



Jubilate

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TRINITY SUNDAY



*Our Virtual Worship today will include an "Agape"
It will be led by Rev'd. Steven Abram.*

<https://www.facebook.com/Virtual-Worship-Poitou-Charentes-104677654507124/>

If you can't make it at 10.30, you can see Steve & Nicky and hear the Bible readings, prayers and sermon later in the day by connecting to:

www.abram.org.uk/vw

Lectionary Bible Readings for Trinity Sunday

Isaiah 6.1-8

Psalm 29

Romans 8.12-17

John 3.1-17

Collects

Almighty and everlasting God,
you have given us your servants grace,
by the confession of a true faith,
to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity
and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity:
keep us steadfast in this faith,
that we may evermore be defended from all adversities;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

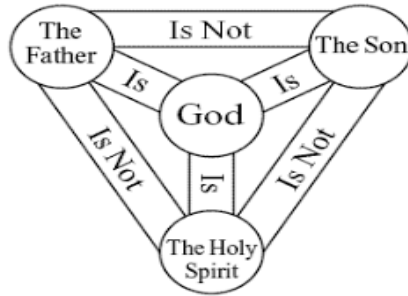
Holy God,
faithful and unchanging:
enlarge our minds with the knowledge of your truth,
and draw us more deeply into the mystery of your love,
that we may truly worship you,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

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.

Trinity Sunday commemorates and honours not an event,
but a **reality**: the Holy Trinity.



GOD THE FATHER, GOD THE SON, GOD THE SPIRIT
Three in One and One in Three



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It was *St. Patrick*, a Christian missionary, who used a shamrock (clover)
to explain the Holy Trinity.

He said the three leaves stand for the three beings of God,
God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit
and the stem shows how they are united into one.

*The three leaves of a shamrock are also said to stand for
faith, hope and love.*



Trinity Sunday

Unlike other festivals in the church's liturgical calendar, Trinity Sunday centres on a *doctrine* of the church, rather than an *event*. It celebrates the unfathomable mystery of God's being as Holy Trinity. It is a day of adoration and praise of the one, eternal, incomprehensible God.

Trinity Sunday, in a sense, synthesizes all we have celebrated over the past months which have concentrated on God's mighty acts: Christmas-Epiphany celebrating God's taking flesh and dwelling among us in Jesus Christ; Easter celebrating Christ's death and resurrection for us; Pentecost celebrating God the Holy Spirit becoming our Sanctifier, Guide, and Teacher. It is, therefore, a fitting transition to that part of the year when Sunday by Sunday the work of God among us is unfolded in a more general way.

The triune God is the basis of all we are and do as Christians. In the name of this triune God we are baptized. As the baptized ones we bear the name of the triune God in our being. We are of the family of the triune God. We affirm this parentage when, in reciting the creeds, we say what we believe. Our discipleship is rooted in the mighty acts of this triune God who is active in redeeming the world.

The triune God is the basis of all our prayers —

We pray *to* God the Father, *through* Jesus Christ, *by* the Holy Spirit.

The Trinity holds central place in our faith.

In celebrating Trinity Sunday, remember that every Lord's Day is consecrated to the triune God. On the first day of the week, God began creation. On the first day of the week, God raised Jesus from the grave. On the first day of the week, the Holy Spirit descended on the newly born church. Every Sunday is special. Every Sunday is a day of the Holy Trinity.

from the *Companion to the Book of Common Worship* (Geneva Press, 2003)

THE TRINITY HYMN

sung to the tune: Saint Patrick's Breastplate

Listen on YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YosRk1puNXM>

1. I bind unto myself today the strong name of the Trinity,
by invocation of the same, the Three in One, and One in Three.
2. I bind this day to me forever by power of faith, Christ's incarnation
his baptism in the Jordan river, his death on Cross for my salvation;
his bursting from the spiced tomb, his riding up the heavenly way,
his coming at the day of doom I bind unto myself today.
3. I bind unto myself today the power of God to hold and lead,
God's eye to watch, God's might to stay, God's ear to hearken to my need,
the wisdom of my God to teach, God's hand to guide, God's shield to ward;
the word of God to give me speech, the heavenly host to be my guard.
4. Christ be with me, Christ within me,
Christ behind me, Christ before me,
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,
Christ to comfort and restore me,
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
Christ in hearts of all that love me,
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.
5. I bind unto myself the name,
the strong name of the Trinity,
by invocation of the same,
the Three in One, the 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!

