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Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

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BASIC ECCLESIAL COMMUNITY SUNDAY
FATHER'S DAY

So Great, So Holy, So Close to Us

The Holy Trinity – One God in Three Persons – is the God in whom all Christians believe. No human mind can penetrate the depths of this divine mystery of life, light, and love, for we are too limited and conditioned by our earthly situation. And this is why the Holy Trinity revealed Himself to us through the great deeds of salvation history, and especially through Our Lord Jesus Christ, Our Divine Teacher. It is through him that we have come to know that God is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and that all three love one another and us so deeply and tenderly.

This is the mystery we celebrate today – the endless Source of Love and Life from Whom we come, in Whom we are constantly immersed, on Whom we totally depend, and in Whose life and happiness we are called to share forever in heaven. Today, we boast in the hope of God's glory! May the Blessed and Holy Trinity be praised and honored forever!

Today is Basic Ecclesial Community Sunday. Let us offer this Eucharist for all the blessings that this vital cell of our parishes have brought to these members, and in petition for greater blessings over them.

Today is also "Father's Day." Let us offer this Eucharist in gratitude for all that our fathers have done for us, and in petition for God's blessings over them.



INTRODUCTORY RITES



Entrance Antiphon

(To be recited only when no Entrance Hymn is sung.)

**Blest be God the Father,
and the Only Begotten Son of
God, and the Holy Spirit, for
he has shown us his merciful
love.**

Greeting

P – In the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy
Spirit!

All–Amen!

P–Grace and peace from God
our Father, the Lord Jesus

Christ, and the Holy Spirit be
with you all!

All–And with your spirit!

Penitential Act

P–Brethren, let us acknowledge
our sins and so prepare ourselves
to celebrate the sacred myster-
ies. (Pause)

P – You were sent to heal the
contrite of heart, Lord, have
mercy!

All– Lord, have mercy!

P–You came to call sinners,
Christ, have mercy!

All–Christ, have mercy!

P–You are seated at the right
hand of the Father to in-

tercede for us, Lord, have
mercy!

All–Lord, have mercy!

P –May almighty God have
mercy on us, forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life.

All–Amen!

Gloria

All–Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of
good will. We praise you, we
bless you, we adore you, we
glorify you, we give you thanks
for your great glory, Lord God,
heavenly King, O God, almighty
Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Be-

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gotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen!

Collect (Opening Prayer)

P –God our Father, who by sending into the world the Word of Truth and the Spirit of Sanctification made known to the human race your wondrous mystery, grant us, we pray, that in professing the true faith, we may acknowledge the Trinity of eternal glory and adore your Unity, powerful in majesty.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

All–Amen!

LITURGY OF THE WORD



1st Reading *Prv 8:22-31*
In the passage we are about to hear, the inspired author presents divine Wisdom as existing before the creation of the world, and playing the role of partner in the work of creation. This is a very important anticipation in the revelation of a plurality of persons in God.

R –A reading from the Book of Proverbs

Thus says the Wisdom of God: “The Lord possessed me, the beginning of his ways, the forerunner of his prodigies of long ago. From of old I was poured forth, at the first, before the earth. When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no fountains or springs of water; before the mountains were settled into place, before the hills, I was brought forth; while as yet the earth and fields were not made, nor the first clods of

the world.

When the Lord established the heavens I was there, when he marked out the vault over the face of the deep; when he made firm the skies above, when he fixed fast the foundations of the earth; when he set for the sea its limit, so that the waters should not transgress his command; then was I beside him as his craftsman, and I was his delight day by day, playing before him all the while, playing on the surface of his earth; and I found delight in the human race.”

The Word of the Lord!
All–Thanks be to God!

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 8*

R –*O Lord, our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth!*

R. M. Velez

O Lord, our God, how wonderful
your name in all the earth!

* When I behold your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars which you set in place – what is man that you should be mindful of him, or the son of man that you should care for him? **R.**

* You have made him little less than the angels, and crowned him with glory and honor. You have given him rule over the works of your hands, putting all things under his feet: **R.**

* All sheep and oxen, yes, and the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, the fishes of the sea, and whatever swims the paths of the seas. **R.**

2nd Reading *Rom 5:1-5*
The three Divine Persons were, for Paul, the best source of peace, hope, and love.

R –A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters:

Since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in hope of the glory of God. Not only that, but we even boast of our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, and endurance, proven character, and proven character, hope, and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

The Word of the Lord!
All–Thanks be to God!

