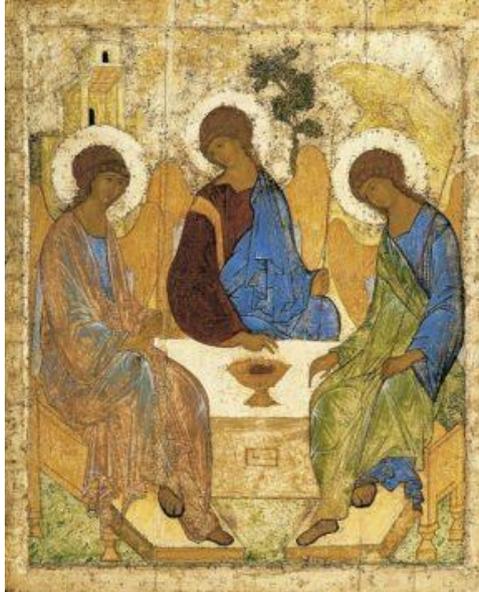


Feast of The Most Holy Trinity

Today's Liturgy of the Word invites us to reflect on the three-ness and one-ness of God. Three persons living in such a close loving relationship that they are one.



The first reading, from Proverbs, is sheer poetry that personifies divine wisdom. Lady Wisdom (Wisdom is always referred to as feminine) invites us to witness God's creation of the whole earth through her eyes. She was already there, she boldly claims, "*before the oldest of his works*", "*from the beginning, before earth came into being*," when as yet there were "*no springs to gush with water*," and "*before the hills*" and "*countryside*" and "*first grains of the world's dust*" were made. She "*was by his side, a master craftsman*". Through it all, she asserts, "*I delighted him day by day, ever at play in his presence, at play everywhere in his world, delighting in the human race.*"

Today's Gospel, taken from the Last Supper discourse in John, has Jesus telling the disciples that he still has "*many things to say to you but they would be too much for you now.*" Seeing their sorrow at the prospect of his leaving, Jesus promises to send them another Advocate, the "*Spirit of truth*" who will guide them to "*the complete truth*" and declare to them "*the things that are to come.*"

Today's readings draw us into the living presence of a triune God who delights in creating beauty, life and order; a God whose Divine Wisdom, having found delight in the human race, became flesh and dwelt among us.

Today's second reading says that we are at peace with God through Jesus Christ, and "*the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.*" In other words, as Rublev's icon (above) suggests, there is a place for us at the table of our infinitely hospitable, triune God!

Pope Francis invited us to practise this being-in-communion with one another by participating in the worldwide, two-year synodal process—"walking" together along the Way marked out for us by Christ. Participating requires patient listening to and respectful dialogue with our sisters and brothers – especially those who are marginalized, for whatever reason.



The mystery of the Most Holy Trinity tells us that we do not have a solitary God up there in heaven, far away.

No, He is the Father who gave us his Son, who became man like us, and who sends his own Spirit to be even closer to us.

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God as a relational community is where each person in the Godhead relates to the others in love and together this triune God reaches out to people in love, seeking deep communion with them.

We are made in the image and likeness of God; therefore, we are called to be in a relational community with one another and with our God. St Augustine said, “You see the Trinity if you see love.”

“The Feast of the Most Holy Trinity leads us to contemplate the mystery of God who unceasingly creates, redeems and sanctifies, always with love and through love.”

—Pope Francis, May 27, 2018

The Trinity of love, whom we celebrate today, invites us into a relationship with God. The doctrine of the Trinity teaches us that God is a relationship of perfect love between the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. The Trinity welcomes us as sons and daughters into this family communion of love.

We, as the community of the Most Holy Trinity Dockhead, live in relationship with one another. Our bonds are strong and our hearts are open to all. This is our gift from God and our gift to the church. Through our love, kindness and care for one another and for God’s creation, we witness to the relational community that is God. We remember this every time we bless ourselves, “In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.”

