

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY - A

The Communion of the Most Holy Trinity

The celebration of God as Trinity reveals to us the true nature of our God, and shows us what's in the very heart of the one who is at the centre of the whole universe. And that nature is community, communion, sharing, harmony, and of course, love. If we look at what Jesus did not hunger for, it's very revealing.

He did not hunger for money. In fact, he warned us to be very wary of its hollow charms. He did not hunger for popularity.

In fact, the popularity contest was terribly won by a thief and a murderer named Barabbas. Rather, the true thirst and hunger of Jesus was that he longed to share his blessings with others. He thirsted for others' faith and participation.

He longed to protect and comfort the poor and the struggling. This is faith, hope, and love. Blessed be God the Father, and the only begotten Son of God, and also the Holy Spirit, for he has shown us his merciful love.

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The celebration of God as Trinity also reveals to us the true nature of God and shows us what is in the heart of the one who is at the centre of the universe. That nature of our God is a perfect community of persons with one divine nature, and within this union is communion, sharing, harmony, and above all, love, which is God's nature. If we look at what Jesus did not hunger for, it's just as revealing as what he did hunger for.

He did not hunger for money. In fact, he was very suspicious of it and treated it with suspicion. He warned us to be very wary of its hollow charms.

He did not hunger for popularity. In fact, a thief and a murderer, namely Barabbas, horribly won the popularity contest and he was released and Jesus was executed. The true thirsting and hunger of Jesus is this.

He longed to share with others. He thirsted for others' faith and participation. He longed to protect and comfort the poor and the struggling.

He could hardly wait to usher in the kingdom of peace, the kingdom of mercy and grace and inclusion, to invite us all into the inner life of God who is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, the three in one, which we particularly celebrate today. It breaks your heart, doesn't it, seeing so many people around the world clearly searching for something that will truly satisfy their longings. These paths they think are life-giving, they seem attractive, but ultimately they prove to be dead ends and very unsatisfying.

But does it stop us? No. We can tend to keep rushing down more and more paths of the next attractive glittering possibilities, whether it be the pursuit of money as supposedly the solution to everything, which it clearly isn't, power, influence, or celebrity. So many things in this world and society cry out for our attention, inviting us to get enmeshed in them.

May the Spirit of Truth guide us as we discern through the light of Jesus' words and actions just what are the truly life-giving treasures that we should be putting all our heart and soul into.

When we look at our local parish community, we're greatly heartened. When we look around the communities of the world, we see some very encouraging things.

In so many ways, people have asked themselves, now that I'm a follower of Jesus, a child of God, what shall I do in a very practical way to make a difference? God has answered our prayer in many varying ways and very satisfying ways that brings grace and benefit and service to so many people. People have joined, for example, Saint Vincent de Paul's Society and have done wonderful practical actions of charity to make a difference in the lives of people in need, to give them the dignity and respect that they have as children of God and vessels of Christ's presence. Others have joined the Surface Paradise Catholic Ladies and shared in the community, combining prayer, friendship, and good works to help others.

Other people have joined Rosie's Street Ministry to reach out to our brothers and sisters who are living on the streets and in need, and there are many, many other ministries in the parish and the wider community too. A wonderful variety of

ministries and activities are all part of the parish's mission, and we know that we're doing it in communion with Christ and with the Holy Spirit and the Heavenly Father because we are abiding in them and they in us. The list of different ministries and ways of practically helping people is wonderfully long.

There's so much to do, and God is calling each and every one of us in our own local sphere of influence to be united, to be in communion with God and with one another in the spirit of cooperation, practical assistance, and spiritual support.

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