

May 26, 2024 THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

READING I

Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40

Moses said to the people: "Ask now of the days of old, before your time, ever since God created man upon the earth; ask from one end of the sky to the other: Did anything so great ever happen before? Was it ever heard of? Did a people ever hear the voice of God speaking from the midst of fire, as you did, and live? Or did any god venture to go and take a nation for himself from the midst of another nation, by testings, by signs and wonders, by war, with strong hand and outstretched arm, and by great terrors, all of which the LORD, your God, did for you in Egypt before your very eyes? This is why you must now know, and fix in your heart, that the LORD is God in the heavens above and on earth below, and that there is no other. You must keep his statutes and commandments that I enjoin on you today, that you and your children after you may prosper, and that you may have long life on the land which the LORD, your God, is giving you forever."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 33:4-5, 6, 9, 18-19, 20, 22 (12b)

R. Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

Upright is the word of the LORD,
and all his works are trustworthy.
He loves justice and right;
of the kindness of the LORD the earth
is full. R.

By the word of the LORD the heavens were made;
by the breath of his mouth all their host.
For he spoke, and it was made;
he commanded, and it stood forth. R.

See, the eyes of the LORD are upon those who
fear him,
upon those who hope for his kindness,
to deliver them from death
and preserve them in spite of famine. R.

Our soul waits for the LORD,
who is our help and our shield.
May your kindness, O LORD, be upon us
who have put our hope in you. R.

READING II Romans 8:14-17

Brothers and sisters: Those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a Spirit of adoption, through whom we cry, "Abba, Father!" The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if only we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

GOSPEL Matthew 28:16-20

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had ordered them. When they all saw him, they worshiped, but they doubted. Then Jesus approached and said to them, "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age."

Practice of Charity

Human beings are made in the image and likeness of a God who is relationship—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Though the word Trinity never appears in the Bible, we know it intimately through the example of the Father, Son, and Spirit. Today we celebrate this unity, which models for us how to create a community that reflects the love of God. ♦ As a Church, we pray the Nicene Creed. Look at it today and explore the Trinitarian language. ♦ Say a prayer of gratitude for someone who has embodied the call to “make disciples of all nations” (Matthew 28:19). How has this person shown you what it means to create, with God, a community that reflects the love of the Trinity? ♦ Today’s reading from Paul’s Letter to the Romans tells us that “we suffer with him [Christ] so that we may also be glorified with him” (Romans 8:17). Who is suffering in your community? How can you accompany them? Perhaps you will have an opportunity to share something with someone in need.

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Scripture Insights

On this Trinity Sunday, we read Matthew’s “great commission” that narrates with breathtaking beauty and brevity the disciples’ encounter with the risen Christ on a mountain in Galilee. So much happens in these five verses—the most beautiful of which is the expression of human hope and frailty in the reality that “they worshiped, but they doubted.” How could they not? They had tried so hard, and had loved, lost, and experienced so much, as we do every day.

This encounter affirms that it is acceptable for faith to seek understanding. Such seeking does not deter the risen Christ whatsoever. He nonetheless declares his power and gives the disciples their mission to go, make, baptize, and teach. We are the imperfect disciples of Christ, who are doing the best that we can. Fortunately, more of the Good News is that he will be with us always, guiding us through the Holy Spirit to relationship with God as Father, Creator, and Lord of all.

The remainder of the Good News in this proclamation is that “all nations” can now be in covenant relationship with God as a parent, through the gift of the life, death, and resurrection of the Son, and now actualized by the Holy Spirit in our lives. Matthew’s great commission seeds the development of the doctrine of the Trinity. More individually, it calls each of us to intimate participation in this relationship that continues to create the world in which we live. The psalmist proclaims that God is just and right, and Paul declares that we are joint heirs in the Trinitarian relationship. The Trinity is our foundation of support and our summons to active living.

♦ The reading from Deuteronomy presents a poetic image of God’s creative sovereignty. How does this image resonate in your life?

♦ Paul challenges us to be led by the Spirit in our lives. What does this mean for you?

♦ These readings together harken the dignity of all humankind in relationship with the Trinitarian God. How might you work toward this end in your life?