Gospel Acclamation

All–Alleluia! Alleluia!
Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; to God who is, who was, and who is to come.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Gospel *Jn 16:12-15*
In his last meeting with his disciples, the Lord Jesus reveals that in God there is a third Divine Person – the Holy Spirit – who is so deeply involved in carrying out the divine plan of salvation in continuation of the role of Jesus, the Redeemer of mankind.

P –The Lord be with you!
All–And with your spirit!

P –A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
All–Glory to you, O Lord!

Jesus said to his disciples: “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. He will not speak on his own, but he will speak what he hears, and will declare to you the things that are coming.

He will glorify me, because he will take from what is mine and declare it to you. 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.”

The Gospel of the Lord!
All–Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Homily

Profession of Faith

(Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed)

All—I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, (*bow*)* **and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.*** For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen!

Prayer of the Faithful

P —We believe in the Holy Trinity and we know that the three Divine Persons love us immensely. Let us turn to them in full confidence and pray:

All—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, hear us!

C —For the entire Church, the Holy Trinity's family on earth: May she fulfill the mandate of Christ to preach the Gospel to all nations without fear or hindrance. Let us pray! **R.**

C —For Pope Francis and all

bishops: May they ever more strengthen our faith and love for the Holy Trinity. Let us pray! **R.**

C —For all the members of the different Christian denominations: May their common faith in the Holy Trinity make fruitful their efforts to reestablish the lost unity. Let us pray! **R.**

C —For all missionaries who proclaim the Gospel to all peoples: May their behavior mirror in their lives the love of the three Divine Persons. Let us pray! **R.**

C —For our Basic Ecclesial communities: May their members reveal the love and unity of the Holy Trinity by the way they live. Let us pray! **R.**

C —For all fathers of families: may they always enjoy the presence and protection of the Body and Blood of Christ, and derive from it joy, courage, and inspiration. Let us pray! **R.**

P —Eternal, all powerful God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, from You we come, in You we live, to You we go. Accept us despite our unworthiness, and grant that we may share in Your life for ever and ever.

All—Amen!



Preparation of the Gifts

P —Pray, brethren . . .

All—May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

Prayer over the Offerings

P —Sanctify by the invocation of Your name, O Lord our God, this oblation of our service, and by it make of us an eternal offering to You.

Through Christ our Lord.

All—Amen!

Preface of Trinity

P —The Lord be with you!

All—And with your spirit!

P —Lift up your hearts!

All—We lift them up to the Lord!

P —Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

All—It is right and just!

P —It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

For with Your Only Begotten Son and the Holy Spirit You are one God, one Lord: not in the unity of a single person, but in a Trinity of one substance.

For what You have revealed to us of Your glory we believe equally of Your Son and of the Holy Spirit, so that, in the confessing of the true and eternal Godhead, You might be adored in what is proper to each Person, their unity in substance, and their equality in majesty.

For this is praised by Angels and Archangels, Cherubim, too, and Seraphim, who never cease to cry out each day, as with one voice they acclaim:

All—Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

Memorial Acclamation

P —The mystery of faith!

All—We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again!



All—Our Father . . .

P —Deliver us, Lord . . .

All—For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever.

Sign of Peace

Breaking of the Bread

All—Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. (2x)

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Communion

P —Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the

sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the Supper of the Lamb.

All—Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

Communion Antiphon

(To be recited only when no Communion Hymn is sung.)

Since you are children of God, God has sent into your hearts the Spirit of his Son, the Spirit who cries out: Abba, Father. *(Gal 4:6)*

Prayer after Communion

P —May the reception of this Sacrament, O Lord our God,

bring us health of body and soul, as we confess your eternal holy Trinity and undivided Unity.

Through Christ our Lord.

All—Amen!

CONCLUDING RITES



P —The Lord be with you.

All—And with your spirit!

P —Bow down for the blessing.

(Pause)

—May God our Father keep you from all harm and grant you every good gift.

All—Amen!

P —May God's Incarnate Word

dwell in your hearts and minds and fill you with lasting joy.

All—Amen!

P —May the Holy Spirit guide you as you walk in his ways, always knowing and doing what is right and good, until you enter your heavenly inheritance.

All—Amen!

P —May almighty God bless you: the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

All—Amen!

P —Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life!

All—Thanks be to God!

BOASTING IN THE HOPE OF GOD'S GLORY

Kalakbay at Katoto

Experience, it has often been said, is a good teacher. Personal experience separates the rookie from the veteran; the wise from the merely intelligent and school smart; the prophet from the charlatan; the genuine leader from the merely titled executive. Personal experience constitutes the “*abundance of the heart whereof the mouth speaks*,” and a deeply felt and personal intimacy and familiarity with someone or something is the only real passport to credibility.

