

HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY

THEME: **LIKE GOD, LIKE WORSHIPPERS**

Easter celebration was essentially a celebration of Jesus Christ, the Second person of the Blessed Trinity. Pentecost was a celebration of the Holy Spirit, the third Person. After those two celebrations, today, Trinity Sunday, the Church celebrates all Three Persons of the Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The three Persons of the Blessed Trinity are but one God. They are not three persons in one Person; neither are they three gods in one God.

The doctrine of the inner relationship of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit in such a way that each of them is fully and equally God, yet there are not three Gods but one, cannot be fully comprehended by the human mind. It is a mystery.

If we expected today's readings to give us clear and elaborate presentation of the doctrine of the Blessed Trinity, we have found out that they simply do not. The doctrine of three persons in one God, equal in divinity yet distinct in personality, is not explicitly spelt out in the Bible. In fact the very word "Trinity" is not found in the Bible. Early Christians arrived at the doctrine when they applied their God given reason to the revelation which they had received in faith. Jesus spoke about the Father who sent him (the son) and about the Holy Spirit whom he was going to send. He said that the Father had given him (the Son) all that he has, and that he in turn has given to the Holy Spirit all that he has received from the Father. In this we see the unity of purpose among the three persons of the Trinity.

In the story of salvation, we usually attribute creation to the Father, redemption to the Son and sanctification to the Holy Spirit. Nevertheless, they are distinct as persons; neither the Father nor the Son nor the Holy Spirit ever exists or acts in isolation from the other two persons of the Godhead.

My brother and sisters in Christ, we may not be able to understand the **how** of the Trinity but I think it is very important to understand the **why**. Why did God reveal to us this mystery regarding the very nature of the Supreme Being? The importance of this doctrine lies in this: we are made in the image of God, therefore, the more we understand God the more we understand ourselves. Experts in religion tell us that people always try to be like the god they worship. People who worship a warrior god tend to be warmongering, people who worship a god of pleasure tend to be pleasure-seeking, people who worship a god of wrath tend to be vengeful, and people who worship a god of love tend to be loving; like a god, so the worshippers.

Therefore, the more important question for us to ask today is: What does the doctrine of the Blessed Trinity tell us about the kind of God we are worshipping and what does this say about the kind of people we should be?

As we celebrate Holy Trinity Sunday today, may that love and unity which God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit Share be established among us. Amen.