

# Bouquet Caboodle



Highland Lectionary Series

May 31, 2026

## Trinitarian Reality

Genesis 1:1-2:4; Psalm 8; 2 Cor 13:11-13;  
Matthew 28:16-20

### Today's Big Idea

God as Trinity fundamentally undergirds our understanding of what it means to be a Christian.

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### **The Mystery of Trinity**

The doctrine never stated as such in the Scriptures, but alluded to, assumed  
From the New Testament to the Council of Constantinople in 381 C.E.

Conceptually difficult: is it contradictory or simply mysterious?

The strange anomaly to its monotheistic cousins: Islam (*tawhid*) and Judaism (*shema*)

Resistant to metaphor: eggs, water, clover, etc.

Dorothy Sayers in the *The Mind of the Maker*

Stubbornly at the very center of the Christian worldview: **Matthew 28:19-20**

### **Ontology (The Nature of Being)**

The pattern of 3: dimensions, matter states, mathematics plane, time, atoms and quarks, stability

The consequences of solitariness: it is not good for humans to be alone: **Genesis 2:18**

The fingerprint of God: **Genesis 1:31**

### **Theology (Who is God?)**

God as essential community of equal persons

This gives rationale to the statement that God is love: **1 John 4:7-8**

How would a single God (before creation) be or express love?

The *grace* of Jesus, the *love* of God, and the *communion* of the Holy Spirit: **2 Cor 13:13**

### **Teleology (What is our Purpose?)**

Why a Three-Personed God (with no needs) made the world

An overflow of His love (to be loved by God)

An inner-Trinity expression of love: a bride for the Son (to love God)

The greatest OT commandments: **Matthew 22:37-40**

Jesus' new command: **John 13:34-35, 15:12-13**

### **Ethics (What is Right and Wrong?)**

All ethical meaning is grounded in relationship

The thought experiment of the totally solitary being

Right and wrong submits to the law of love: **Romans 13:8-10**

## The Key Excerpts for This Week's Thematic Thread

<i>Genesis 1:1-2:4</i>	<i>Psalms 8</i>	<i>2 Cor 13:11-13</i>	<i>Matthew 28:16-20</i>
<p>1 When God began to create the heavens and the earth, 2 the earth was complete chaos, and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. 3 Then God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. 4 And God saw that the light was good, and God separated the light from the darkness. 5 God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.</p> <p>31 God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.</p> <p>2:1 Thus the heavens and the earth were finished and all their multitude. 2 On the sixth day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. 3 So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.</p>	<p>1 O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens. 2 Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger. 3 When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; 4 what are humans that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them? 5 Yet you have made them a little lower than God and crowned them with glory and honor. 6 You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet, 7 all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, 8 the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas. 9 O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!</p>	<p>11 Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Be restored; listen to my appeal; agree with one another; live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. 12 Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.</p> <p>13 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.</p>	<p>16 Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. 17 When they saw him, they worshiped him, but they doubted. 18 And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit 20 and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."</p>

**Next Week's Readings: What thread do you discern?** June 7, 2026 - Genesis 12:1-9; Psalm 33:1-12; Romans 4:13-25; Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26