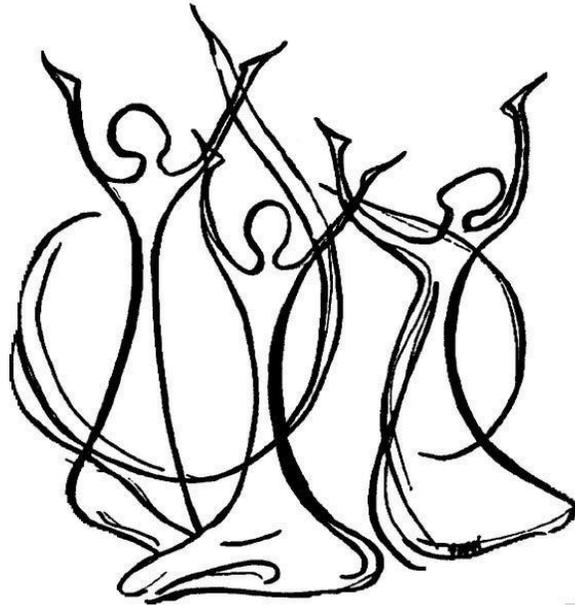


# Trinity of Goodness Prayer Service 2020



**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 Good - ness,  
2. From the Foun - tain of your Good - ness  
3. Christ, the first - born of cre - a - tion,  
4. From the Love be - tween the Source of All  
5. All cre - a - tion shows your glo - ry,  
6. You, O God, the One in Three in One,



Foun - tain - Full - ness flow - ing free,  
and the full - ness of your Love,  
i - mage of the God of Love.  
and the Ev - er - last - ing Word,  
daz - zling, ra - diant with your light.  
Danc - ing Trin - i - ty of Love,



God, the Source and Giv - er of all things,  
 you poured out your - self in hu - man form,  
Christ, the cen - ter of the u - ni - verse,  
 free - ly flows the Ho - ly Spir - it,  
 All cre - a - tion tells your sto - ry,  
 You, the Source of all that was and is,



well - spring of the u - ni - verse:  
 Word made flesh to dwell with us.  
you fill all the heav'ns and earth.  
 gift of wis - dom, truth and light.  
 sings the song with - in your heart.  
 Full - ness of all that will be:



La - vish - ly you share your gra - cious \_\_\_ life,  
 No - thing, no one could pre - vent your \_\_\_ love.  
All cre - a - tion waits to be trans - formed  
 Spir - it, rush - ing wind and burn - ing \_\_\_ flame,  
 Ev - 'ry per - son, ev - 'ry liv - ing \_\_\_ thing  
 Teach us all to live your Way of \_\_\_ Love,



emp - ty - ing your-self com - plete - ly. All cre - a - tion springs from  
 No - thing could de-mand its off - 'ring. On - ly free and bound - less  
in - to your e - ter - nal bo - dy; longs for full - ness and your  
 move us all to peace and jus - tice. Weave and bring to - geth - er  
 mir - rors and re - flects your good - ness. Ev - 'ry part of earth's great  
 self - less giv - ing with - out meas - ure, so the earth and all of



your great love, moves and breathes be - cause of you.  
 love the source, gift of self that has no end.  
heal - ing grace, dies and ris - ses new in you.  
 all as one. Now cre - ate all things a - new.  
 web of life bears the im - print of your love.  
 hu - man - kind join as one in your em - brace.

## Reading

*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.*

(*The Franciscan Image of God*, <https://www.capuchinfranciscans.ie/spirituality/the-franciscan-image-of-god/>)

## **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*