

Trinity Sunday, June 4, 2023

Scripture Reading: Genesis 1:1-2:4a

Bring me a worm that can comprehend a man, and then I will show you a man that can comprehend the Triune God. —John Wesley

If you happen to wander into a church in Devon, England, you might spot a roundel of three rabbits in a circular motif in which the three hares seem to be chasing each other.

But oddly, the three hares have only one ear each. Each ear is shared by two rabbits, and the ears themselves form a triangle of ears, creating a startling symbol which has been interpreted in a variety of ways.



For us Christians, the hares chasing each other with three ears is a symbol of the Trinity, representing the “One in Three and Three in One” mantra at the heart of our understanding of the triune God. It’s an intriguing image because if you see three rabbits you’d also expect to see *six* ears, not three! It is a clever optical illusion in which each hare *seems to have two ears*, but there are only three ears, not six, because each hare shares an ear with each of the other hares. The hares’ ears are distinct and cannot be confused with each other, yet together they comprise a unity that cannot be divided.

We should not be surprised that the three hares motif has come to represent the Trinity.

Today is Trinity Sunday. On this day, we remember the unity but also the complexity of an ineffable, transcendent God.

We may never understand this idea of “Three in One,” but fortunately, our eternal salvation does not hinge on understanding all of the doctrines and theologies of the church.

What is important is to remember that the fullness of God as Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer is at work to help live lives with meaning and purpose. God has interacted and comingled with mortals. He lives among us and in us today in the form of the Holy Spirit.

For these reasons, we can celebrate Trinity Sunday. We know that, in some form, God is still with us and among us, interceding on our behalf.

—Timothy Merrill

Prayer: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, like the prophet Isaiah of old, I can only bow before your majesty and say, “Holy, holy, holy.” I worship you and give thanks for you. Amen.

*Blessings in the name of God the Father, Son, & Holy Spirit,
Lexa & Pastor Ben Motz*

Daily Bible Readings

- Sunday:** John 11-13
- Monday:** Amos 7-9
- Tuesday:** 2 Kings 15-17
- Wednesday:** Hosea 1-4
- Thursday:** Hosea 5-7
- Friday:** Hosea 8-10
- Saturday:** Psalms 61-63

HIDDEN BIBLE NAMES

Fill in the blanks to reveal a name in the Bible, and write the name as well as the word in which it was hidden in the spaces provided. One has been done for you.

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CLUE	BIBLE NAME	WORD
1. NOVO____E	Cain	Novocaine
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O MY!!

Match these words beginning with the letter O with the correct definition by drawing a line from the word to the definition.

1. OPTICAL	A. Diffusion of fluid through a semipermeable membrane
2. OSMOSIS	B. An opening, especially to a cavity or passage of the body; a mouth or vent.
3. OBVIATE	C. Most favorable or desirable;
4. ORIFICE	D. 1. Excrement; dung. 2. Something morally offensive; filth.
5. OPTIMAL	E. To keep from happening or render unnecessary.
6. ORDURE	F. Of or relating to sight; visual.

Hidden Bible Names: 1. Cain, novocaine; 2. Paul, painful; 3. Eve, whatever; 4. Lot, zealot; 5. Aaron, macaroni; 6. Herod, fatherhood; 7. Noah, encroach; 8. Isaac, disappearance; 9. Amos, bamboozles; 10. Eli, belief; 11. Anna, biannually; 12. Enos, enclosures; 13. Enoch, encroaches; 14. Mary, masonry; 15. Mark, remarkable.

O MY!!: 1-F; 2-A; 3-E; 4-B; 5-C; 6-D.