



Bringing Home the Word †

Most Holy Trinity (B)
May 26, 2024

Wow!

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Some might think that “Wow!” is an inappropriate, even irreverent response, when talking about God. But what words would be appropriate? There are no words, there are no precise doctrinal statements that even come close to identifying God. The readings for today’s feast invite us to ponder, not define, this mystery.

The people at the time of Moses had no concept of a Trinitarian God. However, they were convinced God worked in their lives. They believed they had been delivered from bondage by God, invited into a special relationship

with God and promised by God a long and fruitful life in a land they could call their own. In other words, they were cared for by God, who demonstrated again and again they were loved. The Gospel story tells of how Jesus entrusted his disciples with the mission he himself had exercised during his lifetime. What once might have been considered the special privilege of the nation of Israel was now seen as a promise for all nations.

All people could now rely on God’s care for them and God’s ever-present love. Saint Paul identifies this privilege as the spirit of adoption. Today’s readings may not paint a clear picture of God or provide a precise definition—God is far beyond any picture or definition. However, each reading gives us a glimpse of the way God works in our lives—inviting us into intimacy, caring for us, loving us. Wow! †

Sunday Readings

Deuteronomy 4:32–34, 39–40

“Ask from one end of the sky to the other: Did anything so great ever happen before? Was it ever heard of?”

Romans 8:14–17

For those who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.

Matthew 28:16–20

[Jesus said,] “Make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.”

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A Word from Pope Francis

The Trinity is not a theological riddle, but rather the splendid mystery of God’s closeness. The Trinity tells us that we do not have a solitary God above in heaven, distant and indifferent; no, he is *Father* who gave us his *Son*...and... to help us bear the burdens of life, sends us his very *Spirit*.

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- How has your image of God changed through the years?
- Do you find it easier to pray alone or with a community?

A Community in the Image and Likeness of God

Paige Byrne Shortal

I have to confess I have Luddite tendencies. I hated to give up my vinyl records. I was proud when I made the move from my old typewriter to a computer. (You remember typewriters? They never sent you error messages.) And only because folks I work with kept asking for my email address, did I finally enter the world of the internet.

That was years ago. Now I regularly “talk” with people all over the world. In response to published work, I’ve been contacted by old friends and new readers from India, Peru, Maine, and Moberly, Missouri. Human ingenuity has made the world a smaller place and the essential connections between people are becoming more manifest.

Trinity Sunday is a celebration of the revelation that God is a community—a



connection of three persons who are individual and yet bound together as one. In Genesis, we read that we are created in the image and likeness of God (See Genesis 1:26). Therefore, part of

our nature, our essence, is that we are created as individuals who are connected to everyone else. Never before has there been such an opportunity for living in the human community, crossing the boundaries of nation, race, creed, and culture.

While each of us is a unique expression of God, only together do we reflect all the faces of God. This includes folks we don’t like very much, people who have hurt us, and those we’ve never met. It includes those gone before us and those who will come after us. When we sign ourselves in the name of the Trinity, let’s remember that each of us is created in the image of God and that only together are we the image of the Triune God. †

Wisdom from Catholic UPDATE

From “The Trinity: Mystery at the Heart of Life” by Leonard Foley, OFM

The Trinity is not a mystery in the sense of being a puzzle that some genius will someday solve. Mystery in the religious sense is deepest reality, beyond anything we can experience. It is something like “love” or “grace.” Vivid as our experiences are, we know there is always something “more,” not mathematically, but mysteriously. Even in heaven we will not have God all figured out, as if our minds could comprehend. What kind of God would that be? Our happiness in heaven will be eternal ecstasy within the infinite wonder of God. The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—a communion of love—are the ultimate expressions of our Creator’s love for us. †

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Creator of all—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—may we grow in wisdom and holiness so that we may live in a worldwide community of peace and love, we pray. Amen.

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WEEKDAY READINGS

May 27—June 1

Monday, Weekday:
1 Pt 1:3–9 / Mk 10:17–27


Tuesday, Weekday:
1 Pt 1:10–16 / Mk 10:28–31

Wednesday, Weekday:
1 Pt 1:18–25 / Mk 10:32–45

Thursday, Weekday:
1 Pt 2:2–5, 9–12 / Mk 10:46–52

Friday, Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary:
Zep 3:14–18a or Rom 12:9–16 / Lk 1:39–56

Saturday, St. Justin:
Jude 17, 20b–25 / Mk 11:27–33

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