- There ARE versions of this Hymn with additional verses



YES - it's Quiz time again.

You've had plenty of warning, so polish up your brain cells and tune in to Zoom on **Monday 31st at 3.00.pm**

Here's the link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3145287597?pwd=UVJDNTVpZzJXSnFWYTk2ZFhBMW5Zdz09>

Meeting ID: 314 528 7597

Passcode: CGShepherd

Ann White has set the questions. Roy Carter does the technical bit.
Thanks to both.

BY THE WAY

The landline telephone in Ann's temporary home does not seem to be working. If you wish to contact Ann, please use her mobile-phone:
0635 30 83 12



Ted and Chris Hands will soon be off, back to the UK. They have some items for sale which they would rather prefer not to take with them:

Mazda 2.2D Skyactive **Car** Fresh MOT (love it and will replace like with like in UK)
Lunar Quaser 462 **Caravan** - French Registration + bits too many to list here
Upright **Fridge/Freezer**
Hoover **Dishwasher**
Siemens **Washing Machine**
Two Single **beds** (possibly some bedding if not already packed)
Ikea **Storage/Wardrobe unit** with sliding glazed doors and fitted with draws.

All (except washing machine) available immediately and through to 28 June

Euros or Sterling - contact Ted to discuss: ted.hands@orange.fr

SANDY' CHURCH ALPHABET

O is for Orders.

No, not the Marching kind but the Holy kind. In the Prayer Book of 1662 the Anglican Church opted for a threefold ministry of Bishops, Priests, and Deacons and produced services whereby these '*Orders*' of clergy should be ordained. In fact the Prayer book wording is that Deacons are *made*, Priests are '*ordained*' and Bishops are '*consecrated*'.

After the ascension of Jesus came the gift of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost then St Peter assumed charge of the early Christians (Acts 1:15), and he suggested a replacement for Judas. The number of the twelve apostles was maintained and Matthias was elected. Peter is foremost in addressing the crowd after the events of Pentecost (Acts 2:37). In Acts 4 Peter and John are brought before the chief priests and the Sanhedrin and again it is Peter who leads, the rock on which Jesus will build the Church. (Matthew 16:13-20).

In Acts 6 we read of the ordination of seven deacons to assist the apostles, including Stephen the first martyr. Further in Acts (13:1-5) we read of Barnabas and Paul (Saul) being ordained by the laying on of hands with prayer for missionary work.

Paul gives a speech at Miletus (Acts 20:28) in which he mentions Bishops. (In Greek *Episkopoi*.) In Paul's first letter to Timothy chapter 3 there is mention both of presbyters (Priests) and deacons. From a reading of the book of the Acts of the Apostles it would seem that the ministry of the Church was divided between those who were missionaries and those who were appointed to maintain the faith in the newly established communities. (Acts 14:30 and 1 Timothy 5 17-22).

By the third century the three-fold ministry was well established with a plethora of others known as the Minor Orders. These included such titles as subdeacon, lector, exorcist, and even doorkeeper. But by the time of the late Middle Ages the reformers, in England, opted for the three "major" orders of Bishop, Priest and Deacon. One could say, however, that the Bishop is a Priest who has special responsibility and who needs other priests to act in parishes on his (or her) behalf.

Today there is a thought that every Christian is by definition a priest, this follows from the passage (1 Peter 2:4-10) which contains the words "You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated Nation. If we are all priests then the difference between clergy and laity is one of *order*, that things should be done with reverence, dignity and a due sense of propriety. So the celebrant is called the president and his, or her, task, is to be shepherd of the people, to lead the worship and to tend to the spiritual needs of the community.

