

MAY 26, 2024  
TRINITY SUNDAY



*We are born for a relationship with God.*

### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	John 3:1-17	Born of the Spirit
Monday	Isaiah 6:1-8	A vision of God
Tuesday	Romans 8:12-17	Life in the Spirit
Wednesday	Deuteronomy 31:1-8	Joshua becomes Moses' successor
Thursday	Zephaniah 3:14-20	A song of joy
Friday	1 John 3:1-3	Children of God
Saturday	Psalms 29	The voice of God
Sunday	Mark 2:23-3:6	A question about the sabbath

### SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

*Jesus answered him [Nicodemus], "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." John 3:3 (NRSV)*

### PRAYERS AND BLESSING

#### **A Prayer for the Week:**

God of mystery and love, we thank you for coming to us in three persons that we may be born to a living hope through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### **Mealtime Prayer:**

Triune God, we thank you for this gift of food that reminds us of our relationship to you based on trust, dependence, and belonging. Amen.

#### **A Blessing to Give:**

May you trust in Jesus Christ and enjoy eternal life.



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### HYMN OF THE WEEK

*Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord  
God Almighty!*



### WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

### CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- What is something that is hard for you to understand or believe?
- Jesus compared the Holy Spirit to the wind (John 3:8). How is the Holy Spirit like the wind?

### DEVOTIONS

*Read: John 3:1-17.*

The Holy Trinity, God in three persons, is a mystery. Who can fully understand or describe God? No one! Trinity Sunday is about more than a mystery. It gives us an opportunity to recognize and celebrate that we are born of God, we are given new life through water and the Spirit, and we are made part of the kingdom of God through Jesus Christ. We have a dynamic, relational God who becomes flesh so that we may be born of the Spirit and enjoy eternal life. Like a child, we are given an intimate relationship with God based on trust, dependence, and belonging. Yes, this awesome God can leave us confused and asking questions like Nicodemus. However, what started for Nicodemus with confusion in the dark of night eventually led to his defense of Jesus (John 7:50-52) and his taking the risk of joining Joseph of Arimathea in preparing Jesus' body for burial (John 19:39-42). Jesus' life and work is all about overcoming the judgment of the world with a living faith in him, the Son of God, so that our lives may be filled with abundance, grace, and truth.

*Discuss:* How does God as the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit fill you with trust, dependence, and a sense of belonging?

*Pray:* **Creator God, for your Holy Spirit and your Son, our Savior and Lord, we thank you for giving us a relationship to you based on trust, love, and mercy. Amen.**

### SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, how can you walk alongside others in their faith journey?

### RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

A doxology is an expression of giving praise to God. One of the most treasured doxologies sung around the world each week in Christian congregations and homes was written by Anglican Bishop Thomas Ken and published in 1709. It is often used as a mealtime prayer. Light three candles to symbolize the Holy Trinity. Then sing or read the doxology: **Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, you heavenly hosts; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**



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