TRINITY IN BIBLE AND WORSHIP

Triune God

Issues in the Theology of the Trinity

- God
- Trinity in contemporary thought
- Obstacles to thinking and speaking of the Trinity
- What the Trinity is not

THE UNKNOWABILITY OF GOD

- Why bother with Trinity? Why not just speak of God?
- What difference does it make?
- Is God not beyond all names?
- Do Muslims worship the Trinity?
 - Do Hindus?
 - Do Buddhists?

PREFACE FOR THE FEAST OF THE HOLY TRINITY (12c)

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God. For with your Only Begotten Son and the Holy Spirit you are one God, one Lord: not in the unity of a single person, but in a Trinity of one substance. For what you have revealed to us of your glory we believe equally of your Son and of the Holy Spirit, so that, in the confessing of the true and eternal Godhead, you might be adored in what is proper to each Person, their unity in substance, and their equality in majesty.

TRINITY SUNDAY COLLECT

Deus Pater, qui, Verbum veritatis et Spiritum sanctificationis mittens in mundum, admirabile mysterium tuum hominibus declarasti, da nobis, in confessione verae fidei, aeternae gloriam Trinitatis agnoscere, et Unitatem adorare in potentia maiestatis. Per Dominum.

TRINITY SUNDAY PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Sanctifica, quaesumus, Domine Deus noster, per tui nominis invocationem, haec munera nostrae servitutis, et per ea nosmetipsos tibi perfice munus aeternum. Per Christum.

TRINITY SUNDAY PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Proficiat nobis ad salute corporis et animae, Dominus Deus noster, huius sacramenti susceptio, et sempiternae sanctae Trinitatis eiusdemque individuae Unitatis confessio. Per Christum.

HYMNS

I bind unto myself today
 The strong name of the Trinity
 By invocation of the same
 The Three in One, and One in Three.

I bind this day to me forever, By power of faith, Christ's incarnation; His baptism in the Jordan river; His death on cross for my salvation His bursting from the spiced tomb; His riding up the heavenly way; His coming at the day of doom; I bind unto myself today.

I bind unto myself today
The power of God to hold and lead,
His eye to watch, his might to stay,
His ear to hearken to my need,
The wisdom of my God to teach,
His hand to guide, his shield to ward,
The word of God to give me speech,
His heavenly host to be my guard.

Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me, Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore me.

Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ in quiet, Christ in danger, Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

I bind unto myself the name, The strong name of the Trinity, By invocation of the same, The Three in One, and One in Three, Of whom all nature hath creation, Eternal Father, Spirit, Word. Praise to the Lord of my salvation: Salvation is of Christ the Lord. Amen.

Attributed to St. Patrick; trans. Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-95)

2. O Trinity of blessed light,O Unity of princely might,The fiery sun now goes his way;Shed thou within our hearts thy ray.

To thee our morning song of praise, To thee our evening prayer we raise; They glory suppliant we adore For ever and for evermore.

All laud to God the Father be, All praise, eternal Son, to thee, All glory as is ever meet To God the holy Paraclete. Amen

Attributed to St. Ambrose, trans. John Mason Neale (1818-1866)

3. Father in heaven, Grant to your children Mercy and blessing, Songs never ceasing, Love to unite us, Grace to redeem us, Father in heaven, Father our God.

Jesus, Redeemer, May we remember Your gracious Passion, Your resurrection,

D. T. Niles (1908-70)

Worship we bring you, Praise we shall sing you Jesus, Redeemer, Jesus our God.

Spirit descending
Whose is the blessing –
Strength for the weary,
Help for the needy,
Sealed in our service
Yours be our worship –
Spirit unending,
Spirit adored.

OLD TESTAMENT

- Genesis 1-2
- Genesis 18
- Psalms
- Wisdom
- Sirach
- Image: The Hospitality of Abraham & Rublëv's version

New Testament

- Gospels & Acts
 - o Annunciation
 - o Baptism of Jesus
 - Image
 - o Life of Jesus
 - Transfiguration image
 - o Last supper discourse in John
 - Resurrection
 - o Pentecost
 - o Development of the Church
 - Replacement for Judas
 - Early Christian community
 - Mission to the gentiles
 - Choosing of Paul
- New Testament Letters
 - o Paul
 - o 1 Peter
 - o 1-3 John
- Revelation

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