

TRINITY SUNDAY

June 7, 2020

**Collect:** ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD, you have given to your servants grace by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in the faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, on God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Lessons:** Genesis 1:1-2:4a

Psalm 8

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Matthew 28:16-20

**Sermon:** The lesson for today start with the story of God's creation of the world and all that is in it. Most religions/faith have a creation story. In the Christian creation story, God created the world in six days and rested on the seventh day.

On the first day God created light and darkness. He called the light day and the darkness night. The second day God created God created the waters and he separated the water above the earth and called it heaven. The third day God gathered the water on the earth into one place creating dry land. And on this dry land, plants and fruit bearing trees began to grow. On the fourth day God created the sun, the moon and stars. On the fifth day God filled the waters on the earth with living creatures that swim, crawl, and breath. He also filled the sky with birds. On the sixth day God filled the earth with animals. And then he made man. He said, "**Let us make man in our image (according to our likeness)**".

God made man in his image, male and female. He blessed them and told them to be fruitful and increase, to fill the earth and subdue it. Mankind was

to rule over everything, the fish in the sea, the birds in the air and every living thing that swam, crawled and breathed. God also gave man power over all the plants and fruit trees they were to be used as food for man and the animals.

God looked at all he had made and said it was good. And God rested on the seventh day. He blessed it and made it holy.

From the creation story there is a question: Who was God talking to when he said: **Let us make man in our image?**

This has been and is still the center of much discussion. As we read the Bible, we read that there are the heavenly host (minor divine beings) and God's messengers, the angels. It is stated in scripture that God made man lesser or lower than angels.

Our faith teaches us there is a Trinity and the Catechism says the Trinity is one God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The Nicene Creed states, "We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son."

We are to see/believe that God is three persons. It can be quite confusing to explain but look at a simple fact of science that might help us understand a little more.

Let's look at an ice cube, it can be solid, ice. It can be a liquid, water, and it can be a gas, steam. We can look at this and know that at any point it is still water. We accept this with no argument.

Our faith teaches us that there is one God who exists as three characters: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit and Trinity Sunday reminds us of that. We can not prove it, we are to believe. Amen