

**SACRED HEART  
MOST HOLY TRINITY  
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*The Holy Trinity is not an explicit doctrine in Scripture.*

*In the Old Testament there is not even a doctrine of Christ. What there is, and this is expressed in 1R and Psalm, is a strong, almost fierce, assertion of the oneness and greatness of God and his care for his people – as in the first two Commandments, and as seen in the final words of 1R today. And yet even in Genesis there are intimations of the Trinity with the Spirit of God ever present in ‘the mighty wind over the waters’. In addition, the Messiah and Savior are foretold by the prophets and ‘the word of God’ is referred to in the first line of the Psalm.*

*In the New Testament ‘the Trinity’ is not mentioned but we read of the Son of God, a man worshipped as God who shows his divinity in many ways, until he rises from the dead, and who promises to send the Spirit. At the end of today’s Gospel Jesus urges his disciples to baptise ‘in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit’. And Paul in Romans talks of the Spirit of God, the Father and our status as children of God and co-heirs with Christ. The Trinity is seen as action, not something static to sit and contemplate. What some have described as ‘the dance of the Trinity’ is an action in which we too are involved: we have to go and make disciples of all nations.*

*Attempts to explain or analyse the Trinity often fall short. Perhaps we should just accept it. How can you even analyse human relationships? Ultimately they are mysterious.*

*The people of the early Celtic church thoroughly integrated prayer and every aspect of life. They constantly called on the Trinity in every moment as the opening song drawn from St Patrick’s Breastplate demonstrates.*

Organ Prelude: Three Meditations on the Holy Trinity (Langlais)

## Introductory Rites

Opening Song: This day God gives me

**This day God gives me strength of high heaven,  
sun and moon shining, flame in my hearth,  
flashing of lightning, wind in its swiftness,  
depths of the ocean, firmness of earth.**

**This day God sends me strength to sustain me,  
might to uphold me, wisdom as guide.  
Your eyes are watchful, your ears are listening,  
your lips are speaking, friend at my side.**

**God's way is my way, God's shield is round me,  
God's host defends me, saving from ill.  
Angels of heaven, drive from me always  
all that would harm me, stand by me still.**

**Rising, I thank you, mighty and strong One,  
King of creation, giver of rest,  
firmly confessing threeness of Persons,  
oneness of Godhead, Trinity blest.**

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Glory to God: Mass of Joy and Peace (Alonso)

**GLORY TO GOD, GLORY TO GOD,  
GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST,  
AND ON EARTH PEACE, ON EARTH PEACE,  
PEACE TO PEOPLE OF GOOD WILL.**

We praise you, we bless you,  
We adore you, we glorify you,  
We give you thanks for your great glory.  
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

**GLORY TO GOD, GLORY TO GOD ...**

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
You take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us;  
You take away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer;  
You are seated at the right hand of the Father,  
have mercy of us.

**GLORY TO GOD, GLORY TO GOD ...**

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
With the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

**GLORY TO GOD, GLORY TO GOD,  
GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST,  
AND ON EARTH PEACE, ON EARTH PEACE,  
PEACE TO PEOPLE OF GOOD WILL. AMEN.**

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## LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading:

Psalm 33: Blessed the people (Jakob)

**Blessed, blessed the people the Lord has chosen as his heritage.**

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Second Reading:

Gospel Greeting: Salisbury Alleluia (Walker)

Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit;  
to God who is, who was, and who is to come.

Homily

Creed

Universal Prayer

## **LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

Preparation of Gifts & Altar: How great thou art (Hine)

**O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
consider all the worlds thy hands have made,  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed!**

**THEN SINGS MY SOUL, MY SAVIOR GOD, TO THEE;  
HOW GREAT THOU ART, HOW GREAT THOU ART!  
THEN SINGS MY SOUL, MY SAVIOR GOD, TO THEE;  
HOW GREAT THOU ART, HOW GREAT THOU ART!**

**When through the woods and forest glades I wander  
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,  
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur  
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze.**

**THEN SINGS MY SOUL...**

**And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,  
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in;  
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,  
he bled and died to take away my sin!**

**THEN SINGS MY SOUL...**

**When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration  
and there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art!**

**THEN SINGS MY SOUL...**

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Eucharistic Acclamations: Mass of Creation (Haugen)

Holy, Holy – When we eat this bread – Amen

## Communion Rite

Our Father

Lamb of God: Mass of Creation (Haugen)

Communion Song: Taste and see (Moore)

**TASTE AND SEE,  
TASTE AND SEE THE GOODNESS OF THE LORD.  
O TASTE AND SEE,  
TASTE AND SEE THE GOODNESS OF THE LORD, OF THE LORD.**

**I will bless the Lord at all times.  
Praise shall always be on my lips;  
my soul shall glory in the Lord  
for God has been so good to me.**

**TASTE AND SEE...**

**Glorify the Lord with me.  
Together let us all praise God's name.  
I called the Lord who answered me;  
from all my troubles I was set free.**

**TASTE AND SEE...**

**Worship the Lord, all you people.  
You'll want for nothing if you ask.  
Taste and see that the Lord is good;  
in God we need put all our trust.**

**TASTE AND SEE...**

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**Concluding Rite**

Closing Song: This we shall do (Bell)

**THIS WE SHALL DO, THIS WE SHALL DO:  
ACT JUSTLY, LOVE MERCY, WALK HUMBLY WITH OUR GOD.  
THIS WE SHALL DO, THIS WE SHALL DO:  
ACT JUSTLY, LOVE MERCY, WALK HUMBLY WITH OUR GOD.**

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Postlude: 'Trinity' Fugue in Eb (JS Bach)

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