

## Thursday, June 19

Read John 16:12-15. The final attributes of the Holy Trinity and how it can guide our lives spiritually humbling us by demonstrating love and generosity. The three persons of the Trinity want nothing but the best for the others in the community. Jesus reveals this when he says that the Spirit “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” (Verses 14-15). The very voice of God proclaimed his love of Jesus at his Baptism (Matthew 3:17. Mark 1:11, Luke 3:22) and Transfiguration (Matthew 17:5, Mark 9:7). The Holy Spirit is said to have held together the God-head (Trinity) during the time in which Jesus, from the cross, expressed his feeling of being abandoned by God. Truly love is the only force that can bring people through such a challenging time and it was the same for our Triune God! What do you think? What are your thoughts? Meditate on these concepts and write your ideas here.

## Friday, June 20

The message this past Sunday suggested that, “The mystery of the Trinity is revealed in a truth-filled, loving and generous relationship between the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. It is a relationship that we can imitate, with gratitude and humility.” The message this past week was meant to be a call for gentleness with ourselves and each other as we discuss and begin to understand the infinite depth of our God. We are further called to wonder at the majesty of our Triune God while seeking and nurturing an intimate relationship with God. Like any relationships, it takes time – even a lifetime – to nurture our relationships with our loving Creator. While full understanding may never be attainable, we can fully enjoy our relationship with God, Jesus the Christ and the Holy Spirit. Praise and thank God!!

## Message Notes June 15, 2025

## *The Trinity as the Architect of Spiritual Growth*\*

- I. From the moment Jesus taught us about the Holy Spirit, Christ-followers have tried to explain the nature of God as The \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. An egg has \_\_\_\_\_ parts: the shell, the white and the yolk. But it is \_\_\_\_\_ egg.
    1. Water has three \_\_\_\_\_: liquid, ice and vapor. But it is one \_\_\_\_\_.
    2. A woman can be a \_\_\_\_\_, a \_\_\_\_\_ and an \_\_\_\_\_. But she is still \_\_\_\_\_ woman.
  - B. These illustrations attempt to explain the \_\_\_\_\_.
    1. All of them \_\_\_\_\_.
    2. Which is no surprise, because the Trinity is a \_\_\_\_\_.
- II. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Trinity says that God is one being, existing in three distinct \_\_\_\_\_: Father, Son and Holy Spirit or what I prefer to say today, \_\_\_\_\_, Redeemer and \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. Clearly, there is a deep \_\_\_\_\_ between Jesus, the Holy Spirit and God the Father/Creator.
  - B. In the face of such a divine mystery, it is good to practice \_\_\_\_\_, especially \_\_\_\_\_.
  - C. Intellectual humility is a \_\_\_\_\_, but it is not widely \_\_\_\_\_.
    1. The problem is that we don’t like to acknowledge our \_\_\_\_\_.
    2. “Intellectual humility is hard,” says Tenelle Porter, because we want to be \_\_\_\_\_, and we think we’re \_\_\_\_\_.”

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\*John 16:12-15

- III. How can God the Trinity help us become more \_\_\_\_\_?
- A. For starters, the Trinity suggests that the search for truth is a \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. In addition, the Trinity illustrates humility by being a \_\_\_\_\_. (We have a 25-cent word for this \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_.: perichoresis.)
- C. Finally, God the Trinity helps us to become humbler by showing \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
- D. The mystery of the Trinity is revealed in a \_\_\_\_\_-filled, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ relationship between the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
1. It is a relationship that we can \_\_\_\_\_, with gratitude and humility.
  2. Meg Jenista reflects, "We will never get to the bottom or the top of the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Holy Trinity, but God beckons us to \_\_\_\_\_ into and \_\_\_\_\_ the mystery, all the while laughing at the absurdity of our efforts."

### ***Daily Devotional Guide***

The following is a daily devotional and study guide meant to enhance your understanding of the message and grow as a Christian.

It is offered for your personal reflection or to share with others.

**Monday, June 16**

What do you think of when you read or hear the word "trinity." Do you think about the "Holy Trinity?" Before this past Sunday's message what were your preconceived notions of the Trinity and its purpose? Meditate on these questions and write your reflections here asking for God's insight and wisdom to do so.

### **Tuesday, June 17**

Read John 16:12-15. Jesus is discussing, in a matter-of-fact way, his relationship with the Spirit of Truth (Holy Spirit) and his Father. The message began with the idea that we can never fully realize the depth of this holy mystery precisely because it is a mystery. Therefore, as shared in the message, it is best to approach the Holy Trinity with a good amount of humility. We don't have to understand everything about our God to appreciate and wonder at God's goodness and presence in our lives. Does that mean that we shouldn't even try to understand our God? By no means! Part of any healthy relationship is the continual deepening of the relationship as each person in the relationship reveal more about themselves. This is why it is important to recognize that the search for truth is a never-ending process. Contemplate these ideas and record your response here.

### **Wednesday, June 18**

Early in the church's exploration of the Trinity, the concept of the trinity being a community emerged. There are ancient icons of the persons of the Trinity sitting together around a table, enjoying each other's company. Since God is love (I John 4:8), this trinitarian community is marked by love for one another. As Christ's followers, we should always strive to imitate this community. What are your thoughts? Write them here!