of the



Apostles, but also in the lives of believers today. As a believer grows deeper in their relationship with God, the Holy Spirit guides them to see, know, and understand more about the truth of God: His work, and His will, to His glory.

2

The Holy Spirit will do all of this as He is instructed by the Father and Son, bringing glory to the Christ, which is what Jesus confirms in these verses. How does He glorify the Christ? *"The Holy Spirit continually points to the beauty and wonder of the Son so that people will be drawn to him, become like him, and points others to him as well"* (Erik Thoennes). In guiding believers to the truth and centrality of Christ in the Bible, in empowering believers to proclaim the Gospel, in giving us

new life in Christ, and sanctifying the believer into the image of Christ, the Holy Spirit brings glory to the Son, who Himself is the very *"radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of His being, sustaining all things by His powerful word."* (Hebrews 1:3)

And so, in the work of the Holy Spirit, we see the very hand of the Trinity. It is the Triune God that we interact with in every prayer, act of worship, Bible study, and in daily living, that has God in the centre. As we come to understand this (through the Holy Spirit), we will see how every fibre of life includes the Holy Trinity.

Questions for group discussion:

1. What do you find overwhelming in your faith journey as you learn more about God?
2. How has the Holy Spirit given you insight and understanding into God's truth?
3. How have you seen the work of the Trinity in your life? In the lives of others?
4. How is Christ being glorified through you and your life?

Daily lectionary readings:

Monday, June 16, 2025: Psalm 124; Proverbs 7:1-4; Ephesians 4:7-16;
Tuesday, June 17, 2025: Psalm 124; Proverbs 8:4-21; Ephesians 5:15-20;
Wednesday, June 18, 2025: Psalm 124; Daniel 1:1-21; Luke 1:46b-55;
Thursday, June 19, 2025: Psalm 42 and 43; Genesis 24:1-21; Romans 2:17-29;
Friday, June 20, 2025: Psalm 42 and 43; Job 6:14-30; Galatians 3:15-22;
Saturday, June 21, 2025: Psalm 42 and 43; Proverbs 11:3-13; Matthew 9:27-34;

Family Time:



Written by Jenny Blake – CHILDREN'S PASTOR

Week 9 ✨ Family Devotion

Title: God: Three in One

Scripture: John 16:12–15

Theme: The Trinity—God is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Opening Thought

Have you ever tried to explain something really big—like the sky, or the ocean? Some things are so deep that it takes time to understand. That's how Jesus felt with His disciples. He wanted to tell them more, but He knew they weren't ready yet. So, He promised someone special would come to help.

Bible Reading: John 16:12–15

Take turns reading. Listen for the three Persons: Jesus (the Son), the Father, and the Holy Spirit.

Devotion

Jesus was about to return to the Father, but He wanted His disciples to know they wouldn't be left alone. He would send the Spirit of truth, the Holy Spirit, to guide them.

In just a few short verses, we hear about all three Persons of the Trinity:

God the Father gives everything to the Son.

Jesus the Son reveals the Father and brings His love to us.

The Holy Spirit helps us understand and follow Jesus.

We believe in one God, but this one God is three Persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. It's a mystery, but also a beautiful relationship of love and unity. And the amazing part? We are invited to be part of this love.

Big Idea

God is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—three in one—and He invites us to know and follow Him.

Discussion Time

For Younger Children:

Who are the three Persons of God we read about today?

What does the Holy Spirit help us do?

How do we know God loves us?

For Older Children/Teens:

What do you think Jesus meant when He said the disciples weren't ready to hear everything yet?

How does the Holy Spirit help us know and understand Jesus?

The Trinity is a mystery—how does it help you to think of God as a loving relationship?

In what ways do you experience the work of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit in your life?

Prayer

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, thank You for being a God of love and unity. Jesus, thank You for showing us the Father. Holy Spirit, thank You for helping us know the truth and follow Jesus. Help us to live in Your love every day. Amen.

Family Activity

Trinity Symbol Craft:

Draw or cut out a triangle, a shamrock, or three interlocking circles—symbols of the Trinity. Label each part: Father, Son, Holy Spirit. Talk about how God is one and yet three Persons—always loving, always united.