

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURES

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The Solemnity of the Holy Trinity

Proverbs 8:22-31 † Romans 5:1-5 † John 16:12-15

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Holy Trinity: Circle of Love

Today's readings are about mystery. No one can explain the Trinity. It is a matter of faith; we have one God with three divine Persons. The three Persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, act out of love.

The Father is so filled with love, he creates a beautiful, unfolding universe. In his great love, he sends his Son, Jesus, to redeem us and to give us examples of how to live. Not "an eye for an eye" but rather "if someone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to him your other cheek." The love between the Father and the Son generates the Holy Spirit, who will be with us until the end of time.



Woman Wisdom was present when God effortlessly creates the entire universe in tranquility and order. She takes delight in the created universe, dancing and playing with a heart bursting with joy, and tells us she took delight especially in the human race. We were chosen! Paul's letter to the Romans affirms that the love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

In the Gospel, Jesus expresses concern that his disciples are not yet able to plumb the depth of his teachings about this superabundant, pressed down and overflowing love. What would it be like if they were able to express this deep, abiding love? What would it be like if we were given the grace to express this deep well of love?

Each time we bless ourselves "In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit," we are affirming our faith in this mystery of the Trinity. Each time we receive the Eucharist, we express our belief in our triune God. As we participate in the Eucharistic celebration this weekend, let us ponder a deep love and a commitment to superabundant love. We may not be able to define it, but our hearts may swell with bursting love by encountering the goodness of another person or seeing a beautiful sunset.

O Lord, our God, how wonderful is your name in all the earth!