

## The Most Holy Trinity

Aloha Parishioners and Friends,

We've been caught in a whirlwind of social unrest and racial disharmony, unjustified oppression and disregard for human lives. Our feelings and emotions run high as we witness one tragedy upon another, crisis after crisis.

Maybe many of us, myself included, are feeling the same way and are greatly concerned as individuals. Maybe we are wondering why "Bad things always seem to happen in a pair?" Maybe, we are here in church today to pray and try to make sense of things. There is so much we can't comprehend and so much more to understand.

"No one is born hating another person because of the color of his skin, or his background, or his religion. People must learn to hate, and if they can learn to hate, they can be taught to love, for love comes more naturally to the human heart than its opposite." Nelson Mandela's *"Long Walk to Freedom"*

Moreover, today's celebration of the Most Holy Trinity, is one of the most profound mysteries humankind has ever been invited to wrap its limited mind around. In many ways, this day is really not meant to be a day for us to feel pride or be overconfident in what we know, but it is meant to help us realize how much we DON'T know.

In other words, it's not meant to obliterate the mystery, but it is meant to show us the scope of that mystery; not meant to show us the limits of it, but it is meant to reveal that a complete understanding of God is an understanding without a horizon - a reality so profound, so deep, so limitless, that we can never come close to "solving" the mystery that is God.

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In short, it is a time for us to be humble - to be people who are ok with not REALLY knowing, people who are ok with the mystery of it all and to let God enter into our lives.

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ:

As we today celebrate, worship, and give glory to the Most Holy Trinity - our God - Father, Son, and Spirit, Three Persons in One, let us first ask God to help us realize that He is so much more than we could ever imagine, and that the things we know in faith might just be only one small glimpse into our loving God who is infinitely greater than what we can think, understand, or know.

Secondly, as creatures, we will always be limited in what we can understand or know about God. There is always more. GOD is always MORE.

And thirdly, even our small understandings about God can yield beautiful fruit in our lives, in the lives of all with whom we have contact, and in the world. Put simply - knowing God helps us become more God-like. As St. Paul tells us today in his second letter to the Corinthians:

**“Brothers and sisters, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you.”**

And so, we give heartfelt thanks to our loving God this day - Father, Son, and Spirit. And we trust that God wants us to know and love him more deeply. May we always open ourselves up to that possibility, that reality, and re-discover His love each and every day. **“God so loved the world ...”** God so loved us. Amen.