

## Scripture Reading: Isaiah 6:1-8

*Do your best and let God do the rest!*

Today is Trinity Sunday. When I was growing up, we always sang Reginald Heber's classic hymn, "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty." It was the first hymn in our hymnal — like it was the most important.

The doctrine of the Trinity *is* important, but often we have trouble explaining why. And even more troubling is the thought that *perhaps we don't care and don't know why we should*.

Yes, we should care, and I am going to tell you why. And I will say up front that some of my arguments will be pretty weak. But there's one good one, I think.

1. We should care because *believing in the Trinity is part of our confession as Christians*. It is an article of faith. We're Christians and we have believed in a Trinitarian God since the patristic era of the church. So, we embrace it. We own it. We're Trinitarians.

2. We should care because there *is biblical support for the doctrine of the Trinity*. I am not going to cite references here, because I don't have the space. Trust me.

3. We should care because there are *many nifty metaphors to help us understand the Trinity*. I didn't say that they explained the Trinity *perfectly*, but they hint as to the *reasonableness* of the concept. These metaphors include the three-leaf clover, the triangle, water (can exist as gas, ice or liquid), an egg (shell, yolk and albumen), and others.

4. Here's the strongest argument: We should care because a Trinitarian model of the Godhead helps us *to know, understand and love God*. I prefer to use the example (remember, examples are seldom *perfect*) of a woman who is at the same time a daughter, a mother and (often) a wife. She is *herself* in her essential nature, but she has three different modalities. And if I wish to know her, the more I interact with her in her different modes, the closer I might become to her. See what I mean?

Understanding the Trinity helps me to know the fullness of the nature of God. And this is huge if I want to walk faithfully and in fellowship with God, especially in challenging times such as these.

—Timothy Merrill

*Prayer: You are holy, Lord God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit; Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer. I praise you in your infinite fullness. Amen.*

**Daily Bible Readings**

- Sunday:** John 4-6
- Monday:** 1 Kings 17-19
- Tuesday:** 1 Kings 20-22
- Wednesday:** 2 Kings 1-3
- Thursday:** 2 Kings 4-6
- Friday:** 2 Kings 7-10
- Saturday:** Psalms 55-57

*Verse to Remember*

*“Jesus said to them, ‘I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.’” —John 6:35*

**FIVE & FOUR**

**Directions:** Each nonsense word below contains a five-letter word and a four-letter word whose letters have been mixed, *but the left-to-right order has not been changed*. When you’re done, you should be able to read the two-word answer to the clue by reading down the letters in the squares and the letters in the circles. We have provided some help throughout.

<b>JAILGLOST</b>	=	A	L	□	O	T	+	○	I	G	S
<b>SOUPCURTH</b>	=	S	_	□	_	_	+	○	_	_	_
<b>SOBBIERAS</b>	=	S	_	□	_	_	+	○	_	_	_
<b>SWINELOWD</b>	=	W	_	□	_	_	+	○	_	_	_

**CLUE: CHANGES IN CARS**

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Memorial Day weekend? a. U.S. Open Tennis championship, b. Major League Baseball opening day, c. Super Bowl, d. Indianapolis 500.

5. Which U.S. senator and veteran campaigned for 25 years, until his death in 2012, to have Memorial Day changed back to its original date of May 30, today’s date?

a. John McCain of Arizona, b. Daniel Inouye of Hawaii, c. Frank Lautenberg of New Jersey, d. Ernest Hollings of South Carolina

**Test Your Knowledge about Memorial Day**

1. Memorial Day was originally commemorated to honor fallen soldiers of which conflict? a. The Civil War, b. World War I, c. World War II, d. the American Revolution.
2. What was Memorial Day originally called? a. Flag Day, b. Veteran’s day, c. War Remembrance Day, d. Decoration Day.
3. What flower is associated with Memorial Day? a. red poppy, b. yellow rose, c. cherry blossom, d. white rose.
4. Which of these sporting events is traditionally held on *(next column)*

**Answer: LUBE JOBS;**  
allot + jigs; spurt + ouch; sober + bias; wield + snow.  
**Memorial Day:**  
1. A, 2. D, 3. A, 4. d  
5. b