



Daily Bible readings, a memory verse and a prayer for individual contemplation
 Weekly worship song, reflection and small group questions

THIS WEEK AND UPCOMING WEEKS:

Lectionary year B – Easter to Pentecost – 4 April to 29 May

Week 9: Sunday 30 May - Trinity Sunday – Jesus teaches Nicodemus (last week in Series)



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Trinity Sunday
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DAY	FIRST READING	PSALM	SECOND READING	GOSPEL
Trinity Sunday May 30, 2021	Isaiah 6:1-8	Psalms 29	Romans 8:12-17	John 3:1-17



Jesus teaches Nicodemus

3 Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. **2** He came to Jesus at night and said, ‘Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him.’

3 Jesus replied, ‘Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again. **4** ‘How can someone be born when they are old?’ Nicodemus asked. ‘Surely, they cannot enter a second time into their mother’s womb to be born!’ **5** Jesus answered, ‘Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. **6** Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. **7** You should not be surprised at my saying, “You must be born again.” **8** The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So, it is with everyone born of the Spirit.’ **9** ‘How can this be?’ Nicodemus asked. **10** ‘You are Israel’s teacher,’ said Jesus, ‘and do you not understand these things? **11** Very truly I tell you, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. **12** I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? **13** No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven – the Son of Man.

14 Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, **15** that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.’ **16** For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever

believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

WORSHIP

You Tube: <https://youtu.be/A8TtOIMaKKA> (Know (Be still) - Jeremy Riddle)

FOR REFLECTION:

DAILY DEVOTIONS, REFLECTIONS AND SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS WRITTEN

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When we are in our mother's womb we assume that this "physical reality" is life: there is no other reality but the womb. But when we are born we are bombarded with a whole "new world" that becomes our new reality, one that we couldn't have imagined whilst in the womb. Would it not be safe to say that there could be another reality after this life that will look different from our current physical one?



Jesus says that there is not only natural birth but also a spiritual birth: when we are being born again in the Spirit. The wind in the passage (v8) refers to the Holy Spirit and Jesus is trying to explain to us that we cannot predict or box in the Spirit of God. We cannot ever fully understand it: it goes and does what it pleases and interacts with people in different ways. But we can be certain of one thing: we can only be born again through believing in Jesus.

As people we often feel the need to see, touch and understand something before we believe. But re-birth in Spirit comes from the Spirit. It is the Spirit who gives new life (John 6:63). We cannot force it. We do not deserve it (it is free). We can only experience it. You will see the effect it has on you, your choices and your life. Receive it and believe it.

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS:

1. What do you understand it means to be born again?
2. Can you be religious but not born again? Explain.
3. What made you open yourself to accepting the invitation to be born again?
4. How would you approach someone with the concept of salvation? Can you name a specific person that you need to engage in conversation this week?



Sunday 30th May

Pray daily: Set up family time for prayer and devotions and stick to this arrangement. All devotions should always begin by with a prayer. Ask a family member to pray or one of the children.

Scripture Reading: Romans 8:12-17 Allow children/teens to read out loud for the family.

Activity/Family Moment:

Last Sunday we learnt about the Holy Spirit. Today is known as Trinity Sunday. We remember God the Father, God the Son (Jesus) and God the Holy Spirit. Each have their own identity, but all are God. We can easily forget about the Holy Spirit after Pentecost. But the Spirit is still with us today and is working all the time. God promised us an advocate (the Holy Spirit) at Jesus ascension and still we have this Gift today.

Read through the Romans Scripture and talk about:

- What does God look like in this text/Who is God in this text/What is God doing in this text?
- God accepted us as God's children and has granted us a full share in his inheritance which is the Kingdom of God. God is King which means we can see ourselves as children of the King! Yet, God does not just give us this inheritance; we must participate and allow the Spirit to lead us in the way we should go. If we so choose. What does holiness/salvation look like in this text?
- Holiness looks like allowing ourselves to be led by the Spirit. God has given us his Spirit but will not force us to follow him. Like those in the bible and who have gone before us, we must ask every day that the Spirit would lead us. Then we must ask that we have the strength to follow. Have you ever been led by the spirit to something or say something? What do you think it might feel like to allow the Holy spirit to take the lead?

START YOUR DAY WITH
Devotionals Daily

- **Monday, May 31, 2021:** [Psalm 20](#); [Numbers 9:15-23](#); [Revelation 4:1-8](#)
Memory Verse: Psalm 20:1 May the LORD answer you when you are in distress; may the name of the God of Jacob protect you.
Prayer: Dear God, help me pray to you even when I do not have the words. Please hear my distress and answer my calls for help. Amen
- **Tuesday, June 1, 2021:** [Psalm 20](#); [Exodus 25:1-22](#); [1 Corinthians 2:1-10](#)
Memory Verse: Psalm 20:4 May he give you the desire of your heart and make all your plans succeed.
Prayer: Lord, you know me, and you know what my heart desires. Please open my heart and ears to your will so that I can know your plans for me. Amen.
- **Wednesday, June 2, 2021:** [Psalm 20](#); [Numbers 6:22-27](#); [Mark 4:21-25](#)
Memory Verse: Psalm 20:6 Now this I know: the LORD gives victory to his anointed. He answers him from his heavenly sanctuary with the victorious power of his right hand.
Prayer: Thank you Jesus that we can believe that we are your anointed and that we will be victorious in your name. Amen.
- **Thursday, June 3, 2021:** [Psalm 130](#); [Isaiah 28:9-13](#); [1 Peter 4:7-19](#)
Memory Verse: Isaiah 28:12 “to whom he said, ‘This is the resting-place, let the weary rest’; and ‘This is the place of repose’— but they would not listen.
Prayer: Dear God, take my hand and lead me to the quiet restful places. Help me listen to your word and follow you when I feel overwhelmed. Amen
- **Friday, June 4, 2021:** [Psalm 130](#); [Deuteronomy 1:34-40](#); [2 Corinthians 5:1-5](#)
Memory Verse: Psalm 130:3-4 If you, LORD, kept a record of sins, Lord, who could stand?⁴ But with you there is forgiveness, so that we can, with reverence, serve you.
Prayer: Thank you God that you clean the slate when I ask for forgiveness. No matter what I have done: big or small. I am so grateful for your love. I adore and love you Lord. Amen.
 - **Saturday, June 5, 2021:** [Psalm 130](#); [Genesis 2:4b-14](#); [Luke 8:4-15](#)
Memory Verse: Psalm 130:7 Israel, put your hope in the LORD, for with the LORD is unfailing love and with him is full redemption.
Prayer: God, I put my hope and trust in you. Thanks for your love that never fails and never gives up on me! I am yours and you are mine. Hallelujah! Amen.