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Most Holy Trinity Sunday

Deuteronomy 4: 32 -34, 39 – 40

Romans 8: 14 -17

Matthew 28: 16 -20

Trinity Sunday celebrates the central Christian Doctrine of the Triune God, the three persons of God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The Trinity acknowledges three distinct ways in which God's presence can be experienced. This feast celebrates a reality and doctrine, rather than an event or a person. The Trinity also expresses a mysterious interdependence by way of "agape love" (which is defined as regard and charity – not romantic affection) that all three share for each other and for all of creation. This is the same love we should have for our neighbor.

The Trinity further points to a cosmic inter-connected nature for all creation, as an ever-changing scene evolving throughout salvation history. For example, today we are seeing images of the Trinity that are more feminine and cognizant of minorities and people of color. On the altar of the global village, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit will show many faces and shapes that are much different that we are. Thomas Merton – a Trappist Monk said, "Compassion is the key awareness of the interdependence of all things." This is the nature of the Trinity.

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