

Three Cheers for the Holy Trinity 2-19

The Most Holy Trinity – John 16:12-15

Today we celebrate, the Most Holy Trinity, that very illusive, somewhat mysterious truth about how God animates the world in the three-fold reality of Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We might say “hurray” this day for this dynamic teaching of faith which proclaims that we have an up-close and personal relationship with love. The Most Holy Trinity is the core essence of our Catholic faith.

The reading we hear from proverbs describes the Old Testament writers’ understanding that God’s wisdom has been present since the beginning of time. “The Lord possessed me, the beginnings of his ways, the forerunner of his prodigies of long ago; from of old I was poured forth, at the first, before the earth.” God’s wisdom has been from the beginning, a gift of grace and presence.


St. Paul confirms that “the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.” This confirmation is our hope as Christians. We benefit from the relationship of love, poured out by God the Creator, manifest in Jesus the Savior, and sanctified in believers through the workings of the Holy Spirit.

Jesus indicates to the disciples, on the eve prior to his death, that they may not completely understand all the impending events to come with his passion and death. “I have much more to tell you, but you cannot bear it now. But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth.” Even though his earthly life will be over, Jesus will give them the gift of the spirit who will empower them to live and proclaim the truth about Christ in the world.

This act of love is the way God has continued the work begun at creation. Jesus tells the disciples today, “Everything that the Father has is mine; for this reason I told you that he will take from what is mine and declare it to you.”

It is now our right and our responsibility to declare what marvelous things God has done for the world. On our part, we might start with a simple shout of joy.... Three cheers to the Holy Trinity! This is pure gift, love and wisdom which we partake in each day of our lives. Hurray!!!!

Blessings!


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