

THE SUNDAY PAPER Year B TRINITY SUNDAY

This Sunday is TRINITY SUNDAY. The word TRINITY means "three-ness." TRINITY is a special name for what we know about God. Christians say that there is only one God, and he comes to us in three ways: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Thinking about the TRINITY helps us to remember some very important ideas about God.

First, it helps us remember that Jesus, God's Son, is truly God. When Jesus was born, that was God, becoming human. When Jesus died, that was God, sharing our death.

Second, it reminds us that God's SPIRIT is also truly God. God made the world. God came to us and died for us. And God is always with us, in our hearts and in his Church!

In our Bible readings ever since Advent, we have been learning about what God has done. Now, on Trinity Sunday, we pause to think about what God is. The Trinity shows us that God is not simple. He is complicated and surprising, just like the world he made. And he is not just one self. He is three selves, held together by love. God does not just give love. God is love, through and through. He is "God in three persons, blessed Trinity!"

ISAIAH 6:1-8 God is HOLY and full of GLORY
The angels worship God, crying out, "HOLY, HOLY, HOLY"

PSALM 29 God is HOLY and MIGHTY, God is KING
"Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness... in the temple, the people cry, 'Glory!'"

JOHN 3:1-16 God loves us, and gave us his SON
God loved the world so much that he gave his only SON, to save everyone who believes in him"

ROMANS 8:14-17 God gives us his SPIRIT
"When we call God FATHER, that is his SPIRIT in us, making us God's children, along with his SON Jesus"