

**St Mary Magdalene's Anglican Church
Moore Street, Adelaide**

Reflection for the Most Holy Trinity

Trinity Sunday is a very inspiring and encouraging day with which to conclude the major schedule of festivals and holy days in the Church Calendar. It speaks to us of who and what we are in this life on earth in the universe.

It has become increasingly accepted, despite what some politicians say that human beings are primarily a society – we are made for community. We are a community or society first, then, possibly an economy, or something else depending on one's interests. This reflects our God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The Father is the Maker of all things – here God is over us and before us. The Son is God Incarnate as Jesus Christ, fully human, fully divine. Here, God is beside us. The Holy Spirit is God breathing into our lives and into all creation, imparting to us mutual love and wisdom. In the Christian Faith we believe that there is no hierarchy in God but simply mutual love and harmony. Thus we can, very truthfully, say we believe in the One God.

Today, on Trinity Sunday, we celebrate our common, divine origin along with the divine origin of the natural world and all living creatures within this world. We are connected with everything in this world. What we do can affect both nature and other living creatures. In the Mass we pray that we may become one in body with each other and one in spirit with the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit connects us to each other and to the natural world.

It is tragic how the creation as we know it in this world does not seem to reflect its potential. The beauty and the diversity of the planet are diminished by millions of people living in dire poverty, creature after creature driven to extinction, waters polluted, and our climate adversely affected, quite possibly, by human activity. The further we drift away from the basic understanding of our connectedness the more we tend to neglect our responsibility in and to the world. We have become increasingly deaf to the cries of the poor and the cries of the earth.

Anytime, but especially during the spring, summer and autumn, is a good time to set about appreciating everything about this life which we love and cherish, giving special thanks for God at work in life. Christians are people, not of judgement but of thanksgiving, and truly thankful people do not usually destroy and hurt.

On and after this Trinity Sunday may we all be people of joy, heartfelt gratitude and peace as we face up to the responsibilities of this life.

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