



**A Prayer for Those Who Yearn**

**Creating God**

as you wrestled chaos into order  
may my wrestlings honor you  
reveal the shadowy places in my life and  
use them to convict  
to clarify your purpose and  
call me back to you

**Liberating God**

as you dared to come close  
may i draw near to strangers  
break down the walls i've constructed and  
use me to listen first and well  
to bridge the gap between and  
call us back to you

**Renewing God**

as you daily move among us  
may all creation be restored  
sustain the land and air and seas and  
use us to salvage what has been destroyed  
to plant in the hope that  
all will be made new

*—Poem by Rev. Audrey Edewaard,  
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Artwork by 15-year old Lorelai Reiffer from  
Silver Spring CRC (Silver Spring, MD). See artist's  
statement on the reverse side.



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Trinity Sunday celebrates the Christian doctrine of the Trinity, the three Persons of God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

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Nothing in this trinity is before or after,  
nothing is greater or smaller;  
in their entirety the three persons  
are coeternal and coequal with each other.

So in everything, as was said earlier,  
we must worship their trinity in their unity  
and their unity in their trinity.

—*From the Athanasian Creed*


It is evident then  
that the Father is not the Son  
and that the Son is not the Father,  
and that likewise the Holy Spirit is  
neither the Father nor the Son.

Nevertheless,  
these persons,  
thus distinct,  
are neither divided  
nor fused or mixed together."

—*From the Belgic Confession, Article 8*

Cover artwork by 15-year old Lorelai Reiffer. "If I could ask God a question about the Trinity, I think I would ask him how it's possible for three separate beings to also be one, because I think it's a question that only God could really answer in its entirety. In my art, I tried to represent each member of the Trinity, as well as how they're all one. I chose the heavens to represent The Father, the cross for The Son, and the dove for The Holy Spirit. Then, to tie them all together, I chose the Tree of Life. I also chose to show the sun coming down from the sky in distinct beams to allude to a stained glass window. When people see my artwork, I hope they are drawn to ask their own questions about the Trinity."

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