

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity C2025

St John says "God is love" (Jn 4:8). God has manifested his love in the creation of the world and of everything that exists. God has manifested his love in a more expressive way by sending his Son Jesus to be the savior of the world. Jesus, in turn, has manifested his love for the world by giving his life on the cross and by leaving us the Holy Spirit to guide us until the end of the world.

The mystery of love that binds the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, making them one and indivisible God is what we call Trinity. In other words, Trinity is the celebration of the identity of God as he has revealed to us as Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Unlike the Buddhists or the Moslems who believe in an undifferentiated God, we believe that God is a loving Father who created the universe and directs it with wisdom. We believe that he has come down into this world and has become one of us in his Son, Jesus Christ. We believe that he fulfills his plan of love in the world through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Today's readings shed light on this reality of the Holy Trinity. The first reading affirms that all the creatures existing in the world are not the result of a blind mechanism of the universe. They have been created by a provident and wise God; they have been created with plan and order. Wisdom assisted God throughout the whole work of creation. The creation complies with an orderly divine plan, though our human intelligence cannot grasp it.

A mystery surrounds us and our lives. God alone knows and understands everything. He alone can answer the difficult questions regarding the existence of the universe. To believe in him is to believe that he has created everything with wisdom and love. In his mysterious plan he brought Jesus into the world.

Jesus has become one of us and shares our human nature with its joys and its sorrows, its anxieties and its hopes. He has come into this world to tell us that the Father justifies us regardless of our merits as long as we believe in him.

Thanks to him, we have peace with the Father and have access to his grace in the hope of our eternal glory. To have faith in our Lord is to believe that he loves us to the point of sharing our human vulnerability. We have to trust him firmly and hope that he will never abandon us. His infinite love will never fail us, even though we have to pass through sufferings and death. The Holy Spirit received in baptism is that pledge of God's fidelity to us.

The Gospel of this Sunday clarifies the task of the Holy Spirit. He has the task of bringing to completion the work of the Father and the Son in the world. Our Lord says that the Spirit will take that which is his and declare it to the world. As everything that belongs to our Lord belongs to the Father, the Holy Spirit who is the bond between them will glorify both the Father and the Son.

Thus, God is glorified when his plan of salvation reaches out to every heart so that it turns to him. Our Lord has glorified the Father because he has fulfilled the mission entrusted to him. The Holy Spirit, in turn, glorifies our Lord by opening the minds and hearts of people to his word. He endows them with the power to love beyond human capacities. He renews their relationships with one another and creates a society founded on the law of love.

The Trinity is the feast of love and of community of life that exists between the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. It is a celebration of the communion that unites the divine persons in their equality and difference. It expresses the relationships of mutuality and reciprocity that exist between them. Father, Son and Holy Spirit dwell in one another without being confused or reduced to one another. Although they are three, they are just one inseparable God whose actions are interdependent.

Because the Trinity in itself is relational, the triune God is inviting us to build strong relationships among us, and with one another. The more we do it, the more we resemble our Creator, and give witness to the true identity of our God.

Because the Trinity is relational, the triune God invites us to practice the virtues of “inclusivism” and tolerance. “Inclusivism” means the acceptance of each individual as he is, because of our same and common human nature. If the Trinity is a community of divine persons where all are interdependent, it shows us that interdependence, reciprocity and mutuality are the values that build up a strong human community in which all can count on one another.

The Trinity is a divine family where the Trinitarian persons are equal though different. The Trinitarian persons invite us to build our families on strong relationships and an open communication among its members. This is the grace we have to ask throughout this celebration. May God come to the help of all those who have very difficult relationships with those around them. May he strengthen our relationships with one another! May God bless all our Fathers, dead and living, as we are celebrating them today! Amen.

Proverbs 8: 22-31; Romans 5: 1-5; John 16: 12-15



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