

Great Thanksgiving for Trinity Sunday
(Blessed Trinity)

Invitation:

At this table you will find a fellowship of grace where all are welcome.
Christ invites us to become one, just as the Trinity is one:
to share with each other, to care for one another, to honor every life
for we are all part of one body. Come and share in the oneness of Christ.

Confession:

Creator God, You formed us in Your image, so that we could love as deeply as You.
Jesus, Immanuel, God with us, You lived a life of divine love before us, teaching us how
to love as deeply as You. Holy Spirit, the divine presence in our lives, you have given us
the spiritual gift of love that we might bear the spiritual fruit of love, empowering us to
love as deeply as You. Yet we have not loved as deeply as we should. There are those
we turn away from. There are those we deny Your grace as we judge them unworthy.
We still have not learned the importance of loving our enemies and showing the respect
and honor You have urged us to. Forgive us, and teach us a little longer how to love as
deeply as You. We desire to be perfected in Your art of loving. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

One: We are saved by grace alone through faith by the work the Trinity has done on our
behalf. Your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

**All: You too are saved by grace alone through faith by the work the Trinity has done on
your behalf. Your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the
Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Thanksgiving:

One: The Divine is One.

All: Yet that One is so much more than just one.

One: The Divine is known in Three.

All: Three bound together by inseparable devotion.

One: With joy we accept Christ's invitation to become one in the fullness of the Trinity.

All: We are humbled. We are astounded. We are embraced.

One: You are the singularity of love, drawing every life into Your arms.
You call to us to be holy,
just as You are holy,
just as Christ is holy,
just as the Spirit is holy.
You want us to be of one mind, one heart and one life.
You want us to be as one body, fitted perfectly together,
with not a single person left behind.
Yet just like Your reflection, we are cherished for our uniqueness,
the hand will never be a foot, and does not need to be,

the eye cannot say to the ear that they are not necessary.
We, though many, through out the world are now one in You
most holy Trinity for all eternity.
This is a gift greater than we have even begun to imagine.
You have changed our reality.
As the unity that You have created out of the chaos of our splendid diversity,
we bow in worship not just as one,
but as a great multitude through out heaven and earth, proclaiming:

**All: In You, there's just one.
There is only one body;
In You, one spirit.**

**We hold to one hope,
One Lord, faith, and baptism
One God for us all.** (Based on Ephesians 4:4-6)

One: Holy Trinity, You are one and Jesus is one with You forever.
Jesus was there when creation began.
Jesus has been with You throughout time
and throughout the history of humanity.
Jesus emptied themselves of their divinity
to live among us just as any human being.
Before his wondrous crucifixion, death, resurrection and ascension,
Jesus prayed that we too might join in Your unity.

In union with You,
Jesus took upon himself the position,
not of a god, but a slave
willing to serve anyone, with love and grace.
We are invited to share in this expression of divine love.
This is worth remembering.

In union with You,
Jesus gave thanks for the Passover bread,
that reminds the world that there are still people, You hear crying out.
Christ broke the bread, meant to be a universal gift, saying:
“Take and eat, this is my body, broken and given for you.”
This is worth remembering.

In union with You,
Jesus gave thanks for the Passover wine,
that reminds the world of the anguish of sin.
Christ took this cup, meant to be a universal gift, saying:
“Share this cup with me, it is filled with my life's blood,
poured out as a sacrifice to the God who has established an eternal covenant of grace

not just with us, but with the whole world, forgiving all of our sins.”
This is worth remembering.

We remember with joyful hearts
all that You have made possible through Jesus Christ.
It is this sacred mystery that we now proclaim:

**All: We are one in Christ’s death.
We are one in Christ’s resurrection.
We are one in Christ’s return.**

One: One of Three, yet only One
anoint these gifts of bread and wine
revealing to us the body and blood of Jesus
who is one with us all.

One of Three, yet only One
anoint the gift of our lives:
our physical bodies, our world views, our immortal souls,
revealing to the world, your church,
the one body and one bride of Christ
who is one with us all.

One of Three, yet only One
anoint anew with Your one Spirit,
the Choptank Charge of the United Methodist Church.
Give them the grace to be one with You,
one with each other,
and one with the whole world.
Use them to mend torn relationships.
Use them to weave a unity out of vast diversity.
Use them to show forth the unity that is only found in You.

**All: Hear us, O holy Trinity, the only one eternal God.
May our prayer be in harmony with Your divine will in heaven and on earth,
at this moment, and throughout eternity. Amen.**

One: Now let us pray according to the style Jesus taught us:

**All: True God of True God, One God filled with great diversity
may we always be part of You and You a part of us.
Thank You for always providing for our every need.
You have forgiven the many sins we have committed against You,
with the same fervor that we have shown in forgiving the sins committed against us.
We desire to be in harmony with You and all others,
deepen our graciousness, generosity, and humility.
For Your will is unity, Your delight is diversity, and Your hope is peace among us**

all. Amen.

Prayer after communion:

Thank you for the privilege of sharing in this holy mystery. Through the body and blood of Christ we have received You anew into our lives and into our hearts. You have created for us a new beginning. So send us out as disciples of love as those who are now one with You in love. Use us to make this love known throughout all the earth. Amen.