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Matthew 28:19

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# The Most Holy **TRINITY**

Astonishing is the term that Clement of Alexandria used in referring to the Holy Trinity. Today's scriptures tell the astonishing stories, from Moses in the Old Testament to the end of Matthew's Gospel, of how we mere humans are intended to be intimately associated with our loving God. We see in Deuteronomy that Moses reminds the new generation of Israelites of the "astonishing" fact that, even though the ancient world teemed with gods, their God was the only God, that "there is no other." Saint Paul in the letter to the Romans writes about those who follow the Spirit as being "sons" of God, which of course would make us brothers and sisters of Christ, and, as he says, "joint heirs with Christ." Another astonishing statement! Finally, Christ bestows the Holy Spirit on the world as his continuing presence and force of divine revelation. How can we not be astonished?

## THE MYSTERY IS THE MASTERPIECE

The Most Holy Trinity is the central truth and, indeed, mystery of our lives as believers in God. Even so, few seem to be able talk about it. (Or is it "them"?) Must we be satisfied to take this truth as an inscrutable object of faith that we can easily ignore? Not at all! We are immersed in Trinitarian reality in many ways.

Please consider these clues to God as more than just Person of the Father. Remember the words of God in scripture when the world and all its wonders were coming to be. The formulas for each stage in creation begin with "Let us . . ." (Genesis 1:26). This is not merely the "Royal We." This is God as a plurality of Being. In Isaiah, the seraphim cry out "Holy, holy, holy . . ." (Isaiah 6:3). Ancient Middle Eastern superlatives come in threes, but why not consider it a sign of God's three-ness? And these Old Testament foreshadowings are nothing compared to our well-known baptismal formula, "I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." Notice that "name" is singular, and yet refers to three persons. Finally, as Christ tells the Apostles in today's Gospel, they are to go out and teach in that same singular triple name.

## SHALL WE DANCE?

The famous icon by the equally famous fourteenth-century iconographer Andrej Rublev is a depiction of the Trinity densely packed with symbolic content. The three "angels" sitting at a table are actually meant to be the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. They relate to each other in loving gesture, each one to the other, often described as "dance-like." And yet this triangular circle seems incomplete. Indeed it is, because we must become one with this circle of life-giving love. As in a dance, we are drawn into the divine life in the Trinitarian embrace of abundant glory and harmony. Then we complete the movement by taking that love incarnated out to the world, revealing the mystery to our sisters and brothers through our own lives.

Today's Readings: Dt 4:32–34, 39–40; Ps 33:4–5, 6, 9, 18–19, 20, 22; Rom 8:14–17; Mt 28:16–20

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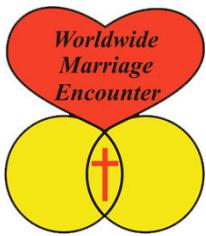
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### THE MYSTERY OF THE BLESSED TRINITY

Today we celebrate the solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. The Church sets aside this Sunday to focus our attention on the mystery of the Blessed Trinity, God who is one, but three persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

The first reading from Deuteronomy emphasizes both God's awesome greatness and amazing nearness. It might seem beyond belief, but the God of all creation speaks to us, protects us, and guides us. The second reading from Saint Paul's Letter to the Romans describes how we are to relate to the three persons who are one God. We are led by the Spirit to meet God the Father as adopted children. Our adoption is such that we are even heirs with our brother, Christ, the second person of the Trinity, in whose sufferings we must also share. In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus speaks with his authority as God and sends us to teach and baptize in the name of the Trinity.

### Liturgy and the Holy Trinity

The Trinity is the central mystery of our faith. We believe that God is one, yet three: total unity and rich diversity. God is not a monolith, but a dynamic community of persons, a perfect, loving harmony of three. And the liturgy is the work of the Trinity. We begin all our liturgical celebrations with the sign of the cross, a reminder of our Trinitarian baptism, and the simplest of all professions of our faith. We believe that God is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and we gather in the name of this triune God. Throughout the Mass, we address our prayers to God the Father, through Christ our Lord, in the Spirit's power. And the Father hears our prayer, transforming bread and wine into the Body and Blood of his Son by the Holy Spirit. The Church is “the sacrament of trinitarian communion” (*Sacramentum Caritatis*, 50). It is the Trinity who holds us together as well. In the words of Saint Cyprian, we are “a people made one by the unity of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit” (quoted in *Sacramentum Caritatis*, 16).

