



"Our mission is to bring the good news of Jesus Christ's love to our entire community through traditional Anglo-Catholic worship, fellowship, outreach, and Christian formation."

Our Vision: *"We strive to be a haven of healing, reconciliation, joy and peace in service to our wider community and beyond, so that our example in prayer and practice may reflect Christ's love for us all."*

THIS SUNDAY – MAY 31ST, 2026

TO LOVE HIM, ONE ANOTHER, AND ONESELF

Our Relational God

Trinity Sunday, the Sunday after Pentecost, always reminds us that the God we Christians worship is triune: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, expressing the rationally unsolvable paradox of the One God in Three Persons.



Throughout the centuries the belief in the Triune God has stood as the unmistakable mark of orthodox Christianity as opposed to some heresies that deny the divine nature of Christ. And, as Episcopalians, we make it a point of no discussion that we may diverge in some of our personal beliefs, but belief in the Trinity is a must for all true Christians.

As humans, we need to realize that even though we have managed to enunciate this Trinitarian dogma in ways that seem reasonable enough, it still remains a mystery of faith. It escapes logic and rationality. It can only be grasped through the eyes of our faith.

What actually matters is not so much if we can grasp the concept with our limited human minds—an impossible task—but what it means for our lives as Christ's followers.

Thinking of our God as an entity in which the unity is expressed in a relational way makes a lot of sense to us, who declare that we follow Jesus Christ, the person whose life was a constant loving relationship with God, and with those with whom He came in contact. Jesus' way can only be defined by one word: Love. What He demands of His followers is that they "love one another as I have loved you." And He also declares, "I and the Father are one."

This declaration is not some abstract philosophical concept. It points to the facts that what Jesus did throughout His earthly life was God's loving will, even to the point of self-sacrifice for the love of humankind.

The reading from the Book of Genesis this Sunday brings us the account of the creation. At its culmination, we read that God created us human beings "in His likeness", and right after that the text says, "male and female He created them."

God created humans with a relational intention. He put them in a world full of other creatures, of which humans would become the stewards, and He made them with the intention that they would relate to one another in the most intimate way, thus starting families, and wider circles of relationships eventually.

It would be far-fetched to state that the placing of the phrase “male and female He created them” right after “in His likeness” makes reference to God as a relational being Himself. We should not ascribe Trinitarian ideas to the Hebrew Scriptures because that is not a Hebrew concept. But what we can assure is that God’s intention in the Book of Genesis clearly shows that He was not content with being self-contained. He wanted to express His love in His diverse creation, and He wanted the creatures who most closely resembled Him to be related to Him, to one another, and to all His creation.

In his Second Letter to the converts in Corinth, the Apostle Paul calls them brothers and sisters, and encourages them to “agree with one another; live in peace...and greet one another with a holy kiss.” Finally, he bids them farewell with this phrase that we are so familiar with: “The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.” Calling this a Trinitarian formula would not be accurate, but it certainly highlights a relational loving way of referring to the divine presence in our lives.

In the Great Commission—the final words of Jesus to His disciples before the Ascension, found in Matthew 28—Jesus commands them to baptize new converts in “the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.” Whether these exact words were uttered by Jesus or were a later addition, as some have claimed, cannot be discussed in such a short reflection. The fact remains that this is what we have in our New Testament, and it reflects our belief in the God whose very essence is relational love, and whose main purpose for us is that we reflect this love in our own lives.

Fr. Carlos Expósito, Rector

READINGS FOR TRINITY SUNDAY

Genesis 1:1 – 2:4a + 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 + Matthew 28:16-20 +
Psalm 8

CALENDAR

Note: We worship in our historic church. The service will also be on Zoom. The service time is 10:00 AM. Tuesday Noon Mass is held in All Saints' St. Mary Chapel.

SUNDAY **May 31st, 2026** **Trinity Sunday**

10:00 AM Mass in All Saints' Church

Join Zoom Meeting from our website at www.allsaintschurch.org

Recording of Mass available before noon at www.allsaintschurch.org

Christian Formation and First Communion Instruction for Children

Ages 5 to 12 in the Parish Hall, from 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM

Christian Formation for Adults (the 2nd and 4th Sundays)

Youth and adults around noon after the Mass in the Library

Recording of Mass available before noon at www.allsaintschurch.org

OUR CORE VALUES:

- Welcoming strangers like old friends
- Embracing the Anglo-Catholic tradition
- Being dependable members of a caring community
- Respecting each other's differences
- Being faithful stewards of God's gift
- Remembering that God loves everyone unconditionally

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