



A good concrete illustration of the Blessed Trinity is an equilateral triangle. Such a triangle has three sides equal in every way, and yet distinct from each other. There are three sides, but only one triangle. As we see in this illustration, each Divine

Person is different from the other two, but all three are God. Each one is God, distinct from the two others, and yet one with them. The three Persons are equal in every way, with one nature and one substance: three Divine Persons, but only one God.

*'A traditional teaching tool of the Trinity', from the book "My Catholic Faith"
by Bishop Louis LaRavoire Morrow, S.T.D.)*

*First Sunday after Pentecost: Trinity Sunday
May 26, 2024 — 9:00 am*

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THE HOLY EUCHARIST, Rite II, Prayer C
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Prelude *“Fanfares”* Unknown
“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” C. Parrish

Processional Hymn 362 *“Holy, Holy, Holy,”*

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant : Blessed be God: Father, Son and the Holy Spirit.

People: ***And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.***

Celebrant : Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

The Gloria S-280 *“Glory to God in the highest”*

The Collect of the Day --

Celebrant : The Lord be with you.

People: ***And also with you.***

Celebrant : Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

The Lessons

A Reading (Lesson) from 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!"

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: ***Thanks be to God.***

Psalm 29 *Afferte Domino*

1. Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, *
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
2. ***Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name; *
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.***
3. The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory
thunders; * the Lord is upon the mighty waters.
4. ***The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; *
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.***
5. The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; *
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
6. ***He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.***

7. The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire;
the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; *
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 8 *The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe *
and strips the forests bare.*
- 9 And in the temple of the Lord * all are crying, “Glory!”
- 10 *The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; *
the Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore.*
- 11 The Lord shall give strength to his people; *
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

The New Testament

A Reading (Lesson) from 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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: ***Thanks be to God.***

The Gospel Hymn 365 “Come thou Almighty King”

Then, all standing, the Deacon:

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to

John 3:1-17

People: ***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

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

Christ, who on the cross forsaken, like a lamb to slaughter led,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, he descended to the dead.,
We believe in Jesus risen, heaven's king to rule and reign,
to the Father's side ascended. till as judge he comes again.
We believe in God the Spirit; in one Church, below, above;
saints of God in one communion, one in holiness and love.
So by faith, our sins forgiven,. Christ our Savior,
Lord and friend. we shall rise with him in glory.
to the life that knows no end.

Prayers of the People for Trinity Sunday

Celebrant: Gathered together as God's people in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

Deacon: Holy, eternal God, you have created humankind in your image. Fill the people of your church with your Spirit and lead us and our leaders especially Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael our Presiding Bishop, Sally, our Bishop, Don our Priest, and Leslie our Deacon, to live in right relationship with you and each other as witnesses of your Love. We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons, for all who minister in Christ's name, and for all the holy people of God in every place. We give thanks for our parish family and the opportunities we have to worship together. Please help us to continue supporting one another and our neighbors, no matter how big or small the action.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You give us wisdom and courage. We pray for governments, leaders and policy makers that they have wisdom and courage to work together and be inspired to address the many injustices in the world. We pray for Joseph, the President of the United States, Phillip the Governor of New Jersey, and for our nation and its people that they may be guided into the ways of justice, peace, and truth, for the good of all people everywhere.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You are our strength and stronghold. Uphold all people who

serve in areas of conflict and crisis especially those affected by gun violence in our country and those living with war. Deliver hope to men, women, and children whose lives are torn apart by tragedy. Hear us, O God. ***Your mercy is great.***

You give us wholeness through Jesus Christ, your anointed one. Make His restoring presence known to all who suffer illness or brokenness of any kind. We ask you to bring reconciliation and wholeness where there is division, sickness and sorrow. We pray for the sick and shut in among us; especially *Ruth, Sharon, Donna, Cheryl, Carol, Jeanette, Susan, Lynn, Jane, Cynthia, Katie, Kelly, Eileen, Doris, Sean, Arlene, Barry, Joan, Mel, Carol, Pat, Paul, David, Natalie, Shannon, Sylvia, Alice*, and all others who have asked for our prayers. Turn their suffering into hope. Hear us, O God. ***Your mercy is great.***

You make our joy complete in times of celebration. Bring joy to all families who gather to mark milestones, anniversaries, and life passages Uplift those who mourn or know no family. Hear us, O God. ***Your mercy is great.***

You reconcile all of creation to yourself. Giving thanks for those who have died, especially *Albert K. and Eliza May Salmon*, fill us who seek reconciliation with an abiding faith in your everlasting promises. Hear us, O God. ***Your mercy is great.***

Celebrant: God of heaven and earth, before the foundation of the universe and the beginning of time you are the triune God: the Author of creation, the eternal Word of salvation, and the life-giving Spirit of wisdom. Guide us to all truth by your Spirit that we may proclaim all that Christ revealed and rejoice in the glory he shared with us. Glory and praise to you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

The Peace (*All stand.*)

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: ***And also with you.***

Offertory Solo “*God Bless America*”

I. Berlin

God bless America, land that I love,
Stand beside her and guide her thru the night
with a light from above.
From the mountains, to the prairies,
to the Oceans white with foam,
God bless America, my home sweet home.
God bless America, my home sweet home.

