

## Homily by Fr. Anthony Davis

**"The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all!"**

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The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity (Year A)

Exod. 34:4b-6, 8-9; 2Cor. 13:11-13; John 3:16-18

Today is the Feast of the Most Holy Trinity. "The light of Eastertide and of Pentecost renews in us every year the joy and amazement of faith: let us recognize that God is not something vague; our God is not a God "spray," he is tangible; he is not abstract but has a name: "God is love"... (Pope Francis I)

The doctrine of the inner relationship of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit in such a way that each of them is fully and equally God, yet there are not three Gods but one, cannot be fully comprehended by the human mind. It is a mystery. Thus, if we expected today's readings to give us a clear and elaborate presentation of the doctrine of the Blessed Trinity, we have found out that they simply do not. This means that the doctrine of 3 Persons in one God, equal in divinity yet distinct in personality, is not explicitly spelt out in the Bible. In fact, the very word "Trinity" is not found in the Bible. Early Christians arrived at the doctrine when they applied their God-given reason to the revelation which they had received in faith. Jesus spoke about the Father who sent him (the Son) and about the Holy Spirit whom he was going to send. He said that the Father had given him (the Son) all that he has; and that he in turn has given to the Holy Spirit all that he has received from the Father. In this we see the unity of purpose among the three persons of the Trinity.

Life Message: Accordingly, in the story of salvation, we usually attribute Creation to the Father, Redemption to the Son and Sanctification to the Holy Spirit. Nevertheless, though they are distinct as persons, neither the Father nor the Son nor the Holy Spirit ever exists or acts in isolation from the other two persons of the Godhead.

As critical as the human mind usually is, we may not be able to conceptualize or understand the "how" of the Trinity, but I think it is very important to understand the "why" of the Triune God. So why did God reveal to us this mystery regarding the very nature of the Supreme Being? The importance of this doctrine lies in this that we are made in the image of God. Hence, the more we understand God the more we understand ourselves. And since "God is Love", we His children, must necessarily exude this characteristic of God, i.e. "Love". Hence thinking that God is love, does us so much good, because it teaches us to love, to give ourselves to others as Jesus gave himself to us, and walks with us on the road through life. Therefore, "If anyone says, 'I love God', but hates his brother, he is a liar; for whoever does not love a brother whom can see, cannot love God whom he can't see...So whoever loves God must also love his brother" (1Jn.4:20-12).

Conclusion: Therefore, I want to share with you that God does not exist in solitary individualism, but in a community of love and sharing. Indeed, God is not a loner; and no man is an Island! This means that a Christian in search of Godliness and ideal Christian spirituality must shun every tendency to isolationism.

How then, can we grow in our unity of love, understanding, and experience of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit? Through baptism we receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit, our Teacher and Guide, in each one of us, to enable us to fulfill his commandments in our lives. Ask the Lord Jesus to renew in you the gift of the Holy Spirit who strengthens us in the seven-fold gifts of wisdom and understanding, right judgment and courage, knowledge and reverence, and holy fear in God's presence (Isaiah 11:2-3).

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God...be with you all. AMEN!!!