

REFLECTION ON HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY

The solemnity we celebrate today is not an invitation to decipher the mystery behind 'one God in three persons'; but it is an invitation to contemplate the God who is love, who is family, who is community, and who created human beings to share in this mystery of love. The readings we have heard help us to follow this path of contemplation of our God.

The first reading suggests that we contemplate God's 'wisdom' in creation. God has existed with his wisdom since all eternity. Through him all things were created, and without him nothing was made. Through creation we are invited to come to God. It is a pity that many are amazed by the beauty of creation but are incapable of marvelling at the one who created it all. God's goodness and love are inscribed and manifested to men in the beauty and harmony of His works. May nature lead us to Him who, with His wisdom, created and governs all things, our God. And may this help us to respect nature, our common home, as Pope Francis said.

The second reading invites us to contemplate the God who loves us infinitely and who, therefore, "justifies" us, freely and unconditionally, through his only Son, Jesus Christ, the second person of the Holy Trinity, God who became man with us. In him we place our hope, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. St Paul thus speaks to us of the three persons of the Holy Trinity - the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. It is our God who is love and who pours his love into our hearts so that we too may share in that same love, in life in God, placing our hope in him.

In the Gospel, Jesus Christ also speaks to us of the Father, of himself (the Son) and of the Holy Spirit. Everything must converge towards the glorification of the Father, whose love is manifested in the gift and surrender of his Son and who continues to accompany our historical journey through the Spirit. The ultimate goal of this 'love story' is our full insertion into communion with God/love, with God/family, with God/community, animated by the Holy Spirit who guides us in truth and enlightens us with his light of grace and peace.

Let us celebrate with joy this Sunday our God, the Holy Trinity, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Let us affirm our faith in him, praising him for his creation and, in particular, for the love he has shown in Jesus Christ. God-Trinity is God-love. Let us also seek to live in the ways of love, in the ways of peace and justice, of forgiveness and mercy, of fraternal communion, because these alone are the ways of God. God is Love, St John tells us, and only those who live in love live in God.

Amen