

## THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURES

Trinity Sunday – Year A

May 30, 2021

Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40 † Romans 8:14-17 † Matthew 28:16-20



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The Blessed Trinity. Three equal persons. One God.

Moses asks, "Was it ever heard of?" No, of course not.

Matthew tells us that the disciples saw Jesus and worshipped, ***but they doubted!*** No wonder. Besides encountering their Risen Lord, they heard of a Trinity and were supposed to baptize in Its Holy Name!

Mystics, theologians and poets have tried to express this marvelous mystery.

A dance among the three. A shamrock.

Mechtilde of Magdeburg imagined the Trinity as a chorus! Together they sing their parts, but in unison, in harmony, and no one can separate them. And all the saints join in!!

In grade school Sister was helping us use the Sign of the Cross more reverently. No fly-swatting gesture. No. A careful sign of the cross, forehead, chest, each shoulder! And then, the words: "*of* the Father . . . *of* the Son . . . *of* the Holy Spirit." Don't skip the preposition **of**. Each person of the Trinity gets that preposition. They are equal!! A lesson in theology using a preposition! A tiny word to help express the inexpressible divine mystery!

Today, in all of creation we see reflections of this Trinitarian God. Nothing exists alone; all are in communion yet each is distinct. Each reveals in itself a facet of the Divine Trinity. Distinct persons, yet one in community!

In our times of doubt, perhaps taking a walk or sitting in a garden or near a window to see parts of creation, we can be reassured! No, we won't understand, but we can see glimpses, maybe fingerprints or footprints of our Trinitarian God.

Then we praise that glorious Mystery in the name **of** all Three!