

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

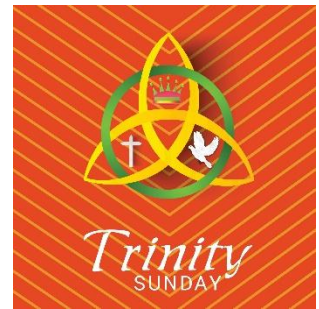
Trinity Sunday



Trinity painting by
Andrei Rublev

31 May 2026

Notes from Yukiko's Desk



Dear AGAC whanau,

Trinity Sunday commemorates the Christian understanding of God: The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, *te Matua, te Tama, me te Wairua Tapu* — three persons in one substance. Observed on the first Sunday after Pentecost, Trinity Sunday marks the beginning of the Trinity Season, also called the Season after Pentecost or Ordinary Time.

Our focus shifts from the great feasts of sacred history: Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Ascension, Easter, and Pentecost to the ongoing life of Christian growth in the love of our Trinitarian God.

The word “**trinity**” – like the word “incarnation” – cannot be found in the Bible. *Anywhere*. Tertullian (c. AD 160–230), an early Church Father, was the first to use the word (more on him later). However, this doesn’t necessarily mean that the notion of the Trinity isn’t biblical. The concept is everywhere.

The readings assigned for this Sunday show us with rich poetic beauty who God is, a fulness of Trinity and Community of Love. The rhythm and dynamism, the ebb and flow, the call and response, all of this caused me to stop and notice and to question. It is hoped that these prompts help you in shaping a rhythm of prayer and worship.



Have a blessed Trinity Sunday! *Yukiko*

News and Upcoming Events

Our next **Settlers' Morning Tea** will be happening on **Wednesday, 17th June at 10 am** at Settlers' Lounge.

Space Programme

This year, we have quite a large group, and we need more beanbags or large cushions for participants to sit on. If you have ones that you no longer use, we would like to have them.

Have you taken any interesting photos?

If you have, please share with us. You can send them electronically(office@agac.org.nz). You never know how these photos might speak to someone in the community!

We pray for:

- Those struggling to pay for food or heat their homes in Aotearoa
- Genuine and lasting peace in all areas of conflict
- The Auckland City Mission and Anglican Trust for Women and Children, and other social service agencies as they gear up for their winter services.

This Week's Bible Question

What did God use to mark the seasons and the times?

A. Rainbow B. The planets C. The heavenly lights D. The heavens

This Week's Service Songs at Holy Cross

Opening: Holy Holy Holy
Gospel: I have called you by your name
Offertory: Brother sister let me serve you
Recession: Give me oil in my lamp

Sentence for the day

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of* the Holy Spirit be with all of you. (2 Cor.2:13)

Readings

	<u>This week</u>	<u>Next week</u>
1 st Reading:	Gen 1:1-19	Isaiah 42:1-10
Psalm	8	-----
2 nd Reading:	Gen: 1-20-2:4a	TBA
Gospel:	Matt 28:16-20	TBA

Summary of the Scriptures

1st Reading: The narrative of Creation unfolds over 6 days.

2nd Reading: Paul finishes his letter, probably a fourth one, to the Corinthians with a salutation.

Gospel: Jesus commissions the disciples for ministry. The final doxology reflects a church already adopting a baptismal Trinitarian formula.

Collect for the Day

Holy God, Father, Son, and Spirit, you spoke the world into being, you came among us in flesh and blood, and you dwell within us still. We cannot fully comprehend you, but we can worship you. Draw us into the mystery of your love today, and let us leave more in wonder than when we came.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Liturgical Colour: White

This Week's Bible Question Answer: C (GENESIS 1:14)

Rosters

Holy Cross

	<u>This week</u>	<u>Next week</u>
Sacristan	Dorothy S	Alison C
Welcomer	Trish D	Ria
1 Readings	Rhomela	Patrick
2 Readings	Christian	Diana
Presiding	Yukiko	Yukiko
Prayers	Beatrix	Rhona
TV Setup & Slides	Patrick	Christian
Morning Tea	Beatrix & Robert	Karene & Trish
Flowers	Ria	Diana
Music	Andrew	Trish

St Michaels

	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Next week</u>
Prayers	Bruce	Yukiko
Readings	Bruce	Brian
Presiding	Bruce	Yukiko

If God is Trinity and Jesus is the face of God, then it is a benevolent universe. God is not someone to be afraid of, but is the Ground of Being and on our side.

Richard Rohr

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Moments of
MAGIC
and
FANTASY

Claude Debussy · Carl Maria von Weber
Carmen · Joe Hisaishi (Studio Ghibli)

SUNDAY 21 JUNE 6:30 PM
ST AIDAN'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
97 ONEWA ROAD, NORTHCOTE
AUCKLAND, 0627

MUSIC BY
TUAKAU TRIO
KARIN KIKUNO *Piano*
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TWILA REID *Cello*

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TRINITY

"Isn't it wonderful that we have this Doctrine of the Trinity that speaks of God as a fellowship, a community. So, you have this wonderful image of the community that is God, the Trinity."

Desmond Tutu