

God Reveals: An Introduction to the Bible
Chapter 6 Prayer Service

Before beginning this prayer service, divide the class evenly into three groups: Group A, Group B, and Group C. Give students a few moments to read over their parts silently to themselves.

Leader: Holy Trinity, we come before you today in wonder and worship. Enlighten our minds and hearts as we contemplate the great mystery of your unity. We ask this in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Group A: NOW, THE CATHOLIC FAITH IS THAT WE WORSHIP ONE GOD IN TRINITY AND TRINITY IN UNITY, NEITHER CONFOUNDING THE PERSONS NOR DIVIDING THE SUBSTANCE.

Group B: FOR THERE IS ONE PERSON OF THE FATHER, ANOTHER OF THE SON, AND ANOTHER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

Group C: BUT THE GODHEAD OF THE FATHER, OF THE SON, AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, IS ONE, THE GLORY EQUAL, THE MAJESTY COETERNAL.

Group A: SUCH AS THE FATHER IS, SUCH IS THE SON, AND SUCH IS THE HOLY SPIRIT; THE FATHER UNCREATED, THE SON UNCREATED, AND THE HOLY SPIRIT UNCREATED;

Group B: THE FATHER INFINITE, THE SON INFINITE, AND THE HOLY SPIRIT INFINITE;

Group C: THE FATHER ETERNAL, THE SON ETERNAL, AND THE HOLY SPIRIT ETERNAL.

Group A: AND YET NOT THREE ETERNALS BUT ONE ETERNAL, AS ALSO NOT THREE INFINITES, NOR THREE UNCREATED, BUT ONE UNCREATED, AND ONE INFINITE.

Group B: SO, LIKEWISE, THE FATHER IS ALMIGHTY, THE SON ALMIGHTY, AND THE HOLY SPIRIT ALMIGHTY; AND YET NOT THREE ALMIGHTIES BUT ONE ALMIGHTY.

Group C: SO THE FATHER IS GOD, THE SON GOD, AND THE HOLY SPIRIT GOD; AND YET NOT THREE GODS BUT ONE GOD.

Group A: SO THE FATHER IS LORD, THE SON LORD, AND THE HOLY SPIRIT LORD; AND YET NOT THREE LORDS BUT ONE LORD.

Group B: FOR LIKE AS WE ARE COMPELLED BY CHRISTIAN TRUTH TO ACKNOWLEDGE EVERY PERSON BY HIMSELF TO BE BOTH GOD AND LORD; SO ARE WE FORBIDDEN BY THE CATHOLIC RELIGION TO SAY THERE BE THREE GODS OR THREE LORDS.

Group C: THE FATHER IS MADE OF NONE, NEITHER CREATED NOR BEGOTTEN. THE SON IS OF THE FATHER ALONE, NOT MADE NOR CREATED BUT BEGOTTEN. THE HOLY SPIRIT IS OF THE FATHER AND THE SON, NOT MADE NOR CREATED NOR BEGOTTEN BUT PROCEEDING.

Group A: SO THERE IS ONE FATHER NOT THREE FATHERS, ONE SON NOT THREE SONS, AND ONE HOLY SPIRIT NOT THREE HOLY SPIRITS.

Group B: AND IN THIS TRINITY THERE IS NOTHING BEFORE OR AFTER, NOTHING GREATER OR LESS, BUT THE WHOLE THREE PERSONS ARE COETERNAL TOGETHER AND COEQUAL.

Group C: SO THAT IN ALL THINGS, AS IS AFORESAID, THE TRINITY IN UNITY AND THE UNITY IN TRINITY IS TO BE WORSHIPPED. HE THEREFORE WHO WILLS TO BE IN A STATE OF SALVATION, LET HIM THINK THUS OF THE TRINITY. AMEN.

Play a traditional Trinitarian hymn, such as “Holy, Holy, Holy” or “Holy God We Praise Thy Name,” available for free on YouTube (or on another music platform with a subscription).

Leader: Heavenly Father, you created us. Lord Jesus, you redeemed us. Holy Spirit, you sanctify us. Increase our faith that we may believe in your love and do all things for your greater glory. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

All: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.