

Homily of The Most Holy Trinity Sunday Year C, 2022

Proverbs 8:22-31; Psalm 8:4-9; Romans 5:1-5; John 16:12-15

The descent of the Holy Spirit on the apostles brings the work of the Trinity to its fullness. God the Father is the Creator. God the Son is the Savior. God the Holy Spirit is the Renewer, and the Sanctifier.

When Jesus was about to ascend to heaven, he authorized his apostles to baptize in the name of the Trinity. He said to them, "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). With these words Jesus authorizes us, his followers, to do everything in the name of the Trinity. That is why all our prayers begin and end in the name of the Trinity.

By the Sign of the Cross, we invoke the Trinity. We are encouraged to pray it and sign ourselves with understanding, conviction and faith because of its deep and profound meaning. One of the meanings is, when we pray and sign ourselves with the Sign of the Cross we invoke the Love of God, the Grace of Jesus Christ and the Fellowship of the Holy Spirit (2 Corinthians 13:14). The Sign of the Cross should always be made prayerfully with this deep and profound meaning in mind.

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 since it is a mystery. We are, rather, invited to believe, participate, and share in the way of the Trinity. Today's readings give us some glimpses of the relationship in the Trinity:

First Reading: "When the Lord established the heavens, I was there ... Then I was beside him as craftsman, and I was his delight day by day..." (Proverbs 8:27).

Second reading: "We have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith to his grace in which we stand, and we boast in hope of the glory of God. ... The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us" (Romans 5:1, 2, 5).

Gospel: "Everything that the Father has is mine; for this reason, I told you that he (the Holy Spirit) will take from what is mine and declare it to you" (John 15:16).

Any family, parish, community, association, organization, or country that walks in the way of the Trinity will be transformed. The crises we have everywhere is because of human beings' rejection of 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 which leads to sin.

What is the way of the Trinity?

First, the way of the Trinity is **unity**: The Trinity is one nature, undivided, no separation. We are invited to witness unity wherever we find ourselves. Separations and divisions are against the way of the Trinity.

Second, the way of the Trinity is **harmony**: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit related in harmony from creation to redemption, and from redemption to the descent of the Holy Spirit. Disharmony is against the way of the Trinity.

Third, the way of the Trinity is **equality**: The three persons of the Trinity are equal. None is superior to the other. Therefore, all forms of inequality are against the way of the Trinity.

Fourth, the way of the Trinity is **love**: Unity, harmony, and equality can only be possible where there is love. The Trinity is bonded by love. We pray for genuine love in all our associations and relationships.

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

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