



Liturgy of the Word Trinity Sunday

Preparation: Prepare music for the song at the beginning and – same song at the end. Video after the homily. Set up your prayer focus.

SONG: Trinity Song © Frank Andersen <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cDpz-GZ2O2I>

SIGN OF THE CROSS: In name of the Father... **OR Ki te ingoa...** Haere mai! Welcome. Today is Trinity Sunday. This is a joyous Sunday - we are reminded that God is love and that love endlessly dwells in God and flows from God. We rejoice especially knowing that we are called to participate in this love now, as we celebrate this Liturgy of the Word, and always.

READER Let us contemplate the wonder of God in this litany.

Wonderful God	All Glory to you.
You are three,	All Glory to you.
And you are one.	All Glory to you.
You delight to give us life.	All Glory to you.
All life comes from you,	All Glory to you.
And dwells within you.	All Glory to you.
You enfold us in your love.	All Glory to you.
In you we live and move,	All Glory to you.
And have our being.	All Glory to you.
In you is love,	All Glory to you.
Which never ends.	All Glory to you.
How tenderly you love	All Glory to you.
Each and every one.	All Glory to you.



All Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, Amen.

Pause for a time to reflect on these words OR discuss – how does the bone carving symbolize the Holy Trinity

COLLECT - READER Let's bring to mind all we want to pray for. **(Allow silence, 1 minute)**

Attend to the pleas of your people with heavenly care, O Lord, we pray, that they may see what must be done and gain strength to do what they have seen. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.

All: Amen.

First READING: Exodus 34:4-6,8-9 *Allow a time of silence after the reading. (1-2 minutes).*

PSALM: Divide into 2 groups (A & B) to pray this Psalm

A Blessed are you O Lord God of our ancestors
And blessed is your glorious and holy name.
Glory and praise forever.

B Blessed are you in the temple of your holy glory
And to be extolled and highly glorified forever.
Glory and praise forever.

A Blessed are you on the throne of your kingdom
And to be extolled and highly exalted forever
Glory and praise forever.

B Blessed are you who look into the depths
From your throne on the cherubim.
Glory and praise forever.

A Blessed are you in the firmament of heaven,
To be sung and glorified forever.
Glory and praise forever.

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

GOSPEL: John 3:16-18 *Allow a time of silence after the reading (1-2 minutes).*

REFLECTION

READER An ancient word used to describe the Holy Trinity is 'perichoresis' which means 'dance around of love.' Robert A Jonas talks about this in this video. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=boznFLwSa_E

Watch the video then discuss: The Holy Trinity is a dance around of love or perichoresis. Each of us is made in the image of God, is a mirror of God, so, using this idea, we too are a dance around of love. How can we talk about our lives as a 'dance around of love?'

READER Thank you for your thoughts. Let us pray the creed together.

ALL: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. **All Amen.**

Prayer of the Faithful:

READER: Let us pray together. As God's people, we are called to pray for the needs of the whole world. The response to the petitions is, 'and renew the dance of love.' Lord send out your Spirit, **All** and renew

For the Church – that, inspired by the communion of love that is the Holy Trinity, faith communities would listen to one another, learn how to come to agreement and seek to live in peace.

(Silence) **Reader:** Lord send out your Spirit **All:** And renew the dance of love.

For people of all Christian denominations – that though separated by practice, they be open to the movement of the Holy Spirit, and seek ways to renew bonds of friendship and worship.

(Silence) **Reader:** Lord send out your Spirit **All:** And renew the dance of love.

For national and international leaders– that they would promote tolerance among peoples and seek to bring peace and understanding to places of unrest, violence or war.

(Silence) **Reader:** Lord send out your Spirit **All:** And renew the dance of love.

For the United States of America – that violence will end and they will become a nation of racial equality and harmony.

(Silence) **Reader:** Lord send out your Spirit **All:** And renew the dance of love.

For countries and peoples struggling under the heavy toll of Covid-19 – that those in authority work to support and protect people who are physically, emotionally and financially vulnerable, especially in poor countries.

(Silence) **Reader:** Lord send out your Spirit **All:** And renew the dance of love.

For health professionals – that those who have served their communities so selflessly during the pandemic, be enriched with the understanding that their service is a service of love to human communities, and a sharing in the work of the Holy Trinity, the great communion of love that seeks fullness of life for all.

(Silence) **Reader:** Lord send out your Spirit **All:** And renew the dance of love.

For our own faith communities – that we learn to widen our gaze to see the poor, the hungry, the hurting and the homeless in our midst, and respond to their needs.

(Silence) **Reader:** Lord send out your Spirit **All:** And renew the dance of love.

ALL Father, you sent your Son to redeem us, and the Holy Spirit to dwell within us. Open our eyes to see your creative life, and where there is hurt, hunger, doubt and fear, may we be instruments of your abiding peace. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER: We pray the prayer Jesus gave us.

COLLECTION: Part of our commitment as Christian is to give to those in need. Think about what you might like to make a donation to, or offer to help in another way. These are some ideas.

- **Your Parish:** your parish and presbytery still have operating costs.
- **The Caring Foundation Covid-19 appeal** to donate, click [here](#)
- **Catholic Social Services Auckland** to donate, click [here](#)
- **The Catholic aid agency Caritas** to support their work, click [here](#)
- **St Vincent de Paul** contact your parish or click [here](#)

READER: Thank you for your participation in today's Liturgy of the Word. Let us remember that God is a dance around of love. Let us seek to imitate God in all we do, and become people who learn to dance the steps of love. Let us be loving in all our ways, to family, friends and strangers. let us learn to love as Jesus showed us to love. Kia tau te rangimārie ki a koutou – Peace be with you. May God bless you and your family and all whom you love.

All: Thanks be to God.

SONG: Let's dance (and sing) together. Trinity Song © Frank Andersen <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cDpz-GZ2O2l>

OR Glory and Praise to our God © Dan Schutte <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YculmbiRhME>

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EXTRAS

Perichoresis - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fLjiofPwiYA>

Trinity dance - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MHHrmPC1KsY&t=5s>

Richard Rohr - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GvtnoDQXBYw>

Prayer of the Trinity – Gaelic - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j2VpTJx5F1c>

Trinity - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oHMryr1ZlxQ>

Dancing with children. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j-wJ7n1KL7Y>

Just for fun - Dancing Franciscans (in Spanish) -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H7xL5vKDl0l>

Now ... put some music on and go dance