Trinity of Goodness Prayer Service 2020

Call to Worship  We call upon our God, the Divine Trinity of Goodness – three in one, co-equal, co-eternal and supreme intimacy flowing to and from one another, totally present everywhere and nowhere contained … immense and infinite without bounds, supremely one and yet all-inclusive, containing all things in God’s self, being all power, all truth, all goodness.

(Adapted from the article The Soul’s Journey into God: Saint Bonaventure by Elizabeth Wolfendale)

Gathering Hymn

Trinity of Love, Verses 1-3, Cathy Tisel Nelson

1. God, the Font of Love and Goodness,
2. From the Fountain of your Goodness
3. Christ, the first-born of creation,
4. From the Love between the Source of All
5. All creation shows your glory,
6. You, O God, the One in Three in One,
God, the Source and Giver of all things,
you poured out yourself in human form,
Christ, the center of the universe,
freely flows the Holy Spirit,
All creation tells your story,
You, the Source of all that was and is,

well spring of the universe:
Word made flesh to dwell with us.
you fill all the heav'ns and earth.
gift of wisdom, truth and light.
sings the song within your heart.
Fullness of all that will be:

lavishly you share your gracious life,
Nothing, no one could prevent your love.
All creation waits to be transformed
Spirit, rushing wind and burning flame,
Every person, every living thing,
Teach us all to live your Way of love,

emptying yourself completely.
All creation springs from
Nothing could demand its offering.
Only free and boundless
into your eternal body;
longs for fullness and your
move us all to peace and justice.
Weave and bring together
mirrors and reflects your goodness.
Ev'ry part of earth's great
selfless giving without measure,
so the earth and all of

your great love, moves and breathes because of you.
love the source, gift of self that has no end.
healing grace, dies and rises new in you.
all as one. Now create all things anew.
web of life bears the imprint of your love.
human kind join as one in your embrace.
One Is Three by Sister Briana McCarthy

for three as one.

The Church gave a pyramid
labeling Father
reaching out to
Son and Spirit.

The Franciscans speak of dance
as a way to know Trinity.
Giving and receiving in the
flowing of Oneness in Three.

Why, three? Why not four?
Three in relationship opens
doors for the fourth.
Three invites creation to dance
Three flows and draws
others to participate in wonderment.
Like an expanding rubber band,
the Trinity pulls us in and out,
like a pulsating heart beat.
We join as the fourth in communal love.

One is Three.
And we dance in the flow
and in the pulse beat of the Divine.
Allowing joy and love to transform
the darkness, the suffering, and the
fears in faith. One is Three...One is
Three, is Four...is us dancing Love
mirroring the pattern of all creation.
TRINITY DANCES.

Quiet Reflection

Take a moment to imagine yourself in the dance of love shared between the First, Second and Third Person of the Trinity. What do you experience in this dance of love?
**Response**

**Leader:** God is Good and the source of all Goodness, in all things and at all times.

**All:** *This Goodness is made visible to us through all of Creation.*

**Leader:** The source of all Goodness is the Trinity, one God in a communion of Divine Persons, who brings into life and wholeness all that exists.

**All:** *In Jesus Christ we encounter the Incarnate Goodness of the Trinity, the Word made Flesh who came to make a home with us.*

**Leader:** The Trinity is the source of and dwells within our very being and we are invited to be part of the life of the Trinity, a life of total self-emptying Love.

**All:** *It is this Love which creates all things and it is this Love that holds all things in being, without it we couldn’t, and wouldn’t, exist.*


**Prayers of the Faithful**

*R. God is Good and the source of all Goodness, in all things and at all times.*

That the unconditional love of the Trinity stirs us to deepen our love for one another…

For an end to violence in our cities; for all who are working for peace in neighborhoods …

*Add your own intentions …*

**Prayer**

God for Us, we call you “Father,” God Alongside Us, we call you “Jesus,” God Within Us, we call you “Holy Spirit.” You are the Eternal Mystery that enables, enfolds, and enlivens all things, even us, and even me. Every name falls short of your Goodness and Greatness. We can only see who you are in what is. We ask for such perfect seeing. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be. Amen.

*(Trinity Prayer by Richard Rohr, OFM)*

**Sending Hymn**

*Trinity of Love, Verses 4-6*