The intellectual expert delivers facts and figures. One listens to him or her with respect. The personal witness delivers truth and doles out trust. One listens to him or her with awe. The former speaks from the point of view of learned facts; the latter from the point of view of lived experience. The former will most likely be accepted at face value, for whatever merit there is in what he or she says; the latter will definitely go beyond being merely accepted. He or she will most likely be believed, emulated, and admired. For in the final analysis, the preacher or teacher only delivers a message; the prophet delivers a whole lot more than just a message. He or she delivers life ... life in its fullness ... life as he or she has lived or experienced it firsthand.

Today's solemnity and the lessons it gives us,

has to do with this lived experience, more than it has to do with a static – if, mysterious – doctrine. Doctrines come to us by way of propositions, theorems and treatises. Lived experience comes down to us by way of stories ... stories that recount ... stories that tell and retell feelings more than facts; convictions more than scientific data; and dynamic relationships more than static and stale statistical reports.

The Solemnity of the Most Blessed Trinity is one such story. It is a story of **God Giving**. It is a story of **God Gifted**. And it is an ongoing story of **God Gifting**. It is a story so profound yet so real that the Book of Wisdom (8:22-31) can only gush poetically about Him who “*was poured forth from of old*,” “*the forerunner of prodigies*,” “*first before the earth*,” “*who fixed fast the foundations of the earth*.” The whole Old Testament is a testimony to this primordial story of God giving, God creating, God pouring Himself forth, God proffering life, God uttering everything into existence. “*Let there be ... and there was!*” It was a story of God in action ... a story filled with wonders and prodigies, marked by the *magnalia Dei*, the great and wondrous deeds of a God, who revealed Himself as Giver of everything that is good. “*And God saw that*



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it was good.” Rightly so, do we proclaim in today’s response: *“O Lord our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth.”*

The solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity is also the story of God Given ... It is the story of “*peace with God,*” “*access to grace by faith,*” and “*hope of glory*” given to us “*through our Lord Jesus Christ.*” It is the story, now recounted by Paul the Apostle (Romans 5:1-5), himself a recipient of that Gift, a story of the “*love of God [which] has been poured out into our hearts.*” It is the greatest story ever told ... “*For God so loved the world that He sent His only begotten Son ...*” It is a story first told by angels to poor shepherds ... a story that has changed the world forever.

But the story goes on. Today’s solemnity is also the story of God gifting, of God guiding, of God leading. It is a story of “*hope that does not disappoint,*” “*because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.*” It is a story of everyman’s ongoing journey towards the fullness of truth. It is a story of everyman’s ongoing search for dreams and hopes yet unfulfilled. It is a story of everyman’s longing for fullness and definitive fulfillment ... a story of hope that “*when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide [us] to all truth.*”

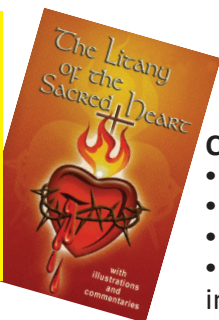
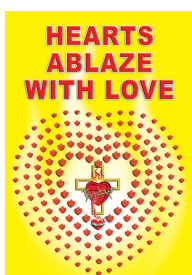
Biblical revelation simply recounts to us the story of this triune God, Father, Son, and Holy

Spirit. It was, first of all, a story of God relating to humankind before it became a static report about “*three Persons in one nature.*” It was historical before it became philosophical and rational. It turned philosophical and rational precisely to make what was basically real and historical understandable to people who were far removed from the original story. But the Trinitarian mystery was, and is, all about the lived experience of relationality before it became doctrinal and dogmatic.

We need to re-appropriate this divine story of God giving, of God gifted, and of God gifting. We need to re-root ourselves to the lived experience of Christ, of Sts. Peter and Paul, of the apostles and of the saints. This is the only way we can make sense of our modern day history. This is the only way we can hew meaning, and carve out a meaningful finality to our earthly and human history – both personal and societal. This is the only way we can find direction amidst the confusion of today’s world.

Is it any wonder that the ancient Greek Christians, hearing the story of the Trinitarian God, prayed in a manner that eloquently, though very simply, portrayed their faith in the one triune God: *Hagios, hagios, hagios ho Theos! Hagios, hagios, hagios, ho Theos ho Athanatos! Hagios, hagios, hagios ho Theos, ho Ischyros!* (Holy, holy, holy is God! Holy, holy, holy is God the Immortal One! Holy, holy, holy is God the mighty One!) Indeed, *lex orandi, lex credendi!*

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- our promises to him;
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