



THE SHEPHERD'S VOICE

*Daily Devotion at Zion + June 2023 AD + **Trinity Season***

Devotion to the Holy Trinity

After Easter ends, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Holy Trinity. Every Sunday (every day!) we worship the Holy Trinity, but this particular Sunday (falling on June 4 this year) especially highlights the doctrine of the Holy Trinity: God is one God in three persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

We understand this doctrine best through our devotion to Him. First, the unity of these three persons is seen in the fact that they all share *one name*. This Name is put on us in Baptism, and we trace it over ourselves each morning and night: “In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit” (Matthew 28:19-20). One Name, one power, one might, one life, one being, one God.

At the same time, we learn the Trinity’s distinct functions through our use of that Name in prayer. Most typically, we pray *to the Father, through the Son, in the power of the Holy Spirit*. That is, the Holy Spirit, having united us with Jesus through Holy Baptism, makes prayer to God possible, and we ask God to hear those prayers, not for our own sake, but for the sake of His Son.

Prayer, then, is not simply “something we do.” Prayer is the life of God opening up to you, in which you come to know yourself as someone kept by the Holy Spirit with Jesus in the grace of His Father.

About the Cover Art

For the sake of teaching and illustration, Christian artists have often portrayed God the Father as an elderly man, as in this painting by Dutchman Jan Cornelisz Vermeyen (d. 1559). By drawing your gaze to the Father, while leaving the Son in His crucified state, Vermeyen invites you to trust that the death of Jesus has given you access to the Father’s love and favor. Above both of them hovers a dove symbolizing the Spirit, and beneath their feet is a globe of the earth, showing that the rule the creation in their mercy.

Daily Readings for the Week of Pentecost (May 28)

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| S (<i>Vol. I pp. 1199-1203</i>)
Isaiah 11:1-9
1 Corinthians 2:1-13
John 14:21-29 | Th Isaiah 65:17-25
2 Timothy 3:1-17
Luke 12:13-31 |
| M Isaiah 63:7-14
2 Timothy 1:1-14
Luke 11:24-36 | F Isaiah 66:1-6
2 Timothy 4:1-8
Luke 12:32-48 |
| T Isaiah 63:15—64:9
2 Timothy 1:15—2:13
Luke 11:37-52 | Sa Isaiah 66:7-14
2 Timothy 4:9-22
Luke 12:49-59 |
| W Isaiah 65:1-12
2 Timothy 2:14-26
Luke 11:53—12:12 | |

These readings (after Sunday) correspond to pages 3—32 in Volume II of For All the Saints.

Daily Readings for the Week of Holy Trinity (June 4)

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| S Deuteronomy 6:1-9
Ephesians 4:1-16
John 1:1-18 | Th Ruth 3:1-18
1 Timothy 4:1-16
Luke 13:31-35 |
| M Ruth 1:1-18
1 Timothy 1:1-17
Luke 13:1-9 | F Ruth 4:1-22
1 Timothy 5:17-25
Luke 14:1-11 |
| T Ruth 1:19—2:13
1 Timothy 1:18—2:8
Luke 13:10-17 | Sa Deuteronomy 1:1-8
1 Timothy 6:6-21
Luke 14:12-24 |
| W Ruth 2:14-23
1 Timothy 3:1-16
Luke 13:18-30 | |

These readings correspond to pages 38—70 in Volume II of For All the Saints.

Daily Readings for the Week of Trinity 1 (June 11)

S Deuteronomy 4:1-9 Revelation 7:1-4, 9-17 Matthew 12:33-45	Th Deuteronomy 4:32-40 2 Corinthians 3:1-18 Luke 16:1-9
M Deuteronomy 4:9-14 2 Corinthians 1:1-11 Luke 14:25-35	F Deuteronomy 5:1-22 2 Corinthians 4:1-12 Luke 16:10-18
T Deuteronomy 4:15-24 2 Corinthians 1:12-22 Luke 15:1-10	Sa Deuteronomy 5:22-33 2 Corinthians 4:13— 5:10 Luke 16:19-31
W Deuteronomy 4:25-31 2 Corinthians 1:23— 2:17 Luke 15:1-2, 11-32	<i>These readings correspond to pages 70—104 in Volume II of <u>For All the Saints</u>.</i>

Daily Readings for the Week of Trinity 2 (June 18)

S Deuteronomy 11:1-12 Revelation 10:1-11 Matthew 13:44-58	Th Deuteronomy 16:18-20; 17:14-20 2 Corinthians 8:1-16 Luke 18:1-8
M Deuteronomy 11:13-19 2 Corinthians 5:11—6:2 Luke 17:1-10	F Deuteronomy 26:1-11 2 Corinthians 8:16-24 Luke 18:9-14
T Deuteronomy 12:1-12 2 Corinthians 6:3—7:1 Luke 17:11-19	Sa Deuteronomy 29:2-15 2 Corinthians 9:1-15 Luke 18:15-30
W Deuteronomy 13:1-11 2 Corinthians 7:2-16 Luke 17:20-37	<i>These readings correspond to pages 104—134 in Vol- ume II of <u>For All the Saints</u>.</i>