

THE OCTAVE DAY OF PENTECOST

# TRINITY

## SUNDAY

May 27, 2018

*Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God the Almighty,  
Which was, and which is, and which is to come.*

### **8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer:**

✠ Psalm 92 | Isaiah 6:1-8 | St. Mark 1:11-13

### **9:00 a.m. – The Holy Eucharist**

Introit: Psalm 8:	page 337
The Gloria:	page 86
The Collect:	page 214
The Old Testament Reading:	Isaiah 6.1-8
Psalm 93:	page 450
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### **9:45 a.m. – Sunday School: Parish Hall Time with Fr. Stockall**

### **10:30 a.m. – The Holy Eucharist**

♪ PROCESSIONAL HYMN:	1 (Nicaea)
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The Collect:	page 214
The Old Testament Reading:	Isaiah 6.1-8
♪ PSALM:	<i>please see the bulletin insert</i>
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♪ GRADUAL HYMN:	<b>Lord, as the Grain</b> <i>please see the bulletin insert</i>
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♪ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:	<b>Alleluia</b>
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♪ OFFERTORY HYMN:	<b>369</b> (Redhead No. 46)
The Prayers of the People:	L: Lord, in your mercy; C: Hear our prayer
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♪ HYMN DURING COMMUNION:	<b>184</b> (Dix)
Post-Communion Prayer:	page 85
♪ RECESSIONAL HYMN:	<b>284</b> (Moscow)

*Please join us in the Parish Hall  
following the 10:30 Celebration for  
Coffee & Conversation.*

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*From the Rector* \_\_\_\_\_

Thanks to the computer people who decided many years ago that those little figures on your computer screens that point to images and files and documents should be called *icons*, we've re-learned a word that for centuries spoke of a style of Christian art more commonly, but not exclusively, used

in the Churches of the Orthodox tradition.

Long before icons were little pictograms that help us to navigate our computers and smart phones, they were works of art, usually paintings but sometimes carved in stone, cast in metal, or embroidered on cloth, that represented Christ, Mary, the saints, or angels. 'Written' in a very formal style, everything within the image has symbolic value. Icons have long been spoken of as 'windows into heaven,' because they are intended to be more theological and spiritual than literal, designed to move us to greater love and reverence. If you're not familiar with icons as Christian art, we have a few examples here at St. Mary's in the vestry and the Chapel that you may like to look at.

As you may expect, the root of the word icon comes from the Greek word: εἰκὼν (pronounced eikōn), meaning image. The word is used in the New Testament to speak of Jesus as the image of God the Father (Colossians 1:15 - He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation); as well as to speak of the Church as the image of Jesus. (1Corinthians 15:49 - And as we have borne the image of the earthly, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.)

But one of the often overlooked Scriptural uses of εἰκὼν is found in the Greek translation of the Old Testament, called the Septuagint. As I'm sure you recall, in Genesis 1:26 & 27, we're told that God created humanity, both male and female, in His own image; and the Greek word used to translate the Hebrew original of image is εἰκὼν.

So, if we follow what that tells us, we're all created to the icons of God, little images of the original, first made in God's image and, after that image had been marred by sin, remade into the image of Christ.

So perhaps that thought will shape our actions and words. In much the same way that an icon on your computer screen points you to the original file stored deeply somewhere in your computer hard drive, we're called to point others to the God in whose image we have been made and remade. So maybe the test for us before we speak or act is simply this: will my next thought or action point others to the God of whom I am called to be an icon?

One further thought on this Trinity Sunday about how we might better understand our relationship with God as Trinity, in this case, based on the teachings of St. Athanasius. First, we start with **God OVER us** as creator and Father and then move to **God WITH us**; or in the language of the Scriptures, *Emmanuel*. In Jesus we have God in human form who lived in Palestine for some 30 years. Here is God with us. And thirdly, we move to **God IN us**, the Holy Spirit who was sent by the Father (and the Son) on the first day of Pentecost to be IN us as Christians leading and guiding us. All this is very brief and clearly needs expanding, but it gives a good and simple framework for understanding our relationship with God as Trinity.

