The Sunday after Pentecost is the day which the church celebrates it as **Trinity Sunday**. It reminds us of who we are in relations to who God is in the Trinitarian formula of the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit. It come in a time when we are transitioning from the season of Pentecost to the season known as the “common” or “ordinary” time on our liturgical calendar.

When it comes to the Trinity, there are many misconceptions and even a bit of mystery…of what we do know and what we don’t know. It is, however, accurate for us to claim that we DO NOT and CANNOT fully understand who God is. As John Calvin would suggest that our best human description and knowledge of God is nowhere near who God truly is. God’s essence and character is inconceivable to our human mind, however, that does not mean that we can know God for who God is.

**The Trinity is the essence of who God is**, consisting of three persons of **God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.** Like I mentioned earlier about the latest fad among many of our young people these days with the Fidget Spinner…that the spinner has three parts but the core (the central piece) remains unchanged and does not spin. In essence, we could imagine how the Trinity works kind of like these spinners. Each part of the Trinity must work in synchronization and orchestra with one another.

Another simile that’s often been used to describe the role and the function of the Trinity is in the form of a **dance**. You may hear things like each member of the Trinity dances with one another. They might function individually but they are coordinated as one…like a committee with a unified mindset and purpose. Each one knows what the others are doing but yet in full communication and coordination of one another. They never act alone.

The word Trinity is actually a compound word of two Latin roots. Tri means "three" and Uni means "one". So the word "Trinity" literally means **"three and one"** or **"three in one."** The work of all three members of the Trinity (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) interweave with one another, **equal** to one another but function together as **ONE**.

The debate over the Trinity is nothing new. As a matter of fact, it has been one of the most debated controversy that united and separated the church. The early church in the 4th century in 325 A.D., called for a special council to meet in the city of Nicaea to settle this heresy that had been spreading around concerning the divinity of Christ. Who is this Jesus!?! Is he God, is he human, or is he just a spirit? The church was very much divided as a result of this controversy. Segment of the church, at that time believed that Jesus and the Holy Spirit were of a lesser form than of the Father. To make the long story short, the council of Nicaea convened and reaffirmed the full divinity of both the Son and the Holy Spirit as equal member of the Trinity, just as the Father.

Furthermore, the Nicene creed, which we will read later on, affirmed the belief that **our God is a homogenous God, undivided and inseparable.**  We cannot segregate them into individual parts, to let’s say we pray to the Father, or the Son, but not the others. The concept of the Trinity shall be taken as a sign of our mystery of faith, but it is not a myth. There is nothing mystical about who the Trinity is, for God has revealed Godself to us in the form of the Father and of the Son in the story of Creation and Redemption and Reconciliation. God has revealed to us in the form of the Holy Spirit in the beginning through the creation, as we read earlier. The Spirit is present at our baptism or whenever we gather to celebrate the Holy Communion, or simply in our “ordinary” lives during our “ordinary” time.

**Every member of the Trinity plays a vital role in our ordinary lives and activities. Each function independently yet together as ONE like in any team sport**, with multiple players on the field performing specific role in different positions, yet contributing to the overall success of the team. Not all of them will be handling the ball at all times. Some may never touch the ball at all for the entire game, like in football. Some may pave the way for others, while some may simply cheer the other on at the sideline. Eventually they will all get their chances to contribute and participate in some fashion.

From the passages that we read earlier from *Genesis* and in *Psalm*, we are guided to reflect upon who God is…as the ultimate Creator of all creations. God created all things: the heavens and earth, the moon and the stars, all the animals of the field, fishes in the sea and birds in the air. But God saved the best for last. **God created us human in accordance to God’s own image**. This was God’s initiative to establish His placement and making His presence known in this created world. We are God’s **representation and reflections in this world!!** **Human beings are created to live in full communion with God, just as the Holy Trinity functions in communion between the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.**

Furthermore, we have been called to demonstrate faithful stewardship and guardianship with the rest of God's creation. **God has entrusted us with the responsibility of being the care-keeper of God's creation.** As Genesis 1:28 tells us that God blessed them [both the male and the female], and God said to them, *"Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and* ***subdue*** *it; and* ***have dominion*** *over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth."*  **"To subdue" or "to have dominion" means to take good care of them, to cherish them, to love them and not to abuse them or to exploit them.**

**As we read from *Genesis* earlier, out of the chaos and turbulence of this world, God spun into action and established order. He brought lasting stability and balance into this world. *The earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind (the Spirit of God) swept over the face of the waters.[[1]](#footnote-1)* As God created light out of darkness and everything else that came after, God declared it was good!** The word “Good” in this context, suggested a notion of completion and perfection.

