

LIVING THE WORD

- ❖ The Feast of the Holy Trinity was born out of the Arian controversy debating the divinity of Christ. This was resolved with the Nicene Creed and the Councils of Nicaea (A.D. 325) and Constantinople (A.D. 381). By the early 400's, preaching and liturgical texts sought to strengthen the Church's faith and teaching on the Trinity, and the origins of this great Feast were established.
- ❖ *"God does not prove himself; he shows himself"*. God's self-revelation (unveiling) is necessary as all human attempts to know the depths of God would simply be guessing. It is fitting then that the first reading shares one of the great moments of God 'revealing' himself to Moses on Mt Sinai. Today's text is actually the fourth time Moses has gone up the mountain to speak with God. The title 'LORD' is a Greek translation of the Hebrew YAWHEH – I AM WHO I AM – the DIVINE NAME. But God wishes to go further. *'I am merciful and gracious, slow to anger, rich in kindness and fidelity'*. The Hebrew word used to describe this character of God is found in the word 'Hesed'. It means that God has a covenantal spousal love which is ever faithful; this is astonishing as the other covenant partner (humanity) is *not* faithful. Does this change your image of God? Think of an 'old' image of God? Comfort you? How?
- ❖ St Paul's letter today shares an early liturgical greeting (still used today). A kiss of peace was to be offered to each other, not after the Our Father, before Communion, but as a greeting at the beginning of worship, to show and signify the love we aim to live and celebrate. How do you greet others in your faith community? Covid-19 has made greetings like a kiss problematic. How can we continue to show love and connection within our community in a way which allows people to experience the warmth and love of Christ made visible before their eyes? How could the sign of peace become more significant for you?
- ❖ The Gospel does not attempt to explain the Three Divine Persons in One God, but to provide us with a glimpse of the inner nature of God who IS LOVE. Sometimes God is portrayed as a surly master needing to be 'pacified' or 'persuaded to forgive' by Jesus. Today's text completely negates that idea. God sent his Son not to condemn the world but to save it. God's only motives are: love, self-communication, forgiveness, mercy. How do we humans respond to God's offer – will we receive? We are totally free *not* to believe but that choice is a kind of 'self-imposed judgment'. How could you witness more authentically to help others 'receive' Christ?

God as Trinity

O Father, my hope:

O Son, my refuge:

O Holy Spirit, my protection:

Holy Trinity, glory to thee. -Prayer of St Ioannikios

"I believe in one God": so we affirm at the beginning of the Creed. But then at once we go on to say much more than this. I believe, we continue, in one God who is at the same time three, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. There is in God genuine diversity as well as true unity. The Christian God is not just a unit but a union, not just unity but community. There is in God something analogous to "society". He is not a single person, loving himself alone, not a self-contained monad or "The One". He is trinity: three equal persons, each one dwelling in the other two by virtue of an unceasing movement of mutual love. *Amo ergo sum*, "I love, therefore I am": the title of Kathleen Raine's poem can serve as a motto for God the Holy Trinity. ... The final end of the spiritual Way is that we humans should also become part of this Trinitarian coinherence, being wholly taken up into the circle of love that exists within God.

Love is the kingdom which the Lord mystically promised to the disciples, when he said that they would eat in his kingdom. ... When we have reached love, we have reached God and our journey is complete. We have crossed over to the island which lies beyond the world, where are the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit: to whom be glory and dominion. May God make us worthy to fear and love him. Amen. -St Isaac, the Syrian

One cannot think of the Son apart from the Father, nor divide the Spirit from the Son. There is between the three a sharing and a differentiation that are beyond words and understanding. ... Do not be surprised that we should speak of the Godhead as being at the same time both unified and differentiated. Using riddles, as it were, we envisage a strange and paradoxical diversity-in-unity and unity-in-diversity. -St Gregory of Nyssa from Bishop Kallistos Ware -The Orthodox Way – 1995.



CALENDAR

Monday

June 5
St. Boniface,
Bishop and Martyr
Tb 1:3; 2:1b-8
Mk 12:1-12

Tuesday

June 6
Weekday
Tb 2:9-14
Mk 12:13-17

Wednesday

June 7
Weekday
Tb 3:1-11a, 16-17a
Mk 12:18-27

Thursday

June 8
Weekday
Tb 6:10-11;
7:1bcde, 9-17;
8:4-9a
Mk 12:28-34

Friday

June 9
Weekday
Tb 11:5-17
Mk 12:35-37

Saturday

June 10
Weekday
Tb 12:1, 5-15, 20
Mk 12:38-44

Sunday

June 11
Most Holy Body
and Blood
of Christ
(Corpus Christi)
Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a
1 Cor 10:16-17
Jn 6:51-58

HOSPITALITY

Communion

We are the Body of Christ. This is who we are as Church. It is our profound mystery that we take and eat, take and drink at Communion. In doing so, we give expression to our identity.

If we are not in communion with the Catholic Church, it makes no logical sense for those to receive because simply, it is not their identity.

If you are Buddhist, from another Christian tradition or just our welcome guest, please feel free to come forward, not to receive communion but to ask for a blessing.

The simple practice of asking for a blessing is through the bodily posture of bowing one's head and crossing one's arms across one's chest when before the minister distributing communion.

If you are a parent with a child not receiving Communion, please take personal responsibility in asking the minister for a blessing for your child.

