



# Rublev's Trinity

Great Vesper Of Trinity

## *The Holy Trinity by Andrei Rublev, early 15<sup>th</sup> Century*

*The beauty and stillness of the icon expresses the light and love which are at the heart of the Trinity. The three angels are arranged to form a perfect circle, enclosing their heads, backs and feet.*

*The identity of the figures is much discussed, but a number of experts agree that, read from left to right, they represent the persons of the Trinity in order of the Creed: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.*

*The central angel is dressed in purple with a blue cloak, the colours used in icons of Christ during his earthly life; while the cloak of the third angel is green – suggesting the Holy Spirit as 'the giver of life'.*

*Come, you people, let us adore God in three persons: The Father in the Son, with the Holy Spirit. For the Father from everlasting begets the Word, who shares his Kingdom and his eternity, and the Holy Spirit is in the Father, glorified with Son,*

*a single power, a single essence, a single godhead.*

*Great Vespers of Pentecost.*