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INTRODUCTION

Whatever words and concepts we use, we can never fully explain God and yet this God of ours is not a distant unknowable God. Today we are invited to reflect on this God who reveals himself through his saving actions: as the God the Creator and Father, made incarnate in and through his Son Jesus Christ, as the God who dwells in our innermost being in and though the Holy Spirit, who alone can lead us to the Truth.

ENTRANCE ANTIphon

Blest be God the Father, and the Only Begotten Son of God, and also the Holy Spirit, for he has shown us his merciful love.

COLLECT

God our Father, who by sending into the world the Word of truth and the Spirit of sanctification made known to the human race your wondrous mystery, grant us, we pray, that in professing the true faith, we may acknowledge the Trinity of eternal glory and adore your Unity, powerful in majesty. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

FIRST READING

God does not live in splendid isolation but chooses to reveal himself in and through his creation, which reveals his wisdom and love. The closer we look at all creation the more we discover a wonderful wisdom behind all of creation. In the Book of Proverbs wisdom is personified and is at play while God creates this world for us.

A reading from the Book of

Proverbs

8:22-31

The Wisdom of God cries aloud, the Lord created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of old. Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth; before he had made the earth with its fields, or the first of the dust of the world. When he established the heavens, I was there, when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep, when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth, then I was

beside him, like a master workman; and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always, rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the sons of men.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (8)

R. How great is your name, O Lord our God, through all the earth!

When I see the heavens, the work of your hands, the moon and the stars which you arranged, what is man that you should keep him in mind, mortal man that you care for him?

R. How great is your name, O Lord our God, through all the earth!

Yet you have made him little less than a god; with glory and honour you crowned him, gave him power over the works of your hand, put all things under his feet.

R. How great is your name, O Lord our God, through all the earth!

All of them, sheep and cattle, yes, even the savage beasts, birds of the air, and fish that make their way through the waters.

R. How great is your name, O Lord our God, through all the earth!

SECOND READING

We are reminded that God continues to reveal himself in his fullness through his Son Jesus Christ. This God of ours made incarnate in Jesus Christ is as close to us as the mention of his name.

A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Romans (5:1-5)

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have obtained access to this grace

in which we stand, and we rejoice in our hope of sharing the glory of God. More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

ALLELUIA (Apoc 1:8)

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, the God who is, and who was, and who is to come. Alleluia!

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL READING

A reading from the Holy Gospel

according to St John 16:12-15

Jesus said to his disciples: "I have yet many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

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PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Celebrant: Through the grace of the Son, we learn of the love of the Father, and are drawn into the fellowship of the Holy Spirit. Through the Son, we come to the Father with prayers inspired by the Spirit. Let us invoke the Trinitarian God.

Response: HOLY TRINITY, HEAR OUR PRAYER

1. We pray for the Church, Holy Father Francis, Archbishop Bernard Moras, Bishops, Priests and Religious that the Holy Trinity may be their constant inspiration of true communion with God and with each other. We pray to the Lord.

2. God our Father by your Love, the grace of Jesus Christ and fellowship of the Holy Spirit enable us to recognize your triune presence in our daily lives and to foster a deeper union, we pray to the Lord.

3. Families are cradles of the Church, source of true Christian love, charity and hope. May there be unity as Trinitarian God and a spirit of reconciliation between family members, we pray to the Lord.

4. People, as the People of Life bring about a new respect and protection of every human being's right to life, we pray to the Lord.

5. The one God in three persons may bring about unity and harmony among the many nations of the world, we pray to the Lord.

Celebrant: Father, we praise you for revealing to us the mystery of your inner life. As you hear our prayers, may we grow in faithfulness to you at all times. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Sanctify by the invocation of your name, we pray, O Lord our God, this oblation of our service, and by it make of us an eternal offering to you. Through Christ our Lord.

PREFACE (TRINITY)

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

For with your Only Begotten Son and the Holy Spirit you are one God, one Lord: not in the unity of a single person, but in a Trinity of one substance.

For what you have revealed to us of your glory we believe equally of your Son and of the Holy Spirit, so that, in the confessing of the true and eternal Godhead, you might be adored in what is proper to each Person, their unity in substance, and their equality in majesty.

For this is praised by Angels and Archangels, Cherubim, too, and Seraphim, who never cease to cry out each day, as with one voice they acclaim:

COMMUNION ANTIphon

Since you are children of God, God has sent into your hearts the Spirit of his Son, the Spirit who cries out: Abba, Father. (*Gal 4:6*)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May receiving this Sacrament, O Lord our God, bring us health of body and soul, as we confess your eternal holy Trinity and undivided Unity. Through Christ our Lord.

REFLECTION

It is said that atom exists but not seen by the naked eye, even though one might say I have not seen God but God does exist. The word Trinity makes affirmations, that there is but one God, that the Father, the Son and the Spirit and each a distinct person. The early fathers, Tertullian, Athanasius and Augustine gave full formulation of Trinity.

Trinity means God is revealable. Revelation is as natural for God as it is for the Sun to shine. Before there had been any created being, there was

self-revelation within the Trinity, the Father revealing to the Son, the Father and the Son revealing to the Spirit and the Spirit communicating that revelation within the being of God.

Trinity means Communicable As the Sun shines it communicates its light and heat and energy. So if God is a fellowship within himself he can let that fellowship go out to his creatures and communicate him to them according to their capacity to receive.

Trinity gives variety to the life of the Universe. God the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit are one in power and will. We can understand the Trinitarian persons by the nature of role they play in our life. God the Father who designs is the creator, Jesus as our redeemer and the power of the Holy Spirit quickens a great diversity of Life and operation and activity. If God the father has created us, Jesus the Son of God as redeemed us from sin and death, and the Holy Spirit sanctifies and unites us with the Trinitarian love.

Trinity in the Bible

The expression of word Trinity is implicit in the OT and in the NT. In the narrative of creation Gen 1:26 it is pointed out "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness". In the gospels the special epochs of Trinitarian revelation are as follows:

i) The Annunciation. The agency of the Trinity in the incarnation was disclosed to Mary in the angelic annunciation that the Holy Spirit would come upon her, the power of the Most High would overshadow her and the child

born of her would be called as the Son of God.

ii) The Baptism of Christ: Jesus the Son of God thus received the witness of the Father and the Spirit. God the Father speaking from heaven in recognition of the Son.

iii) The Teachings of Christ: The teaching of Jesus is Trinitarian throughout. He spoke of the Father who sent him, and the Spirit as the one through whom he and the Father work. The inter-relations between the Father, and the Spirit are emphasized throughout, Jn 14:7,9-10.

iv) The commission of the Risen Christ. Jesus instructs his disciples to go into the whole world with his message with specific reference to baptize 'in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.'

Trinitarian God in our personal lives, Everyday spend three minutes either in the morning or in the evening as examination of conscience. Firstly, thank God the Father for his benevolence, for all the wonderful experience and life that we live. Secondly, Seek Jesus' forgiveness for failing to live a good Christian life, whatever mistake one committed that day and ask for his pardon and strength. Thirdly, submit your unknown future into the hands of the Holy Spirit to guide and lead. Finally, Everytime we put the sign of the cross, we invoke the powerful blessings of the Trinitarian God, hence don't hesitate to mark the sign of the cross as many times as possible.

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