If you look at these first few verses in our passage today, there’s a lot more going on here than we usually see. In a familiar text such as this, often times we would overlook this passage and advance our thoughts into story of creation of what the actual DOING of God. But have we pause and think WHY? Why did God do what he did? Certainly God didn’t need to do all of this to prove his omnipotence and presence in this world. Nevertheless, **God chose to enter into a relationship with the created world. God gave the order and it became.** As the Gospel writer John tells us,*in the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God.[[2]](#footnote-2)*

God was there before the existence of creation and the Spirit was hovering over the chaos of this world, anxiously waiting to bring order and life. **God was present then and He is present among us today! God has never left us.**

**Furthermore, we shall focus on the nature of WHO God is, rather than WHAT God did in the creation story.** God is more concerned about establishing a lasting relationship with all those whom He created, including human. God did what He did because of His unbinding love towards the first humans, even after they have sinned and disappointed God through their disobedience. In the same way, when we sin, God is willing to give US a second chance if we humbly confess and acknowledge our sins and profess our faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

As the ultimate engineer and architect of life, God created everything out of his blue print. Everything was created for a reason and with a purpose, including you and me. It is God’s intention for us to live each day to be in relation with God and with one another. In the same way, we’ve been called to live in harmony with God’s creation in nature and in the environment. God didn’t create us to undo what God had created…but instead God entrusted us with the stewardship to sustain life and to bring its purpose.

As one theologian put it*, “humans are given dominion, no domination; they are caregivers, not exploiters. We do unto creation as God has done unto us; we express love and care toward the world. Being image bearers of God is also at the heart of how we see other humans, which results in treating them with dignity, regardless of race, age, gender, social or economic status.”[[3]](#footnote-3)*

The Apostle Paul also reminded us in his letter to the Ephesians that *we are what God has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.[[4]](#footnote-4)* Our ultimate purpose here on earth is to be good steward of God’s creation and to be doers of God’s mission and God’s will.

On this Trinity Sunday, it is comforting for us to know that our partnership with our Creator is affirmed by the promises as Christ demonstrated to us. God has entrusted us to be good stewards of this world’s abundant resources, not only for ourselves but for many generations that come after us. Let us not destroy and ruin it.

God has called us into relationship not only with the Trinity of the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit, but also into relationship with one another and the rest of the created world. We must strive to co-habitat, co-dependent, and co-operate with one another, in order for us to fulfill God’s mandate to care for this world. Through our human love, we must live as agents of God’s love in harmony with one another, because God has first loved us.[[5]](#footnote-5)

**This Ultimate Trinitarian Spinner calms our fidgetiness, casts away our fears and worries in life beyond the shadow of doubts.** As much as we would like to take matters into our own hands and take control and seek power and dominance over nature or fellow co-habitants of this world, ultimately we are humbled by God’s sovereignty and unconditional grace and love lavished towards us.

In closing, the Psalmist’s words put all things in life into perspectives, as he reminded us that *God the Ultimate Fidget Spinner* is still in charge of all things. When all are said and done, we come to realize that God is still God and we are not…and God’s sovereignty and power shall remain steadfast and loyal from the beginning of time to the end of time.

From Psalm 46:

***God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.***

***2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;***

***3 though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.***

***4 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.***

***5 God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns.***

***6 The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts.***

***7 The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.  
8 Come, behold the works of the LORD; see what desolations he has brought on the earth.***

***9 He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire.***

***10 "Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth."***

***11 The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.***

In the name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, Amen.

1. *Genesis 1:2* [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. *John 1:1-2* [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. Bland, Dave, *Feasting on the Word Year A, Volume 3* P.31 [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. *Ephesians 2:10* [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. *1 John 4:19* [↑](#footnote-ref-5)