



# THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

## Year A — 7<sup>th</sup> June 2020

*The community of the Cathedral of St. Stephen acknowledges the traditional custodians of the land on which our parish stands.*

*Embracing  
Villa Maria Centre  
and  
St Patrick's  
Fortitude Valley*



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*Jesus said,  
"God loved the world so  
much that he gave his only  
Son, so that everyone who  
believes in him may not be  
lost but may have  
eternal life."*

**Readings for today: Exodus 34:4-6, 8-9; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13; John 3:16-18**

*Dear friends,*

The Trinity is one of the most central doctrines of the Church, but one that we have such difficulty explaining. In fact, the teaching of the Church was never meant to be an explanation, but an expression – a way of saying something without presuming that it was possible to put words around the inexpressible.

Our Christian experience has been an awakening of the realisation that there is *one* essence but, even so, Father is not the Son, and the Son is not the Father, and the Spirit is neither the Son or the Father, so we speak of *three* persons. But as St. Augustine asked, "three what?" He went on to explain: "The formula three person was coined, not in order to give a complete explanation, but in order that we might not be obliged to remain silent." We use human words to express the mystery of Salvation or else we say nothing. The Church has always followed the hardest path to try to say something about the mystery of God but to strive to say it with the greatest richness, clarity and precision.

As beautiful as some of our images might be, our human language is never completely adequate to talk about God, and so we use metaphors, analogies, to talk about this life of God. We say that God is *like this* or *like that*.... we say God is like a father, and God is like a son, and God is like a holy spirit. In our limited and human way, we try to express the mystery of God. The Church has never said that God is male. As the Catechism says: "In no way is God in man's image. God is neither man nor woman. God is pure spirit in which there is no place for the difference between the sexes." God is what it means "to be".

Father, Son and Spirit is one of most traditional ways, but it has not been the only way. St. Patrick famously used the shamrock. Another ancient image is the sun. God the Father is the sun. The rays that come from the sun are the second person of the Trinity. And those rays touching and affecting us – the brightness and the warmth – are the Holy Spirit. On this feast, we celebrate the multiple ways that God unites us. *Fr. Anthony*



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249 Elizabeth St  
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**St. Patrick's**  
58 Morgan St  
Fortitude Valley



**Villa Maria Chapel**  
171 St Pauls Tce  
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**Cathedral Parish Mass Times this week**

**Monday to Friday** 8.00am (*live-streamed*) & 12.30pm  
**Saturday** 11.30am – Mass (*live-streamed*)

**Sunday**

**Cathedral of St Stephen**

**Saturday:** *Suspended until further notice*  
**Sunday:** 8.00am; 10.00am (*live-streamed*)

**St Patrick's** *Suspended until further notice*  
**Villa Maria** *Suspended until further notice*

**Reconciliation:** **Monday to Friday** 10.00am-11.00am (in the Hanly Room)  
**Saturday** 10.00am-11.00am (in the Hanly Room)

**Exposition/Reflection/Vespers/Benediction:** Wednesday 5.00pm (*live-streamed*)

# MUSIC for The Most Holy TRINITY(YEAR A)

## Processional Hymn

1. Holy God we praise thy name!  
Lord of all, we bow before thee;  
All on earth thy sceptre claim,  
All in heav'n above adore thee;  
Infinite thy vast domain,  
Everlasting is thy reign.

## Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

2. Hark! the loud celestial hymn  
Angel choirs above are raising;  
Cherubim and Seraphim  
In unceasing chorus praising,  
Fill the heav'ns with sweet accord:  
Holy, holy, holy Lord!

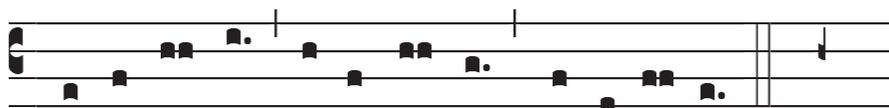
3. Holy Father, Holy Son,  
Holy Spirit, Three we name thee;  
While in essence only one,  
Undivided God we claim thee,  
And adoring bend the knee,  
While we own the mystery.

## Psalm



℞ To you glo-ry and praise for ev-ermore.

## Gospel Acclamation



℞ Al-le- lu- ia, al-le- lu- ia, al-le-lu- ia.

## Communion Reflection

1. Firmly I believe and truly  
God is Three and God is One;  
and I next acknowledge duly  
manhood taken by the Son.

## Firmly I Believe and Truly

2. And I trust and hope most fully  
in that manhood crucified;  
and each thought and deed unruly  
do to death as he has died.

3. Simply to his grace and wholly  
light and life and strength belong;  
and I love supremely, solely,  
him the holy, him the strong.

## Recessional Hymn

1. Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

## Praise God, From Whom all Blessings Flow

3. Three Persons praise we evermore,  
And thee th' eternal One adore:  
In thy sure mercy, ever kind,  
May we our true protection find.

2. All hail, adored Trinity;  
All praise eternal Unity:  
O God the Father, God the Son,  
And God the Spirit, ever One.

4. O Trinity, O Unity,  
Be present as we worship thee;  
And to the angels' songs in light  
Our prayers and praises now unite.