

Household Church: Trinity Sunday, 7 June 2020

CALL TO THE FEAST

All: In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen!

Eldest: Creator, we gather to remember Your Love and accompaniment in our lives. **All:** We share the story!

Women: You fill Creation with life and purpose. **All:** Help us live our lives with purpose!

Men: Each morning You wake the Sun whose Light wakens us **All:** Help us be light in darkness!

Women: Your desire fashioned Creation in wisdom and in love. **All:** Help us with Wisdom to Love Creation!

Eldest: You formed us in Your own image. To see each other is to see You. **All:** Help us mirror You!

Women: You entrust Creation to our care. **All:** As wise stewards may we entrust Creation to our children!

Youngest: To know and love You as Creator, we practice care for creatures. **All:** Help us serve Creation!

Eldest: Our mis-takes can cause hurt and division. **Youngest:** Your love is seen in mercy: You ever present.

Eldest: Life is Your gift and is at times fragile. **Youngest:** You teach us in Jesus about how to heal the broken.

Eldest: Death is a sister that opens us to change. **Youngest:** You change our hurts to hope, our death to life.

Eldest: As Creator Your mercy is given as aid for all. **Youngest:** So that those who seek might find You.

Eldest: As with the covenants and the prophets You taught us to seek salvation. **All:** Help us hear your Word.

All: We live in the House of the Trinity: our hearts and our families.

You so loved the world, Creator, Source of Life, Father and Mother sharing with us your Son our Savior.

Women: You gave Jesus human form by the Holy Spirit's inspiration and the "Yes" of the Virgin Mary,

Men: Jesus shared our human nature and witnessed to us how to live beyond sin's bondage.

Eldest: Jesus proclaimed salvation to the poor, acceptance to the rejected, inclusion to foreigners.

Youngest: Jesus proclaimed freedom to prisoners, compassion to the abandoned, health to the ill.

Eldest and Youngest: Jesus changed water to wine, strangers to friends, sorrow to joy.

Youngest: How do we do the same?

Women: In Creation life wells up from within: God as Father/Mother opens our eyes to our lives.

Men: Jesus, by dying for us and restoring life, conquered death, to show us how to die to ourselves.

Dying to ourselves means we no longer live for ourselves alone.

Women: We are to live for the one who died and rose for us and for each other. Live for an other.

All: But not alone. Never alone.

Eldest: To remember is God's breath, the Holy Spirit, breathing awareness, wholeness and balance into us.

All: May we who believe continue Jesus' call to live the Gospel way in the world.

May we be open to Your Spirit's action of bringing fullness to Creation.

READING AND FAITH SHARING FOR THE DAY:

Today's Gospel is [John 3:16-18](#). For the complete Readings [click here](#).

Each of the Readings can be read or simply the Gospel.

WHILE SOMEONE READS THE SCRIPTURE(S), LISTEN WELL. BE AWARE OF THE IMAGE BEING PAINTED, OR THE STORY BEING TOLD. DOES THE STORY OR THE IMAGE CALL TO MIND ANYTHING SIMILAR IN YOUR OWN LIFE OR EXPERIENCE?

After the reading, share your impressions of the reading(s) with each other:

- ✓ *Do you live in a house with others? Whose house is it? That could be answered from a "property" perspective. Or it could be answered from the angle of who "belongs" there. A further view could answer the question by identifying who is "welcome" there.*
- ✓ *Pope Francis calls us to recognize the Earth as our common home. To whom does Creation belong? Look at the same three answers of the question above. Reflect on the Trinity: As "property" Creation is who's? In the role of "belonger," to whom was it "given," it could be ___? As one who is opening all the doors and windows; breaking a hole in the roof to make room for more, that could be ___?*
- ✓ *What are the roles that you have in life? e.g. parent, child, student, sibling, employment role, volunteer, athlete, artist, etc. When you live the different roles how does your attitude change?*

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What's your voice sound like in your different roles? ...a change in tone? ...a change in "authority" or "follower"?

- ✓ *Have you ever thought that in living life we are called to show the aspects of the Trinity?*
- ✓ *When have you carried the role of the Creator (Father/Mother)? As Life Giver*
- ✓ *When have you lived the life of Jesus – companion, healer, freed someone from a burden, given something up to be with, or in the place of another? Given Your Life*
- ✓ *When have you been an aspect of the Spirit – comforter, dreaming dreams to life, creatively leading self or others through an issue, heard your self saying something beyond your wisdom, as a symbol of hope and encouragement for someone else? As an Animator*
- ✓ *Who has been those three for you?*

SHARING THE FEAST

Creator God, Source of All Life, we gather in the household where you planted us (*present to each other as well as at a distance*), and we give you thanks for this space and place, these hearts and the mercy we know of belonging.

We remember and celebrate the Life, Teaching, Death and Resurrection of Jesus, your Son. As we break the Bread of your Word and the Bread of Our Table, may what we receive help us nurture others as Jesus nurtured his followers and people of his time.

We remember how Your Spirit moved over the waters at the beginning of time and brought life to the World from the seas. We remember the importance of water in the desert, in death and resurrection and in our being baptized. We recognize that, as we drink (*water, wine, other*), we seek Your Spirit to quench our spiritual thirst. May we open ourselves to your presence in one another.

The feast can be a loaf of bread (rice-cakes, chapati, naan, pita, tortilla, baguette, etc. or a meal) and a glass/cup (or individual glasses) of (wine, water, cider, grape juice). The bread and the wine are passed to one another. Each person serving the individual next to him or her.

PRAYER OF THANKS AND PRAISE

Women: We thank you for the leaders of the Church: Francis our Pope, *N.* our Bishop, *N.* the pastor as well as deacon *N.* (and *N.*) of our parish community. We thank you for the members of parish Councils, catechists, Liturgical leaders, outreach ministers and all who serve our community.

All: May they know or gratitude.

Men: We thank you for each of us gathered here hoping to come to know you better in one another.

All: May our lives grow in deeper appreciation of your presence in us.

Women: We pray for all who are alone and live in a darkened world.

All: Help us be light for them

Men: We pray for members of our societies who feel disenfranchised and disrespected.

All: Help us be catalysts of change and channels of hope.

Women: Comfort those impacted by COVID-10 and its complications.

All: May those who work with them help to draw them to life.

Additional Prayers:

Our Father who art in heaven...

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