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Something I have been trying to learn is that God himself is community. It's beautiful, and I am fascinated by it. God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit are a community, and they model community for us. The prayers of Jesus to his Father are amazing. What the Father tells the Son is deep and loving: "You are my beloved Son." The way Jesus talks about the Spirit coming is warm and intense: "I'm leaving but the Spirit is coming." The Trinity is a community that models for us how to get along, how to be interdependent, how to keep our own specificity without the sense of competition.

Valdir Steuernagel, vice president of Christian commitments at World Vision International, *Christianity Today*, January 2010

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## Parish Notices and Updates

**WE ARE PLANNING TO CARRY OUT** a fire/emergency exit practice this weekend at the conclusion of all three Celebrations. Our Parish Safe Church Officer, Thomas Geburt, will offer instruction on our exit plan and we'll take a few moments to walk through the process. The whole exercise will only take a few moments and those with mobility challenges will be assisted.

**MEMBERS OF THE PARISH CORPORATION** are reminded of the meeting scheduled for today, starting at 12:15 p.m. Those who are unable to attend are asked to convey their regrets to the Rector or the Vestry Clerk.

**EACH THURSDAY MORNING** the Church is unlocked until noon for anyone who wishes time for private prayer or meditation. Morning Prayer will be said at 8:30 a.m. and those who wish to take advantage of this quiet may do so by dropping in for as little or as much time as they wish.

**ST. MARY'S WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY** will be having its final session before the summer break this coming *Friday, starting at 10:00 a.m.* at the Rectory, followed a lunch. Everyone is warmly invited to join us.

**RUN FOR THE WORD**, in support of the Canadian Bible Society, will be held on *Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>*, at Wilmot Park – 1K/5K Run/Walk 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon. Registration packages are available at [www.biblesociety.ca/event/run-word](http://www.biblesociety.ca/event/run-word).

**BREAKING NEWS! - Sunday School Celebration and Congregational Party!** Come join in the fun next *Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>* immediately following the 10:30 Celebration of the Holy Eucharist in conjunction with our monthly Shared Meal! This is an event for all ages (and all congregations!) so please make a point of joining in on the fun. *There will be a BBQ: if you can, feel free to bring salads or desserts to help fill out the meal.* Everything else will be supplied. It's time to bring the kid out in everyone and to be a spectator or even better, a participant! We will have a variety of both indoor and outdoor games (weather permitting).

**THE ANNUAL SPRING YARD SALE**, organized by your Parish Choir, is going to be held on *Saturday, June 9<sup>th</sup>*, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon. They'll need you to bring your donations of good quality used items to the Church Hall on, or before, *Friday, June 8<sup>th</sup>*. Contact Shirley Hovey at 366-3337 for more information.

**IF YOU LIKE TO QUILT, OUR THURSDAY QUILTERS** invite you to join them each week. They work from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., taking a break for lunch; and they welcome experienced quilters and novices alike. They'd also warmly welcome you to come by if you'd rather knit or crochet and just share in the fellowship. For more information please speak to Joyce Matthews or Doreen Lawrence.

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### Trinity Sunday

In the Beginning, not in time or space,  
But in the quick before both space and time,  
In Life, in Love, in co-inherent Grace,  
In three in one and one in three, in rhyme,  
In music, in the whole creation story,  
In His own image, His imagination,  
The Triune Poet makes us for His glory,  
And makes us each the other's inspiration.  
He calls us out of darkness, chaos, chance,  
To improvise a music of our own,  
To sing the chord that calls us to the dance,  
Three notes resounding from a single tone,  
To sing the End in whom we all begin;  
Our God beyond, beside us and within.

Malcolm Guite



### SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

#### **MAY 30: TRINITY FERIA**

6:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer

7:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

#### **MAY 31: TRINITY FERIA**

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer

*Followed by time for personal prayer in the Church*

#### **JUNE 2: THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

4:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer

5:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

#### **JUNE 3: THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer

9:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist

10:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist

*Followed by our Sunday School Celebration and  
Congregational Picnic*