

HOLY TRINITY

Today we celebrate the Most Holy Trinity, God's self-revelation of the mystery of God's own life.

Scripture tells us not only that our God is personal, but that God exists as a community of three Persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Although we cannot give a logical explanation for this, God's gift of faith enables us in some small measure to recognize the dynamic relationship that exists within God's very nature.

The Scriptures tell us more about how God acts than about the divine nature. Verbs can tell us more than nouns.

Our hope of salvation is a pure gift that is always given by the Father, enfleshed in his divine Son, and enkindled in each of us through the Holy Spirit.

And with unspeakable generosity God invites us to participate in the divine relationship of the Holy Trinity.

Such generosity is the very nature of our God who is love and calls forth from each one of us a response of loving adoration and humble trust.

We often speak of God as being "almighty" or "all-powerful," and this is true.

But sometimes this attribute of God can seem to distance us from God.

Although the Scriptures remind us that we are called to have a holy fear of God...

... our Gospel presents God as Trinity, an inter-relating mystery of Love.

God's power is that of one whose love is unfathomable and whose kindness is infinite.

It is the love of God that is all-powerful. Only God can love infinitely.

And each time we ignore this and forget that God is love, we fabricate a false God.

Until we discover and truly come to believe that God is love we will relate superficially to God out of self-interest or fear.

True Christian faith starts with the belief that God is Love, and that God can't be anything but Love who is present and beating in the deepest part of our lives.

This God of intimate, loving relationship revealed by Jesus, and whom we celebrate today, can do nothing but love us.

Indeed, the final words of Jesus spoken in today's Gospel are spoken on behalf the Holy Trinity: "Behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age."

There is the old saying, "Two is company, three is a crowd."

However, the three Persons in the Trinity, represent the fullness of love.

The Father loves the Son, the Son loves the Father.

The Holy Spirit is their love for each other.

We are made in the image of a triune God:

God the Father, who created us, his Son who saved us, and the Holy Spirit who continues to guide us.

Our lives should reflect the Trinity.

As the Holy Trinity pours out love, we are called to pour out our lives in love

We should be creative like the Father, compassionate like his Son, and giving of our gifts in the service of others like the Holy Spirit.