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Lk 1:39-56

Tuesday: Tb 2:9-14; Ps 112:1-2, 7-9; Mk 12:13-17

Wednesday: Tb 3:1-11a, 16-17a; Ps 25:2-5ab, 6-7bc, 8-9; Mk 12:18-27

Thursday: Tb 6:10-11; 7:1bcde, 9-17; 8:4-9a; Ps 128:1-5; Mk 12:28-34

Friday: Tb 11:5-17; Ps 146:1b-2, 6c-10; Mk 12:35-37

Saturday: Tb 12:1, 5-15, 20; Tb 13:2, 6efgh-8; Mk 12:38-44

Sunday: Ex 24:3-8; Ps 116:12-13, 15-18; Heb 9:11-15; Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

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Vayan, pues, y enseñen a todas las naciones,  
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y del Hijo y del Espíritu Santo.

Mateo 28:19

## La Santísima TRINIDAD

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### UN MISTERIO ASOMBROSO

Asombroso es una palabra que usó Clemente de Alejandría para referirse a la Santísima Trinidad. Las Escrituras de hoy narran historias asombrosas, desde Moisés en el Antiguo Testamento hasta el final del Evangelio de Mateo, de cómo nosotros meros humanos, estamos destinados a estar íntimamente asociados con nuestro amoroso Dios. Vemos en el libro del Deuteronomio que Moisés recuerda a la nueva generación de israelitas el hecho “asombroso” de que, aunque el mundo antiguo rebosaba con dioses, su Dios era el Único Dios, que “no hay otro”. San Pablo en su carta a los Romanos escribe acerca de quienes siguen al Espíritu Santo como “hijos” de Dios, lo que por supuesto, nos convertiría en hermanos y hermanas de Cristo y, como dice, “coherederos con Cristo”. ¡Otra afirmación sorprendente! Por último, Cristo otorga el Espíritu Santo al mundo como su presencia continua y fuerza de revelación divina. ¿Cómo no asombrarse?

### EL MISTERIO ES LA OBRA MAESTRA

La Santísima Trinidad es la verdad central y, de hecho, el misterio de nuestras vidas como creyentes en Dios. Aun así, pocos parecen ser capaces de hablar de ella. (¿O es “ellos”?) ¿Debemos conformarnos con tomar esta verdad como un objeto de fe que podemos ignorar fácilmente? ¡De ninguna manera! Estamos inmersos en la realidad trinitaria de muchas maneras.

Por favor considera estos indicios de que Dios es más que una persona del Padre. Recuerda las palabras de Dios en las Escrituras cuando el mundo y todas sus maravillas fueron creados. La frase con la que empieza cada etapa de la creación dice: “Hagamos...” (Génesis 1:26). Esto no es simplemente el “Nosotros, la realeza”. Este es Dios como una pluralidad de Seres. En Isaías, los serafines claman: “Santo, santo, santo...” (Isaías 6:3). Este uso múltiple de una palabra (superlativo) en la región del mundo del Antiguo Oriente era usado tres veces, pero ¿por qué no considerarlo como un signo de la triplicidad de Dios? Y estas prefiguraciones del Antiguo Testamento no son nada comparadas con nuestra conocida fórmula bautismal: “Yo te bautizo en el nombre del Padre y, del Hijo y del Espíritu Santo”. Hay que notar que “nombre” es singular, y sin embargo se refiere a tres personas. Por último, como Cristo les dice a los apóstoles en el Evangelio de hoy, deben salir y enseñar en ese mismo triple nombre singular.

### ¿BAILAMOS?

El famoso ícono del igualmente famoso iconógrafo del siglo XIV, Adrej Rublev, es una representación de la Trinidad densamente cargada de contenido simbólico. Los tres “ángeles” sentados en la mesa son en realidad el Padre, el Hijo y el Espíritu Santo. Se relacionan entre sí con gestos amorosos, cada uno con el otro, a menudo descritos como “danzantes”. Y, sin embargo, este círculo triangular parece incompleto. De hecho, lo está. Como en una danza, somos llevados a la vida divina en el brazo trinitario de abundante gloria y armonía. Luego completamos el movimiento llevando ese amor encarnado al mundo, revelando el misterio a nuestras hermanas y hermanos a través de nuestras vidas.

Lecturas de hoy: Dt 4:32–34, 39–40; Sal 33 (32):4–5, 6, 9, 18–19, 20, 22; Rom 8:14–17; Mt 28:16–20

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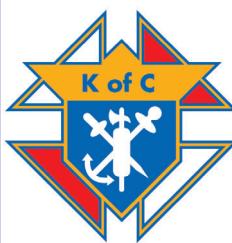
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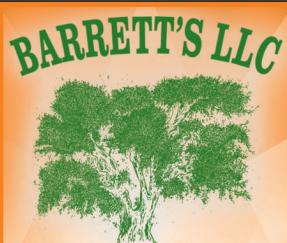
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