

Trinity Sunday - B 2018
Dt.4.32-34,39-40///Romans 8.14-17///Matt. 28.16-20

→on the “Big Bang Theory” television show...an idol of Sheldon and Leonard, Howard and Kootherpali has always been Professor Stephan Hawking...who recently passed away.

→in addition to his popularity gained from the Big Bang Theory...he is perhaps best known for his little book entitled... A Brief History of Time, in which he attempted to explain, **in simple terms**, how the universe works.

→stricken with Lou Gehrig’s disease or ALS decades ago...he kept writing and lecturing on this unending quest to formulate what scientists call a “theory of everything.”...of how and why the cosmos works the way it does and what it means for us...

→in many ways...today’s feast of the Trinity is the Church’s attempt to put together a sacred “theory of everything” as well...how our faith works and what it means for us.

→God revealed as Father, Son and Spirit...the eternal One in whom we live and move and have our being is what we as believers are about and it is what we celebrate today

→last Sunday on Pentecost we focused on God the Holy Spirit and how his presence within us gives our life meaning and purpose

→next week we will commemorate the real presence of God the Son in the Eucharist as we celebrate the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ.

→and today...nestled in between Pentecost the Corpus Christi...we celebrate the very essence of God and what it means to be a believer on this the Feast of the Holy Trinity...

→and just like Stephen Hawking’s little book that sets out to explain the universe in the most simplistic of terms...the Church attempts to explain the Trinity also in the most simplistic

of gestures....a gesture we make frequently and often....perhaps many times without even thinking about it...the sign of the +

→the trinity is a very real part of our everyday lives and we remind ourselves of the trinity every time we make the sign of the +

→athletes, pilots, stunt people and so many of us....will almost automatically make the sign of the cross before they enter into the game, or fly the plane or do a stunt...and I have often wondered if any of us really understand what we are doing when we make the sign of the cross...or is it just a gesture of habit....of routine....of common practice

→in reality....the sign of the cross is a symbolic gesture that expresses the feast we celebrate today

→a gesture.....that expresses our belief in God as Father, Son and Spirit

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---the sign of the cross reveals our response, our answer to God's love in our lives...and.....[in essence] it also expresses our faith and our conviction

→by simple comparison...our hand placed on our heart is to the pledge of allegiance to what the sign of + is to our faith

→and so the trinity is indeed, very much a part of our lives, and the gesture of the + should be a constant reminder.....that the trinity is part of who we are

---and today's readings point to that by portraying God as being intensely involved with us

→the 1st reading shows God as being faithful to us....Moses reminds the people of God's faithfulness, of his continuous care for Israelites in the desert for years

→in the 2nd reading we hear of God being involved in our relationship with him.....---that all of us are led by the spirit to be children of God

→that our God is a loving God, who continues to love us and care for us...and is involved with us

→and finally in the Gospel---God is shown to us as a trusting God--that we are to go forth and baptize and teach

---that we are to carry on the mission of Christ to all people of the world, in our community and homes, in the ordinary and daily events of our lives

→[I believe] that the message of the readings today clearly sums up the Trinity... God the Father....Son.....Spirit in sign of the cross

→AND THAT IS WHY THEN, each week, and every time we come and gather as Church for prayer, we begin w/sign of the +

→because it is **THAT** gesture that reminds us that God dwells among us, that his SON has been given to us and that the SPIRIT is alive in us

AND THAT TOGETHER, we share a relationship with God --/-- we share our trust with God --/-- we share our love with God

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→the sign of the + is the sign of the Trinity

--it is a gesture that reveals God's love for us and OUR love for God

→and it is a gesture that attempts to explain the wholeness...the **“everything”** of our catholic faith and belief.

→at the end of our gospel reading... after Jesus commissions his disciples to go out to the ends of the world preaching his message...he tells them.

“and behold.....I am with you always, until the end of time.”

→ a reminder that God would always be with them...that Jesus would be with them and that there would be another... the Spirit...that would always be with them.

→may the same hold true for you and me...may we always remember that our loving God – Father—Son – and Spirit is with us and a part of our lives each and every day of our existence....

→and we know that to be true....each and every time we make...the sign of the cross....

→for it is our simple way of expressing **“everything”** we believe and profess...