



THE LIVING  
WORD  
OF  
PENTECOST

A DEVOTIONAL GUIDE

May 28 - June 3



# SEASON AFTER PENTECOST

## *Trinity Sunday*

The first half of the Church calendar begins with Advent, moves into Christmas, then the time after Epiphany, Lent, Easter, and Pentecost, and ends with Trinity Sunday. It is tucked in right before the second half of the year and the longer season of Ordinary Time. Trinity Sunday invites us to pause and truly celebrate the gift of the Trinity. This is the only major Christian feast day that honors a doctrine rather than a person or event.

We believe there is only one God, the Creator of heaven and earth, who eternally exists as three persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—each fully God yet personally distinct from the others.

From Christmas to Epiphany, we celebrate God’s taking on flesh and dwelling among us in Jesus Christ. At Easter, we celebrate Christ’s death and resurrection on our behalf. At Pentecost, we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit as our helper, teacher, and guide. As we prepare to enter Ordinary Time, we celebrate the Triune God and acknowledge our need for their help in every season of life.

The Triune God is foundational to our lives as Christ followers. We are baptized in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. We affirm our belief in the Triune God by reciting the Apostles’ Creed. Our discipleship journey is rooted in the mighty acts of the Trinity, which actively transform our lives and redeem the world. The Triune God is present in our prayers—as we pray to God the Father, through Jesus Christ, and by the Holy Spirit.

This Sunday’s readings capture anticipation, excitement, and joy as we witness the Trinity present at creation. In Genesis, the Spirit hovers over the water as God speaks the world into existence. Psalm 8 is a shout of praise affirming God’s majesty and glory. 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 invites us to live in the intimate union the Trinity demonstrates: uniquely distinct, yet one. Matthew 28:16-20 urges us to go into the world as active agents of faith, making a difference for the Triune God by and through their power.



***What would your life look like if you truly believed in God the Father, walked with Christ the Son, and relied on the Holy Spirit? Pray for the desire to do just that.***

If you find yourself in a difficult season, please do not walk away from the Trinity; go toward them. Cry out to God, “the Father of compassion and God of all comfort who comforts us in all our troubles” (2 Cor 1:3-4), and ask him to reveal compassion and provide comfort.

Cling to Jesus. He understands pain and heartache. Call out to the Holy Spirit, who is closer than your own skin, and invite him to be the helper Jesus promised he would be (Jn 14:16). Continue praying. Ask others to pray for you and with you so you can experience the reality of the Triune God.

## **FOR** reflection

***Deepen your understanding of the Trinity by choosing to focus your life on practicing the presence of God, being mindful of Jesus as your Lord, Savior, and friend, and trusting that the Holy Spirit is intimately close and able to guide you from within.***





# SCRIPTURE

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

### **Thursday**

Psalm 8; Job 38:1-11; 2 Timothy 1:8-12a

### **Friday**

Psalm 8; Job 38:12-21; 2 Timothy 1:12b-14

### **Saturday**

Psalm 8; Job 38:22-38; John 14:15-17

### **Sunday**

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

### **Monday**

Psalm 29; Job 38:39-39:12; 1 Corinthians 12:1-3

### **Tuesday**

Psalm 29; Job 39:13-25; 1 Corinthians 12:4-13

### **Wednesday**

Psalm 29; Job 39:26-40:5; John 14:25-26

### ***Why do the daily readings begin on Thursday?***

The daily readings for each week begin on Thursday and end on the following Wednesday. The Thursday through Saturday readings prepare the reader for the Sunday ahead. The Monday through Wednesday readings reflect on what was presented on Sunday.

# The Morning Liturgy

## **Opening Scripture**

Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be always acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

*Psalm 19:14*

## **Opening Prayer** (based on Psalm 51)

Open my lips, O Lord, and my mouth shall proclaim your praise. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Give me the joy of your saving help again and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. *Amen.*

## **Scripture Reading** (read Psalm and Gospel text here)

## **Period of Silence**

## **Confessing Our Faith** (Apostles' Creed)

## **The Lord's Prayer**

## **The Collect** (Proper 5)

*O God, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.*

*Amen.*

## *A Midday Prayer*

Blessed Savior, at this hour you hung upon the cross, stretching out your loving arms. Grant that all the peoples of the earth may look to you and be saved; for your mercies' sake. *Amen.*

## *An Early Evening Prayer*

Lord Jesus, stay with us, for evening is at hand and the day is past; be our companion in the way, kindle our hearts, and awaken hope, that we may know you as you are revealed in Scripture and the breaking of bread. Grant this for the sake of your love. *Amen.*

## *A Bedtime Confession and Prayer*

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. *Amen.*

*Visit this place, O Lord, and drive far from it all snares of the enemy; let your holy angels dwell with us to preserve us in peace; and let your blessing be upon us always; through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

*Amen.*







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