

## Holy Trinity Year B 2018

Glory to the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit, and on earth peace to people of good will.

Today the Catholic world celebrates the solemnity of the Trinity. The Trinity simply means that God is three and God is one. The one God has three persons. The Father who creates, the Son who redeems and the Holy Spirit the sanctifier, is indeed One God. The solemnity of today is very unique because while the feasts of our faith all have some historical contents, the Holy Trinity is our reflection on the nature of God as revealed by Christ the Lord. The solemnity of the Holy Trinity is the people's feast. God created us in his image and likeness, God saved us from eternal condemnation, God remains with us to sanctify and assure our salvation. The Trinity is the mystery of our relationship with God and can only be comprehended in the ministry of Christ. Following the footsteps of Jesus will lead us directly into the nature of the Trinity.

The Psalmist prayed: I thank you, Lord, for the wonder of my being, for the wonder of your creation. Paul prayed: We thank you Father of our Lord Jesus, from whom every family of the earth gained its origin. The Lord Jesus who promised to send the Holy Spirit, the spirit who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified. Do you now understand it? Yeah!!

We view the Trinity as a doctrine whose mystery cannot be understood. But it will be clearer to us if we follow the footsteps of Jesus – and the liturgy of our church. All that the Church does, says and lives in is within the context of the Trinity. Every gathering, every prayer, every teaching and every celebration, every action and revelation has Trinitarian dimension. The Trinity is essence, the formula and the basic declaration of the Christian faith. Any Christian gathering and actions outside the Trinity is fake and an apostasy.

The focus on the Trinity is not necessarily to understand it. We cannot understand the omniscience of God in our very limited finite mind. The main route, then, is to contemplate and celebrate Yahweh our God in whose image and love we are made and sanctified. We need to worship the sacredness of God as revealed by Christ the Lord. This we can do through prayer, love, forgiveness and patience with one another as the Lord is with us.

The trinity is all about relationship and collaboration. Jesus was ever conscious that while on earth, his authority is a gift from the Father. He shared the same authority with his disciples and with his church so that the knowledge of the Trinity may be preserved in his Church. We all, too, must remember that any and every authority which we have is given to us for the glory of God – and salvation of souls. If we don't hand over authority or at least share it with others, one day it will be taken from us with a demand to defend how we used it. Jesus gave over his authority to his disciples so that his divinity may continue to grow in his Church.

Lastly, do you know that we are part of the Trinity? If you prayed John 17, you will surely understand that we are in the Trinity. Listen to the final prayer of Jesus: "Father, I do not pray for my disciples only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, that they all may be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and me in you, that they also may all be in us....I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one.....Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, .... to see the glory you have given me before the world began....that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them". John 17:20-26. As long as Christ is in the Trinity, and the Church is the body of Christ and we are the Church, it proves that we are in the Trinity.

As we celebrate our share in the divinity of God, for which the Father created us, because of which the Son came for our salvation for which the Holy Spirit sustains us in the image of God, may the Church be mindful that each of us is a true image of the Trinity and that salvation is for all the world. Therefore, gird your loins and proceed to mission to the ends of the earth and proclaim the goodness of the Lord to all creation, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Mission: Pray John 17: 20-26**