The Doxology (*Hymnal 380 Verse 3*)

*All: Praise God of whom all blessings flow
Praise God all creatures here below
Praise God above the heavenly hosts
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost Amen*

The Holy Communion Eucharistic Prayer C

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: ***And also with you.***

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: ***We lift them to the Lord.***

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: ***It is right to give God thanks and praise.***

Celebrant: God of all power, Ruler of the Universe,
you are worthy of glory and praise.

People: ***Glory to you for ever and ever.***

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. In fulfillment of his true promise, the Holy Spirit came down [on this day] from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to your Church the power to serve you as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Holy Holy, Holy Lord (*Hymnal S-129*)

*All: 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.*

Then the Celebrant continues

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”
Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you
this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

***We celebrate his death and resurrection,
as we await the day of his coming.***

Lord God of our Ancestors: God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac
and Rebecca, and Jacob, Rachel and Leah; God and Father of
our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in
the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming
to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon
only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this
Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ,
that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ
our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation
to generation. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

***Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in
heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us
our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.***

The Breaking of the Bread

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Invitation

Communion Solo “ *The Prayer*”

D. Foster

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Birthday and Anniversary Blessings

Announcements

Final Blessing

Recessional Hymn 718 “*God Of Our Fathers*”

The Deacon, dismisses them with these words

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, Alleluia

People: Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia

Organ Postlude “*Improvisation*”

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THE FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR TODAY

are in memory of *Albert K. and Eliza May Salmon*,
by The Rev. Canon Dr. Alan K. Salmon

THE CHAPEL SANCTUARY LIGHT

is lit in thanksgiving for *Myles McCamy* by The McCamy Family,
and in memory of *Eliza M. & Albert K. Salmon*
by The Rev. Canon Dr. Alan K. Salmon

Participating in the 9am. Service

Musicians include: Hank Mamet *Lector:* Fred Hill

Acolyte: Fred Hill, Sally Barnes *Ushers:* Roger King, Harry Shea

Videographer: Bob Engel *Counters:* Paul Stevens, Fred Hill

Altar Guild: Martha Caiazza, Sheryl Telford, Joan Atkinson

WHO IS GRADUATING? WHO HAS WON A SPECIAL AWARD?

Please let us know who in your family is graduating or will graduate. Has anyone received a special award? Please let us know. These are great accomplishments and we would like to spread the good news. Please send your information to the Parish Office, 500 Fourth St., Riverton NJ 08077 or via e-mail at christriverton@juno.com.

HYMN NOTES - Was there ever a Trinity Sunday that didn't begin with the hymn "Holy, Holy, Holy"? In the lyrics we are reminded of a holy God while yet his impure creatures are invited to draw near and find grace. We need both a holy God worthy of worship and a loving God full of mercy and compassion. J. D. Peabody

MID-WEEK SERVICE A celebration of the Eucharist is held every Wednesday at 10:00. It includes special mention of the persons on the parish prayer list and asks for God's healing for the world. The Service lasts about 45 minutes, with a conversation on the Person and scriptures of the day.

MEDITATION GROUP - There will NOT be a meeting on *Monday, May 27th* due to the holiday. We are also changing our meeting day. Beginning, Wednesday, June 12th, this group will meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month. Our meeting time will be 2:30 - 4 p.m. Everyone is welcome to participate. Contact Mel at 478-234-3698 if you have questions.

THURSDAY STUDY GROUP will not meet on Thursday, June 7. We will pick up on Thursday, June 14 with Week Seven of the program "The First Light". We will meet in the Rectory at 9 a.m.

MEN'S GROUP. We will meet for about an hour every first and third Saturday of each month @ 9:00 am, and we will talk about the things that are important for a man's spiritual life. It's an opportunity to deepen relationships with other men of the parish, too.

MINISTRY TO RIVERVIEW ESTATES - On the first and third Sunday of each month, at 3:00 pm Christ Church leads a Communion service for the residents. Members of the parish are welcome to help the participants beginning at 2:45.

FISHES AND LOAVES MINISTRY June 18th, Noon to 2pm Join us for a free Lunch and Fellowship, all are invited and welcome, Bring a friend, Chair lift is available, No charge, but donations are welcome

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