

**The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, Year A**  
**June 7, 2020 ● St. Columbkille ● Ex. 34:4b-6, 8-9/2 cor. 13:11-13/Jn. 3:16-18**  
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**“Be merciful and gracious, slow to anger and rich in kindness”**

Mysteries! We watch them on TV, read them in books, solve them with puzzles, are intrigued by them with computer games and are perplexed with them at work. Hopefully, we ponder them – with gratitude – within our faith.

Mysteries of faith differ from most other mysteries. They are well beyond human comprehension. They continue to unfold in our awareness. They captivate the heart as well as the mind with wonder and gratitude. They speak to us of God’s absolute and unimaginable “Game Plan” for human history.

So, it is when we come to the living mystery of the Holy Trinity, we celebrate One God, three persons. A person in the Trinity doesn’t mean the same as a person in the world as we are. It is a relationship of persons, each part of the whole living in perfect unity and harmony. The dimensions of God’s fullness are beyond us, and yet we hold on to aspects of that all-encompassing mystery as best we can, whether we’re 7 or 70.

Each of the persons in the Trinity has a distinct role in creation, redemption and sanctification. God as Father **creates**...creates all life because that is what LOVE does – love brings new life. Our creator God “So loved the world that He sent His Son to save us” ... and in THIS CHRIST gift “WE become a new creation.”

God as Son **redeems** us – a fallen human race needing reconciliation with the mystery of God so we can have the possibility of eternal life with our God on the other side of this human life we are given. God as Son redeems because that is what LOVE does; love forgives, today, tomorrow and always...God’s forgiving Trinitarian grace.

And God as Spirit **empowers** us to carry with us the heart and spirit, the energy and impulse of God to **bring God’s love** to those given to us in this world. We heard in our first reading: God’s love is “merciful and gracious, slow to anger and rich in kindness and fidelity.” And in our second reading, we hear love’s characteristics: “Mend your ways, encourage one another, be agreeable, live in peace...”

These past days in our country have been exceedingly painful to understand or watch. How do we begin to comprehend or heal the brokenness of our people? I would challenge us to bring our Trinitarian faith perspective to ask ourselves (and our Church) some difficult questions.

- Does our silence concerning all the inequities and subtle discriminations speak more to my indifference or to my solidarity with all our brothers and sisters?
- Does our pretty safe “bubble of life” simply keep us secure/removed (i.e. “It’s not my/our problem) or does it witness to our solidarity with the least among us to forge a better & safer pathway for everyone?

Issues today are very complex with no easy answers. But let us voice the questions. For sure, we must commit to being part of the solution moving forward. God has so designed our life, through grace, to carry the mystery of the Trinity within us, loving one another through difficult days, bringing creative new life solutions, extending redemptive forgiveness, and offering empowerment to all whose very lives will continue to diminish without all of us contributing to greater unity and peace. **God’s blessings on all of us for our family, our city and our world to be one. Please take this homily home to read, reflect and recycle.**