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THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

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Glory be to God: God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit!



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Blest be God the Father,
and the Only Begotten Son of God,
and also the Holy Spirit,
for he has shown us his merciful love.

COLLECT

God our Father, who by sending into the world
the Word of truth and the Spirit of sanctification
made known to the human race your wondrous mystery,
grant us, we pray, that in professing the true faith,
we may acknowledge the Trinity of eternal glory
and adore your Unity, powerful in majesty...

We say these words
or sing a hymn as the
priest approaches
the altar.

We ask for God's help.
Listen now to the
priest as he offers
this prayer.



DO YOU KNOW?

Belief in the **Trinity**, the belief that there is one God with three persons **developed gradually**. The first Christians were Jews who knew there is just **one God**. Yet they experienced Jesus' resurrection and so knew that **Jesus is God** too. After Pentecost they also experienced God as the **Holy Spirit**. Looking back, the apostles realised that God the Father, God the Son and **God the Holy Spirit** had always been with us!



FIRST READING PROVERBS 8:22-31

Wisdom is at the heart of everything God creates. This reading speaks about wisdom almost as a person, a master craftsman coming to birth before the world was made. So, we see the wonder of creation from wisdom's perspective.

We can picture gushing springs of water, the first grains of dust on safe land and the firm skies above us. God is delighted by wisdom's playfulness and we can find our own wisdom in our enjoyment and appreciation of God's amazing world.

LOOK at the reader and LISTEN. Wisdom is at the heart of God's work in the world.

The cantor or psalmist sings or says the psalm. Listen to the verses, and then respond by using these words.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM PSALM 8

How great is your name, O Lord our God,
through all the earth!



SECOND READING ROMANS 5:1-5

Through Jesus we can all experience real peace and a loving relationship with God. This is something to shout about! Being friends with God is a gift to be proud of and celebrated. Even so, life with God isn't just about being happy.

We may have to face difficulties, but our suffering can bring us closer to God. Suffering brings patience, which brings perseverance, which in turn brings hope. So we see that God can bring goodness even out of suffering.

LOOK at the reader and LISTEN. God loves us and helps us grow through our sufferings.



We give a shout of praise to God, using these words taken from the Bible.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit,
the God who is, who was, and who is to come.
Alleluia!



THINK

When we make **the sign of the cross** we are making a **very special prayer**. We are marking ourselves as Christians with the cross and saying we believe in the **Trinity**. Next time you make the sign of the cross, do it **slowly and thoughtfully**, thinking about the words.



GOSPEL JOHN 16:12-15

The Good News about Jesus is told to us by St John.

Although Jesus still has many things he wants to say to his disciples, he knows it's all too much for them now. So, Jesus promises to send the Holy Spirit, to lead them to the truth. Even though Jesus has to return to God the Father, the Holy Spirit will continue Jesus' work, helping the

disciples understand how much God loves them. Everything Jesus shared with his friends has come from God the Father and everything the Holy Spirit will share comes from Jesus. God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit act and speak as one, always working together.

STAND to LISTEN

to the priest or deacon as he prepares to read the Gospel. Before he reads the Gospel, what does the priest or deacon do to his forehead, his lips and his heart? Can you copy him?



PRAY

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.



PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Dear Lord, I am thinking about anyone who is suffering in any way at the moment. Please help them to find peace and become closer to you, knowing that you are always with them. Lord, hear my prayer.

Listen to the reader as he or she encourages us to pray for situations and people in need. This is a prayer you could say privately.



OFFERTORY PROCESSION

As we take our gifts of bread, wine and money to the altar, think about a time this week when you were fed up and then think about a time when you were happy and enjoying life.

Say a little prayer offering these thoughts up to God.

Watch as the gifts are made ready and the priest washes his hands and prepares for the Eucharistic Prayer.



THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Today's special prayer thanks God for fulfilling all God's promises to us.

What can you give special thanks for today?

We listen to the prayer of praise and thanks to God.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

As the priest extends his hands, we say the prayer that Jesus taught us.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Since you are children of God, God has sent into your hearts the Spirit of his Son, the Spirit who cries out: Abba, Father.

You are invited to sing a Communion song or say this verse, which has been especially chosen for today's celebration.



MY PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Loving Lord, thank you for sharing your life and love with me. Help me to learn from all you have done and said. Amen.



IXΘΥΣ

is the Greek word for "fish" and was used in the catacombs as a sign for early Christians. It is made up from the first letter of five Greek titles for the Lord:

- I (Jesus)
- X (Christos)
- Θ (Theou/God's)
- Υ (Uios/Son)
- Σ (Soter/Saviour)



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We take Jesus with us to carry on the work that he did on earth, until we meet again next Sunday.

Go in peace.

