

The Festival of the Holy Trinity –
Reflections of the Trinity
A Celebrate! Worship for Every Festival⁺
Service of Holy Communion

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Entrance to Space/Welcome

- **Option 1: Enter with Prayer**
 - Allow the prayers of the people to be written and drawn out in a new way. Have sidewalk chalk outside for people to write prayers as they enter. Have a person hosting this time and letting them know what to do and that they can walk around and see the other prayers before or after the service or during the station time. If you don't have sidewalks you could get white boards or paper or chalkboards on easels and have people write prayers on those as they enter the building or worship space.
- **Option 2: Communal Flower Collection**
 - As people enter the building or worship space hand them each a flower- get a variety of colors or types of flowers. Have a large vase on the altar or other easily accessible stand and invite them to enter by placing their flower in the vase to create a communal arrangement. Another idea would be to have people bring the flowers themselves from their gardens or preferred place to get flowers. This then becomes a reflection of the Trinity coming together in our midst.

Gathering

- **Option 1: Reflection**
 - Directions: Each person will have a prism and gather at the front of the gathering space. Each person will have one line to say as they hold up their prism.
 - **Speaker 1:** We gather together in the name of God, our Creator... (spin the prism to catch the light).
 - **Speaker 2:** We gather together in the name of Jesus, our Savior... (spin the prism to catch the light).
 - **Speaker 3:** We gather together in the name of the Holy Spirit, our Sustainer... (spin the prism to catch the light).
 - **Pastor:** Welcome to worship on this Holy Trinity Sunday. Just as the prisms our friends shared have many colors, there are many ways we can think about God. They may help us to understand God just a little bit more. Our worship will look a little different as we move through stations around the church. At each station, we'll have an activity to help you think about God in a different way. We will also think about how we, as people who love God, can reflect God's light and love for the world.
 - **Prayer:** (Pastor or lay leader can lead this.)
 - **L:** Please repeat after me. Dear God, the colors of the world are beautiful. You are like the colors. Help us to share your love with the world. Amen.
- **Option 2: Taize**
 - Have a time of Taize: Sing "The Spirit intercedes for us with sighs too deep for words to express"
 - Short Litany:
 - One: In the beginning
 - Many: God breathed**
 - One: In the beginning
 - Many: God created**
 - One: In the beginning
 - Many: God loved**
 - One: In the beginning

Many: God dwelled

One: Today..

Many: God breathes

One: Today

Many: God creates

One: Today

Many: God loves

One: Today

Many: God dwells.

One: Forever

Many: God will breathe, will create, will love and will dwell with us. Amen.

Songs: Dance with Me, Stay with Me, This Is the Air I Breathe

During this song, hand out colorful ribbon wands or rings. Tell people they are free to wave the wands in their seats or move throughout the room as they wish. (*maybe have a designated person to lead a conga line.*)

Word

Texts: Proverbs 8: 1-4, 22-31 Psalm 8, 2 Corinthians 3:18, John 1: 1-14

To experience the Word, choose a format that works best in your setting. Ideas are provided for Experiential Stations or Whole Group Experiences, and Traditional Word format.

Experiential Stations or Whole Group Experiences

The following ideas are written as different stations or areas of exploration for people to engage with the word. Instead of having a sermon time, consider creating a variety of experiences to explore the Trinity as individuals or in small groups or family groups. Depending on your space, you could have these at tables for people to sit and do together or you could place them around your worship space for people to go and try. Another way to use these experiential ideas is to choose which ones would work well for you to do all together in your worshipping time.

Some examples are: You can choose to divide people into groups and assign a different station to start at. If you do this, and you give every station a certain amount of time, make sure the activities are easy enough to complete in that time. If you offer this option, plan to have a leader for each station to help people move through the activity.

Otherwise, you can set aside a certain amount of time and let people visit the stations as they desire. When the time is up, then meet back at your origin gathering space. If you choose this option, make sure to have specific directions available at the gathering space so people know exactly what to do. Set up individual tables with directions, supplies, and discussions.

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

- **Image of God-** Read the scripture and notice the poetry and imagery that is used. What do you like about it? What would you add? What doesn't make sense? Look at the examples of different formats of poetry. Pick one and write your own poem about your image of God.
- **Word Poured Out-** Reflect where you hear God's call in your life? Have a bunch of words (All kinds! Think of the game Ransom Notes or the magnetic poems you write on your fridge) in a bowl. Have people pour out a handful to write a prayer on following God's voice
- **Holy Spirit: I Am With You Always**

- **Option A:** Have stations with a person with oil or water marking each person saying: Child of God, You are sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.
- **Option B:** Place the baptismal font in a place where people to mark the cross on their heads as they come up for communion
- **Option C:** Use the remembrance of baptism as a ‘third stop’ in the communion distribution by having a person who stands either before the bread or after the wine and marks each person with the sign of the cross. This can be done with oil or water and the words of baptismal blessing can be said: Child of God, You are sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Songs during communion: Jesus Remember me, Stay with Me, Let us break bread together

Post Communion Blessing:

Turn to your neighbors and offer this blessing to each other:

You are filled with God’s love and promise-go and fill the world!

Sending

- **Option 1: Group Art Project**—this ties in with the communion option to give everyone a piece of mirror. **Do:** Ask everyone to gather around the material for the background. Depending on the congregations’ size, you may need to create a few art pieces. Make sure everyone brings their piece of mirror.
 - **Read: 2 Cor. 3:18**
 - **Say:** Today we’ve explored many ways that God shows up in our world as part of the Trinity. Each of these pieces is connected like a dance weaving everything together. As God’s children, we are woven into that dance. When we look at each other, we can see the face of God. Today, we will attach our mirrors in a unique pattern. When our project dries, we will hang it at church. Every time we see this piece of artwork, we’ll think of all the ways we learned about God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. We’ll also remember that we reflect God’s love in the world.
 - **Do:** Attach mirror pieces.
- **Option 2: Sending with Flowers**
 - This option ties into the entrance option with the flowers
 - Have someone at the entrance to the sanctuary call out Proverbs 8:1-4: Does not wisdom call and understanding raise her voice? On the heights, beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand; beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries out: “To you, O people, I call, and my cry is to all who live.
 - **All respond: Thanks be to God!**

As folks leave they can take a different flower/stem from the communal arrangement as a reflection of the Trinity and their place in the creator, redeemer and sustainer in the world.
- **Option 3: Sign of the Cross and Holy Trinity**
 - As we go out into the world, we remember that we are surrounded by the Holy Trinity all the time. This is why we at times make the sign of the cross. Demonstrate how to make the sign of the cross. Use these words to teach it by having them repeat after you. Then do it all together.
 - God in my head, God in my heart, God on my left, God on my right. This is a blessing/sending reminder that God is in us and all around us.

Songs: Let All Things Now Living, Marching in the Light of God