

MAY 27, 2018  
TRINITY SUNDAY



*We are children of God and heirs with Christ.*

### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	John 3:1-17	Born of the Spirit
Monday	Isaiah 6:1-8	A vision of God
Tuesday	Romans 8:12-17	Life in the Spirit
Wednesday	Galatians 3:29—4:7	Heirs of promise
Thursday	Isaiah 44:1-8	God pours out the Spirit
Friday	Titus 3:1-7	God saved us
Saturday	Psalms 29	The voice of God
Sunday	Mark 2:23—3:6	A question about the sabbath

### SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

It is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ.

**Romans 8:16-17a (NRSV)**

### PRAYERS AND BLESSING

#### **A Prayer for the Week:**

Holy Trinity, we thank you for giving us new birth and making us your children and heirs of promise forevermore. Amen.

#### **Mealtime Prayer:**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, you heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

#### **A Blessing to Give:**

May the Lord strengthen you and bless you with peace. (Psalm 29:11)



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### HYMN OF THE WEEK

*Come, All You People*



### CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home or small group:

- Talk about a time you felt powerless in a situation.
- Slaves in the time of Christ had no legal power, no legal identity as a parent, and no hope of inheritance. What would it be like to be a slave?
- We did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear but a spirit of adoption (Romans 8:15). What does it mean to you to be adopted by God?

### DEVOTIONS



*Read:* Romans 8:12-17 and John 3:1-17.

The Holy Trinity of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God in three persons, is a difficult idea to understand. However, it is best described through relationship and story, our story as people who have been “born from above” (John 3:3). John 3 and Romans 8 both focus on the love of God that adopts us, gives us a new birth and makes us children of promise, children with an inheritance with Christ. Instead of being slaves to sin and death, we are freed for a new life in Christ. However, the glory of this new life still experiences suffering with Christ (Romans 8:17). Reflect on how suffering connects us to God’s love for this present world.

*Pray:* Holy Trinity, we thank you for giving us new birth and making us your children and heirs of promise forevermore. Amen.

### SERVICE



In Isaiah 6:1-8 the prophet Isaiah is terrified by being in God’s holy presence because Isaiah is unclean. That changes when an angel brings a flaming coal from the altar and cleanses Isaiah from his sin. Then, in response to God’s question, “Whom shall I send?”, Isaiah is ready to say, “Here I am, send me”. God continues today to call and send us out into the world with the good news of Christ and his forgiveness. The one qualification Isaiah needed to be sent was to be forgiven. We are all qualified to be sent through that same power of forgiveness. Consider ways to be a servant of God’s love this week by offering an act of love, a caring conversation, and/or a word of prayer that expresses trust and hope in the Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

### RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



A longstanding Christian tradition is to recall one’s baptism and being born from above by reciting the words for the Trinity: “In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.” This week begin and end your days by making the sign of the cross on your forehead or over your heart and say: “**In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**” Consider making this a daily practice.



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