

Sermon for May 31, 2026
Trinity Sunday
"Wondering at God"

Psalm 8

"O Lord our Lord how majestic in thy name in all the earth!" Sometimes you just gotta wonder. I mean there are moments when the glory of God just hits you between the eyes. Moments when you catch a glimpse at the greatness of God. Moments of beauty, moments of power, moments of grace. Sometimes you just have to stand back and wonder.

I don't know about you, but I see it in nature: in the colors of a sunset or sunrise. I see it in the power of the ocean. I see the glory of God in the trees and the sky. I see God's wisdom in the butterflies, flowers, and birds.

I also see the glory of God in people. In the love of God in family and friends. I see the amazing grace of God in my church family. I see the greatness of God in newborn babies.

"O Lord our Lord how majestic in thy name in all the earth!" The Christian tradition has often wondered at the greatness of God. One response to this wonder is the doctrine of the Trinity. The doctrine of the Trinity says that there is one God in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit all existed before time and are equal because they are all one. I like to think of it in terms of what the word "trinity" sounds like. The word "trinity" sounds like the words "tri" and "unity" combined.

This is one of those beliefs that is unique to Christianity. Other religions cry "foul." They say 1 does not equal 3. Either you have one God or three gods, but Jesus and the New Testament reveal to us that God is so great that describing the Almighty pushes human understanding. For humans 1 cannot equal 3, but God is so great that for the Creator it can!

Christians have found many ways to symbolize this truth. A triangle is one shape with three sides and three angles. If you look at it from one side, it will look different than if you look at it from another side. Water exists in three forms on earth: ice, liquid water, and steam, yet all three are still water. St Patrick, when he was taking the Gospel to Ireland, used the shamrock. It has three leaves, but it is one plant. So, God is one God revealed in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit!

The psalmist was the first one to say, "O Lord our Lord how majestic in thy name in all the earth!" He or she just had to wonder at the greatness of God. The psalmist says "You have set your glory above the heavens," yet "Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger." God's wisdom is beyond human comprehension. I mean this is the wisdom of the God that created the universe.

Yet often the simplest word can encompass its greatness. One day a boy was at church with his family and they were receiving communion. When the boy was offered

the bread, he got a big piece so big that it took him several bites to get it all down. After the service the mother scolded him for taking such a big piece. Shamefully he replied, "But Jesus wanted me to get a big piece." That is wisdom from the mouths of babes! God wants us all to get a big piece of grace.

The psalmist also saw the majesty of God in the night sky. Have you ever looked at the night sky from a place where there were not any lights? It is amazing how many stars you can see, but there are so many more stars in the sky than what we can see. Astronomers can point their telescopes at a part of the sky that has no visible stars and when they take a prolonged exposure picture, they end up seeing hundreds of galaxies of stars that are so faint that they can't be seen otherwise.

When you consider the greatness of the vastness of space you can't help but wonder. Wonder at the God that could create it all. Wonder at the wisdom behind it all. Wonder at the power of such a great God.

The psalmist in wonder responds, "what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?" What are we? We are some carbon-based creatures on a small blue planet orbiting a yellow dwarf star in a remote corner of an otherwise average spiral galaxy among millions or billions of other galaxies. Yet God knows each of us by name and has numbered the hairs on our heads. God has gone to the trouble of making us in the divine image and has given us the breath of life. God has numbered our day and measure our tears in a bottle.

What are we that God should care for us? Yet God did care for us and does care for us. In fact, God loved us enough to send the Son, and Jesus came as God in the flesh to experience our limited existence and to show us God's love. Then Jesus chose to die for our sins.

What am I or what are you that the Prince of Creation should die for us? What's more, God has given us dominion over creation. We not only have the power to domesticate and cultivate God's creations, but now, more than ever, we have the power to destroy. What are we that God would create this wonderful world and then put it in our hands when we could easily deface and destroy it?

O Lord our Lord how majestic in thy name in all the earth! God is truly Great! Our only proper response is praise. We can try to serve God and try to be faithful, but ultimately, you just have to wonder and praise.

Praise God for majesty and wonder. Praise God for creation and wisdom. Praise God for grace and forgiveness. Praise God for all the blessings given to us.

God is good, all the time, and all the time, God is good! You know, I think we just need to praise Him. When I say, "God is Good" I want you to respond, "All the time." When I say, "All the Time" I want you to respond, "God it good."

God is Good! **All the time!**

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Let all God's people say "Amen."