

Reflection: Trinity Sunday 2022

The Trinity stands before us as a challenge; not just because it is beyond the concepts of our human minds, but also because, as the great Orthodox theologian, Kallistos Ware puts it, it 'requires from us a radical metanoia – not merely a gesture of formal assent, but a true change of mind and heart'. He believes that it should have a revolutionary effect on our daily life. But how?

The most obvious application might be for community in general – and for church in particular. In this day of competition and fierce individualism, the relationships within the Trinity offer a refreshingly alternative path; not independence or dependence, but *interdependence*, where all parts work in relation to each other – reminiscent of Paul's 'one body, many parts' mentioned in 1 Corinthians. We all have different gifts; many waiting to be discovered and nurtured. Perhaps we could extend this to say that the Trinity corresponds to a community where people are not defined in terms of power, wealth, gender etc but through their *relations with* - and *significance for* one another; a truly inclusive community. We are, nevertheless, still individuals, each with our own particular relationship with God.

O Father, my hope:
O Son, my refuge:
O Holy Spirit, my protector:
Holy Trinity, glory to thee.
Amen

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Codes for Zoom No further Zoom services planned at the moment.

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Passcode:

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NEXT SUNDAY 19.06.2022 Trinity 1

SERVICES: 10.30am in Church

READINGS: OT Isaiah 65: 1-9
NT Galatians 3: 23-29
GOSPEL Luke 8: 26-39



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St Thomas, Exeter

12th June 2022

Trinity Sunday

10.30am in Church

Today

10.30am Sung Eucharist.

Wednesday 15th June

10am Walsingham Mass

1.15pm Visit to Church from Montgomery School

Thursday 16th June

9.30-11am St Thomas Tots with Breast-Feeding support.

10.30am Knit & Natter in St Thomas Park
7pm Mass for Corpus Christi

Friday 17th June

9.30am Morning Prayer

10am Staff Meeting



Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity: keep us steadfast in this faith, that we may evermore be defended from all adversities; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Proverbs 8.1–4, 22–31

Does not wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice? On the heights, beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand; beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries out: 'To you, O people, I call, and my cry is to all that live. The LORD created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago. Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth—when he had not yet made earth and fields, or the world's first bits of soil. When he established the heavens, I was there, when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep, when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth, then I was beside him, like a master worker; and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always, rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race.

Romans 5.1–5

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

John 16.12–15

Jesus said 'I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

Post Communion

Almighty and eternal God, you have revealed yourself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and live and reign in the perfect unity of love: hold us firm in this faith, that we may know you in all your ways and evermore rejoice in your eternal glory, who are three Persons yet one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

NOTICES

Please consider coming to give thanks for our sharing of bread and wine together on the **feast of Corpus Christi 16 June**. We will be doing just that in our Eucharist at 7pm in Church.

For our services in Church, **mask wearing** is not now compulsory but we would still advise it while infection numbers remain high. If you are coming to coffee, we also recommend wearing a mask until you are seated in the Hall.

Knit and Natter May 2022 We shall be meeting every Thursday from 10.30 to midday at 19 Maple Road. Details from Jenny on 01392 498725.

Community Larder is receiving donations on Tuesdays from 10am-12noon.

St Andrew's, Exwick. Please note that Fr David and Rev Sarah are covering some of the Sunday morning services at Exwick after the retirement of Jerry Bird.

St Stephen's Church From 2 June onwards there will be a display in St Stephen's showing changes in our city centre churches with some good old photos and more recent events.

As many of you already know, Fr David is taking **sabbatical leave** over the summer, starting in the middle of July and ending in the middle of October. He is also away for the first part of July on a course at Windsor (postponed from 2019), and his last Sunday before the sabbatical is 17 July. Do please ask him his plans if you are interested!

