

1st SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - TRINITY SUNDAY**ST PETERS ANGLICAN CHURCH BUNDOORA****Sunday 15th June 2025****Fr. Stephen Monsieigneur****Readings (NIV): Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31, Psalm 8, Romans 5:1-5, and John 16:12-15.****Theme: *The Wisdom, Majesty, and Love of the Triune God***

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31,

8 Does not wisdom call out?

Does not understanding raise her voice?

² At the highest point along the way,
where the paths meet, she takes her stand;³ beside the gate leading into the city,
at the entrance, she cries aloud:⁴ "To you, O people, I call out;
I raise my voice to all mankind.²² "The Lord brought me forth as the first of his works,
before his deeds of old;²³ I was formed long ages ago,
at the very beginning, when the world came to be.²⁴ When there were no watery depths, I was given birth,
when there were no springs overflowing with water;²⁵ before the mountains were settled in place,
before the hills, I was given birth,²⁶ before he made the world or its fields
or any of the dust of the earth.²⁷ I was there when he set the heavens in place,
when he marked out the horizon on the face of the deep,²⁸ when he established the clouds above
and fixed securely the fountains of the deep,²⁹ when he gave the sea its boundary
so the waters would not overstep his command,

and when he marked out the foundations of the earth.

³⁰ Then I was constantly at his side.I was filled with delight day after day,
rejoicing always in his presence,³¹ rejoicing in his whole world
and delighting in mankind.**Psalm 8,**¹ Lord, our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!You have set your glory
in the heavens.² Through the praise of children and infants
you have established a stronghold against your enemies,
to silence the foe and the avenger.³ When I consider your heavens,

the work of your fingers,
 the moon and the stars,
 which you have set in place,
⁴ what is mankind that you are mindful of them,
 human beings that you care for them?
⁵ You have made them a little lower than the angels
 and crowned them with glory and honor.
⁶ You made them rulers over the works of your hands;
 you put everything under their feet:
⁷ all flocks and herds,
 and the animals of the wild,
⁸ the birds in the sky,
 and the fish in the sea,
 all that swim the paths of the seas.
⁹ Lord, our Lord,
 how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Romans 5:1-5,

5 Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. ³ Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; ⁴ perseverance, character; and character, hope. ⁵ And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

John 16:12-15

¹² "I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. ¹³ But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. ¹⁴ He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you. ¹⁵ All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will receive from me what he will make known to you."

SERMON

Here we are at Trinity Sunday, the Sunday after Pentecost Sunday, and a day that for preachers can be a day of great stress or Joy depending on how the following question is handled.

Who and what is God? It may seem straightforward enough but today debates, even schisms, exist within the Christian family and between Christianity and other faiths, as to how this question should be answered.

To Christian faith, the doctrine of the Trinity—God as the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—is foundational; a mystery that speaks to the very nature of God's reality revealing the truth, of God not as solitary but relational, not distant but deeply involved in creation and redemption.

While we hear references such as ‘one in essence, yet distinct in persons’, or ‘three persons one God’ we may find ourselves perplexed. So, what is meant by such statements? Our scriptures today go some way to answer that question.

So, Who, and what is God? In short, God is Wisdom, Majesty, and Love.

Proverbs 8 presents Wisdom as calling out to humanity, inviting us to understanding. But more than just an abstract concept, Wisdom is personified—many theologians see this as a foreshadowing of Christ, the eternal Word. Verses 22-31 describe Wisdom as present before creation, delighting in God’s work. This echoes John 1:1, where Christ is revealed as the Word through whom all things were made. Here, we glimpse the Son’s role in creation, distinct yet united with the Father.

Psalms 8 marvels at the grandeur, the majesty of creation, asking, “What is mankind that you are mindful of them?” (v. 4). The psalmist acknowledges God’s sovereignty, yet also His intimate care for humanity. This passage reflects the Father’s creative power, the Son’s role in sustaining creation, and the Spirit’s presence in all life. The Trinity is not an abstract doctrine—it is the very heartbeat of existence.

Paul’s words in Romans 5 reveal the Spirit’s role in our salvation. We are justified through Christ, given peace with God, and sustained by the Holy Spirit, who pours God’s love into our hearts. Here, we see the Trinity at work: the Father initiates salvation, the Son accomplishes it, and the Spirit applies it to our lives. This passage reminds us that the Trinity is not merely a theological concept but a lived reality—God’s love is active, always shaping and transforming us.

Jesus, preparing His disciples for His departure, promises the Holy Spirit—the Spirit of Truth who will guide them. He declares that the Spirit will glorify Him and reveal what belongs to the Father. This passage beautifully illustrates the unity of the Trinity: The Father possesses all things, the Son shares in that glory, and the Spirit makes it known to us. The Trinity is not three separate gods but one God in perfect communion.

I hope this clears everything up, if it does not, do not stress, the most important point of all this is the realization that as humanity we are designed to be curious, to want to know and understand clearly the context of creation in which we find ourselves, but we must accept the Trinity is not a puzzle to be solved rather a mystery to be embraced, a revelation of a God who is relational, loving, and deeply involved in our lives. As we reflect on these passages, we see the Father’s majesty, the Son’s wisdom, and the Spirit’s guiding presence. May we not squabble over how we understand God but rather live in the light of this truth, worshipping the fullness of the Triune God.

Let us pray

God the Father, you created us in Your image.

God the Son, you redeemed us through Your sacrifice.

God the Spirit, you sustain us with Your presence.

Holy and Triune God, draw us deeper into Your mystery,

That we knowing your wisdom, majesty, and love,

will live Your truth into our world.
Amen.