

Feast of the Most Holy Trinity, A, 6/07/20

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Most Holy Trinity and after one more feast day (the Body and Blood of Christ) we will return to Ordinary Time. The Feast of the Trinity is a unique feast because it does not celebrate an event such as Christmas, Easter or Pentecost but celebrates instead an article of faith, namely that we believe as Christians, that the one God exists in three Divine Persons – the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Sometimes I think a tricky question may come to our minds – where does this triune God live? I think we so often picture God living in some faraway hideout, completely out of the range of human beings. Do the pearly gates of this “heaven” have a sign on its Trinity Tower -- do not disturb? I do not think so! *This reminds me of friends I knew in a parish where I was stationed who had 12 children. They had a rule for them that the little office next to their living room was off limits to the children so that they had a place to be by themselves for a little privacy.*) Is that how we think of God? I know that is how I sometimes think of God. But then I try to remind myself that I am not a Pagan, I am a Christian. Psalm 135 vs. 15-18 reminds me that *“The god of the pagans are made of silver and gold; formed by human hands. They have eyes but cannot see and ears but cannot hear and they are not able to breathe.”*

Let us look at our readings for this Trinity Sunday for they give us an indication of where God actually does live. In the OT reading from Exodus Moses climbs up Mount Sinai to meet the Lord and we read that Moses then invites God to *“come along in our company.”* God accepts this invitation and ever since then we realize that God accompanies us as well! To help the Hebrew people to understand that God is with them as they wander through the desert, God asks Moses to build the Arc of the Covenant which

would contain the two tablets of the X Commandments and some manna.

In our NT reading taken from Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians we recognize the familiar words of our liturgy as we often begin mass with the words: *"The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of the God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all."*

Our Gospel reading from St. John confirms the fact of God's presence, a basic truth of our faith. These words were originally spoken to Nicodemus. They tell us the best news ever that our God continues *"to come along in our company."* We do not need to invite God into our lives -- *"God sent his only son Jesus into the world not to condemn the world but to save it."* So the God we sometimes picture somewhere in heaven is the God who actually is with us now. And wherever Jesus is, the Father and the Holy Spirit are for they are inseparable, simply: God is a triune God. What a wonder this is! Our transcendent, un-originated, preexistent, immutable, and immanent Trinity (words of our theologians over the years) is with us and within us!! We are what St. Paul reminds us: *"temples of the Trinity."* This is the triune God who forced our great theologians of the past to use these strange words above. It is simply that the God who loves us lives with us or simply to say: *"God comes along with us."*

So today's celebration of Trinity Sunday reminds us of what is really a very profound privilege that we actually *"keep company with the Blessed Trinity."* Sometimes, we think this is too good to be true, don't we? We think we are alone and cry where is God! But that is foolish. God is right here! So even when we feel so lonely these days, God is with us! Right here, right now!