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Festival of the Holy Trinity *Series*: Joining Jesus

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On a Mission. From God. Trinitarian life is missional

-Notes-

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-NEXT STEPS MEMORY VERSE-Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; God's glory fills the whole earth. (Isaiah 6:3)

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