If we all share Christ's priesthood we are all committed to receive the sacrament by prayer and thanksgiving, to lead holy lives and to be actively engaged in seeking the poor, the lonely and the distressed and having sought them, care for them.

*Father, you have appointed your Son Jesus Christ
eternal High Priest.
Guide those he has chosen to be ministers
of word and sacrament
and help them to be faithful in fulfilling the ministry
they have received.
Grant this through Jesus the Lord.....Amen*

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Are you WARPed yet ?

Don't forget!

- If you are a British citizen (with a UK Passport)
- If you have lived in France (or plan to live) for more than 90 days
- you have until the end of June to apply for your WARP, that is your **Withdrawal Agreement Residency Permit**. Even if you have a previous Carte de Séjour, you must apply for this post-Brexit permit. It's the law.

You can apply online at contacts-demarches.interieur.gouv.fr

If you need advice or help, contact your local Mairie, or Préfecture or France Service office.

The new card, though marked "permanent", gives you the right of Residency in France for the next 10 years.

There is also help available, should you need it, set up by the C of E Diocese of Europe in conjunction with the British governmental authorities.

The website is: www.frenchresidency-support.org

They provide a telephone helpline too: 05 32 80 00 05

Be a 'Good Samaritan' - check with your British friends and neighbours in France to see if they have also been WARPed.

Read the BIBLE (chronologically) in one year Cont.

SUNDAY (May 30th)	Proverbs 11:1 - 13:25
Monday 31st	Proverbs 14:1 - 15:33
Tuesday (1st June)	Proverbs 16:1 - 18:24
Wednesday 2nd	Proverbs 19:1 - 21:31
Thursday 3rd	Proverbs 22:1 - 24:22
Friday 4th	Proverbs 24:23 - 27:27
Saturday 5th	Proverbs 28:1 - 30:33

NEXT SUNDAY (6th) Now, after one last chapter of Proverbs; it's back to the books of Kings and Chronicles (Get those **bookmarks** out and don't complain - you've had it easy for a week) [We also meet the Book of Ecclesiastes for the first time]:

Proverbs 31:1-31, 1 Kings 4:20-28, 1 Kings 10:14-21, 2 Chronicles 9:13-20, 1 Kings 10:23-25, 2 Chronicles 9:22-24, 1 Kings 10:26-29, 2 Chronicles 1:14-17, 2 Chronicles 9:25-28, 1 Kings 11:1-40, and ***Ecclesiastes*** 1:1 - 2:26

Thanks to Janice Matthews for sending in this meditation by **John Philip Newell**

*Whichever way we turn, O GOD, there is Your face
in the light of the moon and pattern of stars,
in sacred mountain rifts and ancient groves,
in mighty seas and creatures of the deep.*

*Whichever way we turn, O GOD, there is Your face
in the light of eyes we love,
in the salt of tears we have tasted,
in the weathered countenances east and west,
in the soft skin glow of the child everywhere.
Whichever way we turn, O GOD, there is Your face,
there is Your face, among us*

UNLOCK YOUR GARDENS

As 'Covid' lockdowns reduce (maybe, hopefully) you are invited to send in photographs of your garden/window-box/etc to show how hard you've been working.

Send them to: office.goodshepherd@sfr.fr

There's been a technical hitch this week, so instead of photos here's some advice on >>

Planting Your Garden of Daily Living

Plant 3 rows of Peas:

- Peace of Mind
- Peace of Heart
- Peace of Soul

Plant 4 rows of Squash

- Squash gossip
- Squash indifference
- Squash grumbling
- Squash selfishness

Plant 4 rows of Lettuce

- Let us be faithful
- Let us be kind
- Let us be patient
- Let us really love another

And a fifth lettuce - **Let us pray**

No garden is complete without Turnips

- Turn up for meetings
- Turn up (or tune in) for Church
- Turn up to help one another

To conclude our garden, we must have Thyme

- Time for each other
- Time for family
- Time for God

