

JUNE 7, 2020
TRINITY SUNDAY



We have important work to do.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Matthew 28:16-20	Sending of the disciples
Monday	Genesis 1:1–2:4a	God creates everything
Tuesday	2 Corinthians 13:11-13	Live in peace
Wednesday	Isaiah 40:27-31	The Lord gives strength
Thursday	2 Corinthians 5:16-21	Bringing people to God
Friday	Genesis 9:1-7	The covenant with Noah
Saturday	Psalms 8	Wonderful name of the Lord
Sunday	Matthew 9:35–10:23	The sending of the twelve

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

You have given them [human beings] dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet. **Psalm 8:6 (NRSV)**

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Almighty and living God, we thank you that you have given us dominion over all you have made. Help us to care for creation and for all people through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, the works of your hands have placed all things under our feet. Help us remember and always give thanks for the foods we eat. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you. (2 Corinthians 13:13)



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HYMN OF THE WEEK

God of the Sparrow



WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS



Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- When have you been given responsibility to care for something very important?
- How do you care for God's creation?
- You have been created in the image of God to care for others. Tell or think about a story of how you cared for someone or someone cared for you.

DEVOTIONS



Read: Genesis 1:1–2:4a.

The goodness of creation is described through the harmony of creation: there is a greater light (sun) in balance with a lesser light (moon); earth, sea, and sky work together; the earth brings forth living creatures of every kind; and, it is all good. God creates a world to enjoy and a world we are to care for (1:27-30). God's reign on earth will happen through human beings, the creatures to whom God has uniquely given God's image. The creation story gives us a dignity and an assignment to care for all creation (see Psalm 8). We celebrate the Trinity this Sunday as a reminder of our relationship to God, the one who created us in the image of God to go out and care for the world. In this same spirit, Jesus sends out his followers to serve in the image of God and do the work of Christ in the world to recreate, redeem, and sustain all that God made. Reflect on how God sends you out to care for the earth.

Pray: **Dear Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, you made us to be creatures of dignity and responsibility; bless us now to live as your chosen ones. Amen.**

SERVICE



God gave us "every plant yielding seed", "every tree with seed in its fruit", and "every green plant for food" (Genesis 1:29-30). Keeping soil healthy contributes to a living ecosystem and enables food production. There are ways to restore nutrient-poor fields to their natural productive abilities. Visit a local organic farm association or master gardener to learn about food conservation. How can you support their efforts?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



This is Trinity Sunday. In the word Trinity, "tri" means "three" and "unity" means one. Draw a triangle on a piece of paper. Write Father, Son, and Holy Spirit in each of the corners. Think or talk about what each one means to you. In the center of the triangle draw a heart and write the word love. Pray: **Dear God, we praise you for your abundant love. Thank you for sending Jesus to teach us. Please help us to open our hearts to the work of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**



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