

Holy Trinity A

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Most Holy Trinity. There are many things that are beyond the grasp of human intellect. One such thing is the doctrine of the Holy Trinity. It is a mystery, and we do not fully understand it. Should we be surprised that God is too great for us to fully understand? In order to understand God fully, we need to be as great as God himself. God in his goodness has revealed to us in the Bible that he is the Trinity of Persons. He is one but three persons—the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Tertullian was the first to use the word “Trinity” in the year 200. Then the Council of Nicea adopted it in the year 325 in formulating the Creed. The word “Trinity” is not found in the Bible. But we find evidences of the Trinity in the Old Testament and in the New Testament. When God was about to create Adam, he said, “Let us create man in our image, according to our likeness.” If God was just one person, he should have said, “Let me create man in my image and according to my likeness.” When human beings were building the tower of Babel, God said, “Come, let **us** go down to see what they are building.” Prophet Isaiah heard the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send—who will go for us?”

In the New Testament we hear Jesus saying, “I do not do anything on my own, but what the Father wants me to do. The Father and I are one.” In the Gospel of Ascension Sunday, we heard Jesus saying, “Go, therefore, make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” Praying for his disciples Jesus said, “I pray that they all may be one, just as the Father and I are One.” Jesus also promised his disciples to send the Spirit of Truth, another Advocate, who was neither the Father nor the Son. In the second reading of today, we heard Paul giving his blessings to the Corinthians saying, “The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.” So, there are many evidences of the Blessed Trinity in the Bible. We see that God is a family of the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit. They are a community of three persons. So the Holy Trinity is the pattern for us to build our family and our communities.

The Church too is a community of individuals and families. The Church cannot survive when individuals live isolated lives. Individuals and families isolating due to the shutdown can be very detrimental to the Church. But we are surviving it with a lot of prayer. Family prayers are very important at this time because every family is a domestic Church.

Coming together as a community to worship is important. God designed every family after the model of the Trinity. He planned that these families come together to make up the church community. So, the Church, too, is modelled after the Trinity. We are a Church community. God also intended that our families and communities be united as the Trinity. The Trinity has the perfect unity. Anything that causes division goes against God’s intent and therefore sinful. There is only one race—and that is the human race. Because we are called to live in communities and worship in communities, we have a duty to support the community. Let us do everything we can to support the community and promote its unity and growth.