

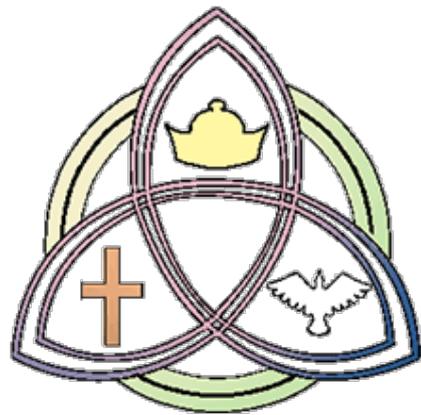
Week 1.

- How many different roles do you have (eg. Mother, Father, Friend etc)?
- Read Proverbs 8:1-4,22-31 & John 16:12-17
- According to Proverbs 8, who was there as the world was created?
- How does the figure portrayed as Wisdom relate to the Trinity?
- In both passages there is reference made to speech. Why might that be an important aspect to the concept of the Trinity?
- To speak is to relate - if relationship is at the heart of the Trinity, how might that affect how we view our relationships with God and one another?

*'God is in us, because we are in Christ. As members of the mystical body, Christians actually partake in the divine nature of the Trinity. We do not merely watch the dance, we dance the dance.....' **

- Do you think the idea of a 'Divine Dance' is a helpful way of gaining some insight into the Trinity?
- Spend some time in prayer praying for your relationships.

If you wish to borrow Richard Rohr's book to further explore 'The Divine Dance' please see Linda Lee.



Trinity Sunday

Wisdom as divine communication. Personified wisdom focuses on God's involvement with the world: wisdom is involved with the divine creative activity (Job 28:24–27); wisdom is the firstborn of creation (Prov. 8:22–31); wisdom was present when God made the world (Prov. 8:27–30); God founded the earth by wisdom (Prov. 3:19; 8:30). This divine wisdom, sometimes called 'Lady Wisdom', is not to be understood as a hypostasis, that is, an intermediary being between God and creation, since wisdom is not given the status of an independent entity—the figure of wisdom is a vivid poetic personification. And wisdom is not simply an attribute of the world, the mysterious order of the world which beckons to human beings, since Proverbs 8 stresses (six times) her existence before creation and thus points to her divine origins. The figure of wisdom is the Lord himself, who cares for his creation and who summons human beings to observe the nearness, the acts, and the personal call of God. Intimacy with wisdom is not distinguished from intimacy with God. Divine wisdom is a communication of God showing the path to life.

Thus, the New Testament authors appear to be making a general association between Jesus and wisdom rather than specifically appealing to Prov 8.

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[*Quote opposite is from Carl McColman in Richard Rohr :
The Divine Dance : SPCK : 2016 p. 64]

