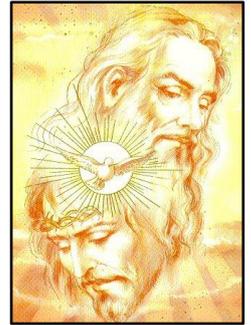


## HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY

*God is a communion of love – an eternal movement of the lover (the Father), the beloved (the Son) and the sharing of love (the Spirit).* Phillippe Yates



### **A READING FROM THE BOOK OF DEUTERONOMY 4:32-34. 39-40**

Moses said to the people: 'Put this question, then, to the ages that are past, that went before you, from the time God created man on earth: Was there ever a word so majestic, from one end of heaven to the other? Was anything ever heard? Did ever a people hear the voice of the living God speaking from the heart of the fire, as you heard it, and remain alive? Has any god ventured to take to himself one nation from the midst of another by ordeals, signs, wonders, war with mighty hand and outstretched arm, by fearsome terrors – all this that the Lord your God did for you before your eyes in Egypt?

Understand this today, therefore, and take it to heart: **the Lord is God indeed, in heaven above as on earth beneath, he and no other.** Keep his laws and commandments as I give them to you today, so that you and your children may prosper and live long in the land that the Lord your God gives you for ever.'

**The Word of the Lord.**

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM PS 32**

The word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted.  
The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love.  
*Happy the people the Lord has chosen as his own.*

By his word the heavens were made, by the breath of his mouth all the stars.  
He spoke; and they came to be. He commanded; they sprang into being.  
*Happy the people the Lord has chosen as his own.*

The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love,  
to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.  
*Happy the people the Lord has chosen as his own.*

Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield.  
May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.  
*Happy the people the Lord has chosen as his own.*

### **A READING FROM THE LETTER OF ST PAUL TO THE ROMANS 8:14-17**

Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God. The spirit you received is not the spirit of slaves bringing fear into your lives again; **it is the spirit of sons, and it makes us cry out, 'Abba, Father!'** The Spirit himself and our spirit bear united witness that we are children of God. And if we are children we are heirs as well: heirs of God and coheirs with Christ, sharing his sufferings so as to share his glory.

**The Word of the Lord**

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

### **A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW 28:16-20**

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him, they fell down before him though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.



Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; **baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit**, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

### **THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD.**

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### **REFLECTION**

Love is the essence of God's inner life and the goal of our lives is communion in love with God. God loves us and wants us to know him. God created us out of love for love. We are created out of relationship for relationship.

God is a communion of love – an eternal movement of the lover (the Father), the beloved (the Son) and the sharing of love (the Spirit). This Trinity who creates is the model of all relationships. The Trinity shows us who God is and who we are as creatures made in his image.

Jesus reveals God's faithful love to us by being himself the expression of it. Jesus lives this communion revealing God's love in his own life and enabling us, through the Spirit, to share his communion with the Father.

The concept of the Trinity can never be completely understood or even rationalized using analogies. Our concepts, words and analogies all have limits for understanding and expressing who God is. Scripture is our well lifelong for our growth and renewal in our understanding and relationships. Faith, a work of the Holy Spirit, is the context for our understanding. It is appropriate that we celebrate this mystery on the first Sunday after Pentecost, when we honour the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

May we seek and be open to the Spirit leading us and informing our understandings, prayer and relationships.

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