

LESSONS FOR LAMBS

WEEK OF HOLY TRINITY

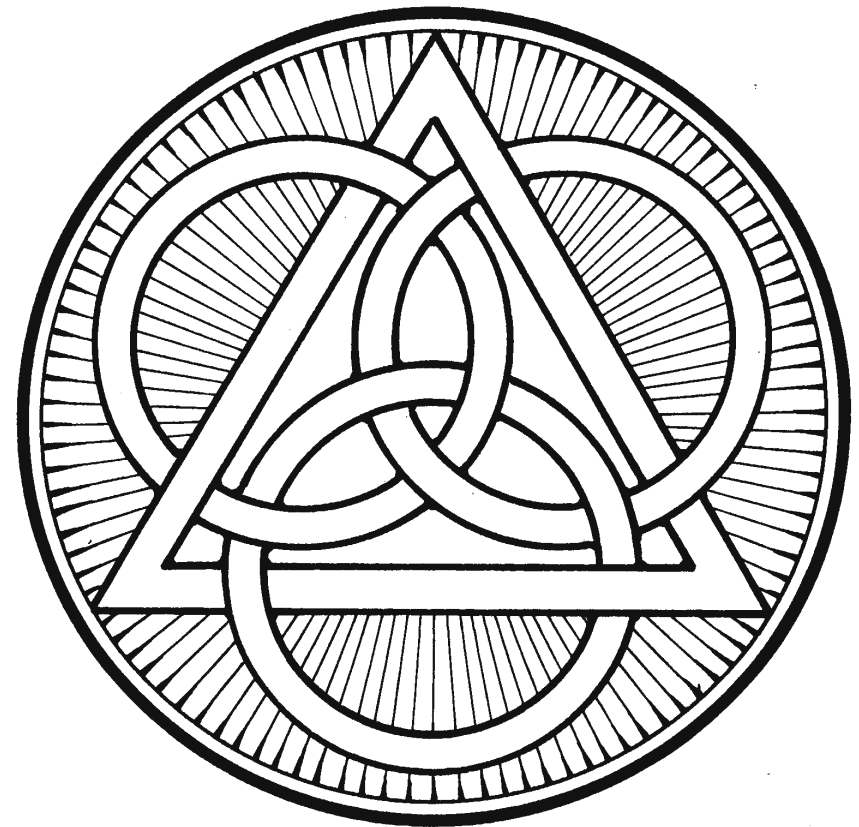
The color for the Week of Holy Trinity is white.



Trinity
Patri
baptism
Moses
Father
Creator

white
Nicodemus
wind
holy
first
pray

Gloria
born
faith
Spirit
person
God



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What to listen for during the service?

Listen for the phrase: "Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever." This is often called the Gloria Patri. How many times during the service do you hear this? Why do you think we say or sing it?

Gospel Reading: John 3:1-15

(The Gospel Reading is from the part of the Bible that is about Jesus and his ministry.)

1 Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. 2 This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him." 3 Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." 4 Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" 5 Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. 6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7 Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' 8 The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

9 Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" 10 Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? 11 Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. 12 If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? 13 No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. 14 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, 15 that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

Questions to talk about with your parents:

- 1) How are we "born again" according to Jesus? What does it mean to be "born of water and the Spirit"?
- 2) Can you see wind? Do you know that the wind blows?
- 3) Can you see the Holy Spirit? Do you know that the Holy Spirit works?

- 4) Who gives us the ability to understand heavenly things?
- 5) What does it mean that the Son of Man must be lifted up?

People of the Bible: God the Father

Today we celebrate the Holy Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The Father is the first Person of the Trinity. We read about the second Person, Jesus, on the Baptism of our Lord, and about the third Person, the Holy Spirit, last week on Pentecost. All three Persons are one God. The Father is the Creator of the heavens and the earth. Just like earthly fathers, our Heavenly Father loves and cares for His children, and also instructs and disciplines us in the faith. However, unlike our earthly fathers, God the Father does this perfectly and never fails us. Jesus makes us children of the Father because Jesus is God's Son. Jesus teaches us to pray to God the Father in the Lord's Prayer which begins, "Our Father." We should not be afraid to pray to our Heavenly Father but pray to Him in all things.

Hymn – "Father Most Holy"

- 1 Father most holy, merciful, and tender;
Jesus, our Savior, with the Father reigning;
Spirit of comfort, advocate, defender,
Light never waning;
- 2 Trinity blessed, unity unshaken,
Goodness unbounded, very God of heaven,
Light of the angels, joy of those forsaken,
Hope of all living,
- 3 Make of all things, all Thy creatures praise Thee;
All for Thy worship were and are created;
Now, as we also worship Thee devoutly,
Hear Thou our voices.
- 4 Lord God Almighty, unto Thee be glory,
One in three persons, over all exalted!
Glory we offer, praise Thee and adore Thee,
Now and forever.