

Scripture Prayer For The Week

"Once...

when Jesus...

was praying alone..." Luke 9:18



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Trinity Sunday – Yr A

We Gather: We head into Ordinary Time but white is the liturgical colour for the Feast of the Trinity. A cross stands on the prayer table (or on a stand) draped lavishly with white.

Leader: You are blest, Lord God of our ancestors

All: Glory and praise for ever!

We Listen: The Gospel. John 3:16-18

Read the gospel passage reflectively. After a time of silent reflection, the line from scripture below could be repeated and the short commentary read.

"..not to condemn the world, but that through him the world might be saved."

Commentary:

John's gospel continues its theological search through the lens of Jesus the Word, "through whom all things were made and in whom is all light and life". Whilst this passage might not refer to the Trinity as such, it reveals the Act of the Triune God in its creative, saving and nurturing work for humankind. The Creator God "sends" the Word Divine into the world and the ongoing work of the Spirit of God enables each person, each generation of beings, to move into the fullness of life, our destiny in God. This is the three-fold movement of salvation...creation, living and final freedom.

What then is our condemnation? It is not about our doubts, our inability to know how to believe. Our condemnation is a self-inflicted wound which tears at us when we do not live each day with joy and hope in the way of life-giving love that is the Trinity.

We Respond: ***"....the world might be saved."***

In silence, reflect on the questions below? Look at the white drape on the cross. Believe it is the sign and eternal promise of life for all creation. Consider these questions and share your hopes.

- The Word came among us, that all people will become divine. How does this work?
- Our human task is the work of love...for this we are made, for this we are destined.

Song: Gather us, O God (M Brown-GA) –Blessed Jesus at Your Word-Traditional-GA)

We Go Forth: Give time to pause and savour each sentence of this prayer.

Creator God, let your desire to birth love in us, be fruitful.
Saving Word, let your challenge to our minds, bring understanding and justice.
Spirit of God, let your breath caress us and revive us, day by day.

Leader: Blest be your glorious holy name.

All: Glory and praise for ever!