

HOLY TRINITY - B - 2021

"In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." (*Amen*)

"Amen!"

"Amen" literally means "let it be so;" it also means "yes, I believe!"

So every time we make the Sign of the Cross we are confirming our faith in the Holy Trinity.

And it is fitting that we mark our bodies in the name of Holy Trinity because we believe that our Triune God dwells in the heavens but also lives within us.

As St. Paul writes in one of his letters, we are "temples of the living God."

In today's first reading Moses declares the greatness of God in the work of creation, in freeing Israel from slavery, and by leading them to the Promised Land and giving them the Law.

We, too, fix in our hearts and profess with our lips the greatness of God revealed to us by Jesus as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

We believe in God the Father who created all things, the Son who redeems us, and the Spirit who sanctifies and energizes us.

However, the Father created us through the Word of whom John the Evangelist says: "Through him all things were made."

And, in the Book of Genesis we are told that a "mighty wind" ... the "*ruah*," ... the "breath or spirit of God" ... was present during creation.

We believe in God the Son, Jesus Christ, who has redeemed us through his Cross and Resurrection

However, we also believe that the Holy Spirit descended upon Jesus at his baptism and worked through him in his public ministry.

And, Jesus declared several times that he and the Father are one.

We believe in the Holy Spirit who makes us holy, reminding us of everything Jesus taught, and crying out in us: "Abba, Father."

And so we believe in one God, the God who is a unity of three Persons, each unique but all engaged in what some theologians call "the Divine Dance."

It is this Divine Dance in which we are invited to join, both here on earth, and eternally in heaven.

What does that mean, to join in the "Divine Dance"?

First and foremost it means accepting the truth that we are made in the image of, and are loved by, God unconditionally.

Do we accept that we don't have to earn God's love ... that we simply have to cooperate with it?

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We join in the "Divine Dance" when we love others as God has loved us.

Jesus is our great example of this, and it is the Holy Spirit who energizes and impels us to follow his example.

The Father sent the Son to save us, and the Father through the Son has bestowed on us the Holy Spirit so that we can fulfill the "Great Commission" given by Jesus in today's Gospel:

"Go and make disciples."

Just as it is God's nature to share God's divine life with others, so it is integral to our identity as God's children to share what we have received.

Are you and I living as the reflection of Trinitarian love?
Can others see in our daily living the difference made by our faith in God?

The Holy Trinity is neither a distant deity to be worshipped from afar, nor an old dogma we dust off each year on the Sunday after Pentecost.

Our Triune God is close to us, around us, within us.

Jesus assures us at the conclusion of the Gospel: "Behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age."

And that divine name - I am - reveals the presence and action of our Triune God.

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