

# Trinity Sunday

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*Deut 4:32-34 Rm 8:14-17 Mt 28:16-20*

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The story is told of a little boy who once built a beautiful underwater world for his pet goldfish. However, all they did was swim in circles at the top of the bowl. He would tap the glass, point down, and tell the fish to go deeper to see all that loveliness. But nothing happened. Round and round they went. Hour after hour. Day after day. Finally, his mother told him that in order to communicate with them, he would have to become like them, climb in, and then show them the way. After that, the little boy watched sadly from the outside, wishing with all his heart that he could become a goldfish too.

Well, God became a “goldfish” for us, bending with the impulse of incredible Divine love to hide all that Godliness in our flesh, blood, skin, bones, mind, heart, and soul in order to share our limitations and then point the way to something better. And God called this act of Self-giving “Jesus!”

One of the unfortunate teachings of our early childhood was the doctrine of the Trinity as something we must accept on faith, since we simply cannot understand it. Nor did the catechisms even try to explain it. However, Father Thomas Keating tells us that “the doctrine of the Divine Indwelling of the Most Holy Trinity is the most important of all the principles of the spiritual life.” Why so? He tells us that God’s *own life* is being communicated to us but with such “high frequency” that its presence is not perceived by our limitations.

However, to accept this basic truth and to center ourselves within its Reality, we must become willing and helpless contemplatives who invite the mystery to take flesh within us. Then we are pulled with a type of magnetic force to make the quantum leap into that Divine Indwelling. And suddenly, our perception of reality – of all God’s creative force, power, goodness, tenderness, and love – changes radically. We no longer have to go round and round in circles, for we can now take on the privilege of living our lives to their very fullest and walking in the world with the sacred steps of the Divine.

Picture this scene. As you approach Eucharist, accept that the all-pervasive, limitless, unbounded, unknowing (as we know!) love of God pours itself into the human personhood that God takes on and names Jesus, who, in turn, is poured into the limited frailty of bread and wine which, in turn, is poured into you as Gift beyond anything your limited being can possibly contain or absorb. Accept that at this moment, every angel kneels before you singing praise to the Indwelling Presence before them and whose frequency only they can detect. Accept that you are now One with the Great Family Spirit of God whose spiritual DNA marks you forever with a Divine surname.

The mystery – or surprise – of the Trinity, therefore, is not that there are three Divine Persons dwelling in One God. The mystery – or surprise – is that our Loving Abba, Beloved Jesus, and Lover Spirit are dwelling in us!

*“Every time we cry ‘Abba! Father!’ the Spirit assures our spirit that we are children of God!” Rm 8:15*