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MASS SCHEDULE:

Mon-Fri : Thai 06:00 hrs.
Sat : Thai 06:00; 17:00 novena followed by
mass
Sun : Thai 07:00; 08:30 and 17:00 hrs.
English 10:00 hrs.

BAPTISM:

Thai : **First Sunday** during 8:30 am mass.
English : **Second Sunday** during 10:00 am
mass.

CONFESSION:

Sundays : Before all masses (Thai).
English before 10:00 am mass.

CATHOLIC CENTER:

For religious articles, please visit the center opposite
the entrance of the Cathedral.

Opening Hours:

Mon-Fri : 08:30 – 17:00 hrs.
Sat, Sun : Closed
& public holidays

Dear Padre

June 4, 2023

Two relatives of mine died from a disease for which they never sought treatment. Both said, "God will heal me if that is his will." Wouldn't God have wanted them to see a doctor?

It is safe to say that God would have them see a doctor. Does doing so compromise our faith in God? No. Throughout all of salvation history, God has relied on human beings to be his instruments, his messengers. While we believe in God, who can and has acted miraculously throughout history, these moments are exceptions, not the rule. Ordinarily, God's work is done by human hands. The spread of the gospel itself has come about through people who have responded to God in faith.

Part of this gospel story is the healing ministry of Jesus. Christianity has from the beginning taken up Jesus' ministry of healing and attempted to restore health to the sick, not only through prayer and the sacraments but also through institutions that care for the sick and the dying. Even as we recognize that our primary relationship is with God, we must also see that caring for our lives and our health, gifts from that same God, is a responsible way to receive and be good stewards of these gifts.

Think of the training, knowledge, and experience that doctors, nurses, and all other health-care practitioners have spent years attaining. Is not their work a miracle of God's love when it brings healing, restoration, and renewal? ●

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THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

**HOLY – Belmont Mass
MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION – Belmont Mass
(PLEASE SEE INSERT)**

DOXOLOGY (PLEASE STAND)

Priest: Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, for ever and ever.

GREAT AMEN – Belmont Mass (PLEASE SEE INSERT)

COMMUNION RITE

THE LORD’S PRAYER (No. 387)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

Priest: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil; graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our saviour, Jesus Christ.

All: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever.

LAMB OF GOD – Belmont Mass (PLEASE SEE INSERT)

(PLEASE KNEEL)

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

All: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION HYMN: TAKE AND EAT THIS BREAD (No. 928)

FINAL HYMN: O GOD, ALMIGHTY FATHER (No. 566) (PLEASE STAND)

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY (Year A)

Sunday, 4th June 2023

**ENTRANCE HYMN: HOLY, HOLY, HOLY! LORD GOD ALMIGHTY (No. 567)
(PLEASE STAND)**

INTRODUCTORY RITE

Priest: I confess to almighty God,

All: and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done, and in what I have failed to do;
– and, striking their breast, they say –

Through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault;
Therefore I ask blessed Mary, ever-virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Priest: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

All: Amen.

KYRIE / LORD HAVE MERCY – Belmont Mass

GLORY TO GOD – Belmont Mass

(PLEASE SEE INSERT)

FIRST READING: Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9

A reading from the Book of Exodus:

Early in the morning Moses went up Mount Sinai as the LORD had commanded him, taking along the two stone tablets.

Having come down in a cloud, the LORD stood with Moses there and proclaimed his name, "LORD." Thus the LORD passed before him and cried out, "The LORD, the LORD, a merciful and gracious God, slow to anger and rich in kindness and fidelity." Moses at once bowed down to the ground in worship. Then he said, "If I find favor with you, O Lord, do come along in our company. This is indeed a stiff-necked people; yet pardon our wickedness and sins, and receive us as your own."

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM DANIEL 3: GLORY AND PRAISE FOR EVER



Glo - ry and praise for ev - er!

1. Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of our fathers,
praiseworthy and exalted above all forever;
And blessed is your holy and glorious name,
praiseworthy and exalted above all for all ages. (R)
2. Blessed are you in the temple of your holy glory,
praiseworthy and glorious above all forever. (R)
3. Blessed are you on the throne of your kingdom,
praiseworthy and exalted above all forever. (R)
4. Blessed are you who look into the depths
from your throne upon the cherubim,
praiseworthy and exalted above all forever. (R)

SECOND READING: 2 Cor 13:11-13**A reading from the second Letter of Saint Paul 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. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the holy ones greet you.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA – Belmont Mass
(PLEASE SEE INSERT)

PLEASE STAND

**All: Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit;
to God who is, who was, and who is to come.**

GOSPEL: Jn 3:16-18

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Priest: A reading from the Good News according to John.

All: Glory to you, Lord.

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him will not be condemned, but whoever does not believe has already been condemned, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

Priest: The Good News of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PLEASE BE SEATED**THE APOSTLES' CREED PLEASE STAND**

Priest: I believe in God,

All: the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

RESPONSE TO THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL:
“May the Spirit of Truth fill our hearts ”

PLEASE BE SEATED**LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST****PROCESSION OF THE GIFTS**

OFFERTORY HYMN: FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD (No. 580, Verse 3)

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS PLEASE STAND

Priest: Pray, brethren, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

All: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his holy Church.