

Most Holy Trinity

We are so blessed. We have a God who has done so much for us. He has created us. He has redeemed us.

There is a rule in Theology that anything God does Ad Extra, outside of himself, in other words Creation or redemption, God does as Trinity.

The whole Godhead saves us. The whole Godhead creates us.

There were some people who in the 80s were baptizing in the name of the Creator, the Redeemer, and the Sanctifier.

Instead of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

This is reducing the persons down to what they do for us. Also it is the whole God who created us the Father created us through the Son, through His Word.

The Whole Godhead saves us. The Father sent His Son to us through the Holy Spirit which overshadowed the virgin Mary.

And the Spirit was with Jesus throughout His life and Jesus always prayed and sought the will of His Father.

And so this God we celebrate today is three persons and one God.

There are three who in God and one what.

Three persons who share the one divine nature. This is not contrary to logic. We aren't saying three persons in one person. We are saying three persons and one God, one divine substance they all share.

The Father is not the Son and the Son is not the Father, but the Father is not the Holy Spirit nor is the Holy Spirit the Son.

But the Father is God and the Son is God and the Holy Spirit is God.

We also can't say that water is a good analogy for the Trinity. Ice, water and Steam.

Because the Father doesn't change into the Son or into the Holy Spirit. These aren't three modes of God acting in different ways.

Why? Because they are in relationship. The Father loves the Son from all eternity and the Son returns this love to the Father and the love between them is another divine person the Holy Spirit.

And so this is the way we can understand the Trinity. Love. Relation.

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We know that we are made to love and be loved. We are made for community. Even beauty is about relationship. And beauty reflects the Supreme beauty, God.

It is beautiful this Church because of the relationship of different objects to each other. The colors in the stained glass all arranged in perfect relationship to each other to form these images. The symmetry of this altar. The rose window, the unity of theme and the windows relation to each other.

Also beauty is seen in the family, when people share, when people give and sacrifice themselves for the rest of the family.

Such as the fathers who today we celebrate, make a gift of themselves for their children and for their spouses.

They image the love of God the Father.

We are made to be in community. We hunger for this. Our world we feel more and more alone even though we have more technology and social networks, we feel more alienated at times. We long for real community, to be known and to know others, to share life with others, to have neighbors who we can call on and ask for help.

Our yards are gated, keep people out.

But if we just turn in on ourselves we will not be happy.

Also our sexuality which God gave us is meant to help us to love others by being chaste and seeing our brothers and sisters as persons and not sexual objects. Things like pornography instead turn our sexuality in on ourselves and one feels more and more alone and empty.

Jesus' Spirit in our soul puts us in relationship with the Father who sees us and knows us and Jesus is our best friend. Jesus calls us to love others.

Here in this area of town there are a lot of places of self-improvement, lots of different gyms, etc. lots of places for young adults to better themselves.

We better ourselves so that we can make a gift of ourselves back to God and we can make a gift of ourselves for others.

We are meant to love and to be a gift for others, in service.

As a husband and wife, father, and mother,

A priest or religious.

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Jesus says he who loses his life for my sake finds it. He who seeks to save his life, not giving or loving or committing, loses it in the Kingdom.

So let us rejoice today that we have this God who always Is, He is one, He is three persons and one God. He calls us into His family to be his Children and he calls us all in our faith to be one, He calls us to love one another.

He calls us to see each other no matter what race or nationality to be our brother or sister, we are called to communion, oneness. In this oneness, we image the Trinity.

May our families be more and more united and that way image the Holy Trinity.
Amen.