

JUNE 11, 2017
TRINITY SUNDAY



The Holy Trinity calls us into relationship with God and all creation.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Genesis 1:1–2:4a	God creates sky and earth
Monday	Matthew 28:16-20	Sending the disciples
Tuesday	Job 38:1-38	God speaks of creation
Wednesday	Psalms 8	Wonderful name of the Lord
Thursday	Nehemiah 9:5-6	God gives life to everything
Friday	2 Corinthians 13:11-13	Live in peace
Saturday	Psalms 148	Creation, praise the Lord!
Sunday	Matthew 9:35–10:23	The sending of the twelve

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

“Go to the people of all nations and make them my disciples. Baptize them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and teach them to do everything I have told you. I will be with you always, even until the end of the world.” **Matthew 28:19-20 (CEV)**

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

God of creation, thank you for caring for us. Lord Jesus, thank you for being with us. Holy Spirit, thank you for your daily help. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Triune God, thank you for all you make and all you give. May we praise your great name as long as we live! Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Creator, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you. (2 Corinthians 13:13)

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HYMN OF THE WEEK

Come, Join the Dance of Trinity



CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home or small group:

- What part of God’s creation do you enjoy most? Why?
- God has asked us to take care of all that has been created. How do you help do this?
- Read the Scripture Verse for this week. Tell about how others have taught you about Jesus. How have you communicated the love of God to others?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Matthew 28:16-20.

Verse 17 states that some of Jesus’ disciples worshiped him and some doubted. Jesus sent both his worshiping and doubting followers into the world to make disciples. He did not have the doubters improve on their faith before being sent. What does it mean to you that we have a Savior who sends us out into the world with both worshiping and doubting hearts to grow the church? How does this show God’s love and mercy for us? Conclude with the following prayer, **Dear gracious and merciful God, we thank you for calling us to be disciples of Jesus. We especially thank you for accepting both our worship and praise as well as our doubts and fears. Come, Holy Spirit, that we may serve you, our neighbors, and all of creation with love and care. Amen.**

SERVICE

Read: Psalm 8.

Do an act of service by having a caring conversation with someone who works as a gardener, farmer, or anyone who works with God’s creation, including scientists. Ask how they experience God in the things they deal with daily and what wisdom they gain from their work? Wonder with them how the insignificance of our individual lives is countered by the gospel of Jesus Christ?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Read 2 Corinthians 13:11-13. In public worship verse 13 is called the “Apostolic Greeting” and is used at the beginning of many worship services. It is often overlooked that much of Christian liturgy comes directly from the Bible. The Bible is sung, prayed, and read in worship. Explore through your congregation’s resources or on the Internet the biblical foundations to the liturgy. Use “A Blessing to Give” with family and friends this week during devotions, bedtime, or when saying hello or good-bye. A shortened version could simply be, **“May the Lord Jesus Christ bless you and be kind to you.”**

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