

TRINITY SUNDAY (A)
GOD LOVES THE WORLD

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We celebrate another mystery in the Church, a mystery very difficult to understand and explain with the human wisdom; the Blessed Trinity, three Persons in one God. We are surrounded by many mysteries, birth and death, the color of the wind, the composition and functions of the human body parts, man and woman and many more. The Trinity can be understood by what God has been doing. God performed and continue to perform functions in different ways by Himself in different forms. God the Father creates, God the Son redeems the world, and God the Holy Spirit sanctifies.

The presence of the Holy Trinity is implicitly manifested at the time of creation when God said: "Let us make human beings in our own likeness" (Gen.1:26//Jn.1:1). It is also seen during the Annunciation when the Angel told Mary: "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. And so, the child will be holy and will be called Son of God" (Lk.1:35). Jesus Himself commissioned His disciples to go and baptize in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, (Mt.28:19). St. Paul, in his first letter to the Corinthians describes the actions of the Trinity in us: "There are many different gifts, but it is always the same Spirit; there are many different ways of serving, but it is always the same Lord. There are many different forms of activity, but in everybody it is the same God who is at work in them all" (1Cor.12:4).

The Trinity is an expression of unity and love. God wants to show us His love and care for us in many different forms and ways. In the first reading, when Moses saw God passing, he expressed who God is; "a God, merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness". It is because of the love of God that His Son came to die to save the world, as we heard in the gospel. Then the Lord came in His Spirit to teach and enlighten the minds and hearts of all people to understand who God is. We were baptized in the name of the Trinity, and we begin our prayers in the name of the Trinity. It is to remind us that God wants to live within us and stay with us. That has been the desire and the wish of God.

During Christmas, we read from Isaiah and in the gospel of Matthew that the child to be born would be called Emmanuel, which means 'God is with us.' It

seems after the Christmas season we have forgotten that God is with us. But the action of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit is a clear indication that God has great interest in our welfare and wellbeing. That is why He sent the prophets to tell His people how to live their lives in order to be prosperous and happy; (Dt.4:39-40), that He will never forget His own; (Isa.49:15-16); He is always inviting those thirsty and hungry to come and eat and drink without cost; (Isa.55:1-3). In the same way, God the Son invites all those who labor and overburdened to come to find rest; (Mt.11:28). God the Holy Spirit enlightens the minds and hearts of believers to live a meaningful life.

God is interested in my ministry and in your family life. He wants you to succeed in your life and career. He is interested in your education and wishes you success. Whether you are sick or worried or healthy, He still cares. He wants me to accept Him into my life and He will give all that I need.

Do I also have the desire to live in God? To allow the Trinity to stay with me, I have to mend my ways and heed to what God tells me to do and not to do. I am also reminded by the actions of the Trinity to agree with other people, live in peace with others, and the God of peace and love will be with me.

How united are we as a family of believers? How do we show our love to one another? Jesus told His disciples: "It is by your love for one another that everyone will recognize you as my disciples" (Jn.13:35).