

## The Gloria through Lent. Week 5: The Trinity

You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.

We round off our walk through the Gloria with an expression of The Trinity.  
'Jesus Christ with The Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father'.

Having worked around a variety of Churches, in thirty years of ministry, it has been my pleasure to work with a number of different faith expressions. Each place has its own particular emphasis on the character of God. There was no right and wrong, necessarily, but expressing the fullness of The Trinity I have rarely seen. Some have shown the glory and majesty of God The Almighty Father really well, through Liturgy and tradition, but struggled to express the work of The Holy Spirit. Others have lived out the faith, in the footsteps of Jesus. Faithfully proclaiming the Gospel, in both word and practical action, but struggled to grapple with the mystery of it all. I have witnessed some amazing incidents at Churches which focus on the Holy Spirit. Expectation is high, and people believe that God can do new things in the here and now. Sometimes, however, expectations can sometimes be unrealistic and faith becomes transactional i.e. God blesses if we have enough faith, which is over simplifying things a lot, to say the least!

The Trinity as a concept took many years to become a formal Church belief. It came from grappling with the scriptures and forming a rounded picture of God. A God of love who is creator and judge yet saviour and friend, being alive and active in the here and now. Father, Son and Holy Spirit. May we aspire to be in awe of God's greatness, follow the way of Christ and still expect God to be active among us for the common good.



### **For this week's pondering**

- Which aspects of The Trinity does my Church best show, and which might it express more fully?
- What aspect of God's love do I need to focus on to nurture my own faith?