

Homily of Trinity Sunday of Year A

When Jesus was about to ascend to heaven, he authorized his apostles to baptize in the name of the Trinity. "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" (Matthew 28:19). By extension, Jesus commands us to do everything in the name of the Trinity. That is why all our prayers begin and end with the Trinity. St. Paul prays for us today in the second reading, "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with all of you." It means that whenever we sign ourselves with the Sign of the Cross, we are wishing ourselves grace, love and fellowship of the Trinity. We are what we are, and we have what we have by the saving grace of Jesus Christ, by God's love and by the power of the Holy Spirit. Without God we can do nothing (John 15:5). We have no reason to boast about anything. If we must boast, we boast in the Lord (1 Corinthians 1:31).

The Sign of the Cross was a sign language for the early Christian believers as a way of identifying one another. Later, the Church developed it to become a prayer. The Sign of the Cross is, therefore, an identity and a prayer. We are encouraged to pray it boldly, with understanding, conviction and faith.

The Trinity is one of the most important mysteries in Christianity. That God, the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit are three persons, but one nature, one God, equal, undivided, and no separation. We are not invited to fully understand the dogma. We are, rather, invited to walk in the way of the Trinity. The way of the Trinity is oneness. Any family, church, community, organization, or country that walks in the way of the Trinity will experience unity, peace, and progress. St. Paul tells us in the second reading today, "... agree with one another, live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you." The crises we have everywhere is because men and women refuse the way of the Trinity. Some people walk in their own way which leads to nowhere. Worse still, some people walk in the way of the Evil One and they go astray.

What is the way of the Trinity?

First, the way of the Trinity is **Unity**: The Trinity is one nature, no separation, and remains undivided. Can we apply this spirit of unity wherever we find ourselves? Separations and divisions are not from God.

Second, the way of the Trinity is **harmony**: There is perfect harmony in the Trinity. In Genesis 1:26, God said, "Let us create human being in our image and according to our likeness." That is, let us create human being to resemble us and act like us. Bible scholars comment that God the Father was addressing God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. This teaches us consultation, deliberation, and agreement.

Third, the way of the Trinity is **equality**: Throughout the Scriptures, there is no place either God the Father or God the Son or God the Holy Spirit showed any form of superiority over the other. How often do we judge and compare one another on bases of race, color, nationality, wealth, status, class, male or female.

Fourth, the way of the Trinity is **obedience**: Although the Trinity is equal, yet Jesus accepted to leave his throne in heaven to become a human being, to suffer, to be killed for the salvation of humanity. Not many of us will get involved in an undertaking if we have nothing to gain.

Fifth, the way of the Trinity is **love**: Unity, harmony, equality and obedience can only be possible where there is love. Love is the binding force. The Trinity is united by love. Jesus testified about this love when he said, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Now remain in my love" (John 15:9). St. Paul tells us that the Holy Spirit pours the love of the Trinity into our hearts (Romans 5:5). We pray that we are bound together by genuine love in our homes and in our parish. As we know, everything is possible with genuine love.

Six, the way of the Trinity is **holy**: As we celebrate and worship the Most Holy Trinity, may the rays of their holy light shine on us and dispel forces of sin and darkness and bring us to conversion. Amen. May the rays of their holy light grant us healing. Amen. May the rays of their holy light guide us to the path of truth and righteousness. Amen. May the rays of their holy light grant us every protection. Amen.

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