

ICHTHUS

SUNDAY 7 JUNE 2020

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Year A



As you make the sign of the cross today, think carefully about the meaning of the words.



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Blest be God the Father,
and the Only Begotten Son of God,
and also the Holy Spirit,
for he has shown us his merciful love.

COLLECT

God our Father, who by sending into the world
the Word of truth and the Spirit of sanctification
made known to the human race your wondrous mystery,
grant us, we pray, that in professing the true faith,
we may acknowledge the Trinity of eternal glory
and adore your Unity, powerful in majesty...

We say these words
or sing a hymn as the
priest approaches
the altar.

We ask for God's help.
Listen now to the
priest as he offers
this prayer.



FIRST READING EXODUS 34:4-6. 8-9

Forgetting that God
has rescued them from
slavery, the people
have turned away
from God. They don't
understand why they
are still wandering
homeless in the desert
and are angry with God.
But none of this matters.

God wants to restore
their relationship. God
comes to Moses and
Moses stands with God.
Moses knows all too well
that the people are far
from perfect, but he is
confident in God's love
and goodness as he asks
God to forgive them.

LOOK at the reader
and LISTEN.
God wants us to know
that God is loving and
forgiving.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM DANIEL 3

To you glory and praise for evermore.

The cantor or psalmist
sings or says the psalm.
Listen to the verses,
and then respond by
using these words.



SECOND READING 2 CORINTHIANS 13:11-13

Paul is writing to the
Christians in Corinth
to encourage them in
their journey of faith.
He wants them to help
each other as they try to
grow more like God and
learn to love in peace in
love. We all need other

people to help us as we
learn to become better
people. Our Church
community can help us
grow in love and, most
importantly, God the
Father, Son and Holy
Spirit will be with us all,
helping us every day.

LOOK at the reader
and LISTEN.
All Christians are
growing to be more
like God, more loving,
every day.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
the God who is, who was, and who is to come.
Alleluia!

We give a shout of
praise to God, using
these words taken
from the Bible.



DO YOU KNOW?

St Augustine wrote a
book about the Trinity.
In it he said "God is Love,
Lover and Beloved". God
is a community of love.
When we share love we
become even more like
God. We can practise
every day to become more
loving by following Jesus'
example and putting
other people first.



THINK

St Paul asks the
Corinthians to be united
and live in peace. Many
Christians today are
involved in ecumenism,
working towards a
better understanding
between the different
Christian Churches or
denominations. Perhaps
you can find out about
Churches Together in
your area and maybe
get involved.



The Good News about Jesus is told to us by St John

Jesus' love shines brightly and draws all sorts of people to him. Nicodemus is a Jewish leader who comes to meet Jesus secretly, at night time. Jesus' message to Nicodemus brings light into all our lives. God loves each one of us. God does

not want to judge or punish us. Out of pure love God the Father sent God the Son, Jesus, to show us all what real love is and God the Holy Spirit will help us all to share God's love with the people we meet. God's love brings us life and happiness now and forever.

STAND to LISTEN to the priest or deacon as he prepares to read the Gospel. What does the priest or deacon do to the book when he has finished reading the Gospel?



PRAY

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.



PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Dear Lord, I would like to pray for anyone who has fallen out with their family. Help them to make friends again and find love and peace. Lord, hear my prayer.

Listen to the reader as he or she encourages us to pray for situations and people in need. This is a prayer you could say privately.



OFFERTORY PROCESSION

As we take our gifts of bread, wine and money to the altar, think of something wonderful which you saw this week, then think of someone that you love.

Watch as the gifts are made ready and the priest washes his hands and prepares for the Eucharistic Prayer.

Say a little prayer offering these thoughts up to God.



THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Today's special prayer thanks God for fulfilling all God's promises to us.

We listen to the prayer of praise and thanks to God.

What can you give special thanks for today?



THE LORD'S PRAYER

As the priest extends his hands, we say the prayer that Jesus taught us.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Since you are children of God, God has sent into your hearts the Spirit of his Son, the Spirit who cries out: Abba, Father.

You are invited to sing a Communion song or say this verse, which has been especially chosen for today's celebration.



MY PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Dear Lord Jesus, thank you for showing me what real love is like. Help me to put other people first, just as you did. Amen.



IXΘΥΣ is the Greek word for "fish" and was used in the catacombs as a sign for early Christians. It is made up from the first letter of five Greek titles for the Lord: I (Jesus) X (Christos) Θ (Theou/God's) Y (Uios/Son) Σ (Soter/Saviour)



We take Jesus with us to carry on the work that he did on earth, until we meet again next Sunday.

Go in peace.



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