

Gospel Reflection

The scriptures for this feast give us important clues to help us grasp, if not solve, the mystery of God. In the reading from Exodus God's name is revealed to Moses. God is "the LORD, a merciful and gracious God, slow to anger and rich in kindness and fidelity" (Exodus 34:6). Thus, unimaginable as it may be, the Lord of the whole universe cares intimately for humanity and treats us always with merciful love. In fact, the Gospel tells us that God "so loved the world that he gave his only Son" that we "might have eternal life" (John 3:16). And that is not the end of God's loving-kindness. The reading from Second Corinthians reminds us that "the God of love and peace" (2 Corinthians 13:11) is in our midst when we live in love and peace. God shares divine life with us by pouring out the Holy Spirit of grace, love, and holiness into the community of those who believe.

While we can never fully understand the mystery of God, we do receive clues to the nature of God through our *experiences* of God moving in our lives. And those experiences reveal to us that what the scriptures say is true. Little by little we realize with awe that God is indeed the Lord of the universe, creating and ordering all that is good. We recognize with humble gratitude the ways in which Christ's immense love has saved and brought us to life. Finally, we experience with joy the Holy Spirit alive in the community of believers, filling us with a love and peace that could only come from God.

The mystery of the Trinity is meant to be experienced, believed, and lived. And we ourselves are called to be living clues that reveal to others the mysterious love of the Most Holy Trinity. How are you being called to reveal the mystery of the Trinity more fully in your life?

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John 3:16-18

E H Q E T B O S E W H Z I
V O L O V E E T E Y T G U
E P J M E L E L I N L I R
R B I D I R F D I P T N I
Y T Z N N H E O G E D M O
O E W A S V S G Z M V Y D
N L L C A D K I N P G E I
E I D S R O H A R S Q D S
U F E V A G M J O E G L P
A E L L D E N X N I P R R
M M R U W L L O L F P O O
R C P B G T S Y H R B W G
N M E D N O C T P W L P C

Find these words from the Gospel passage.

BELIEVES	CONDEMN	ETERNAL
EVERYONE	GAVE	GOD
LIFE	LOVE	NAME
ONLY	PERISH	SAVED
SENT	SON	WORLD

Disciple's Reflection & Questions of the Week

*Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity
5/18/2008*

*John 3:16-18
Faith-Sharing
Questions of the Week*



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Call to Prayer

We begin by calling upon God:

**In the Name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the
Holy Spirit, Amen.**

*We then pause for a moment to listen with
our hearts to this week's Gospel passage...*

The Word of God: *John 3:16-18*

The Gospel according to John

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

Whoever believes in him will not be condemned, but whoever does not believe has already been condemned, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

The Gospel of the Lord

The Trinitarian Knot: A Symbol of the Holy Trinity



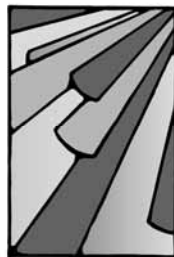
Gospel Glossary

The World: A consistent theme in John's Gospel, the World and its refusal to accept Christ are often contrasted with divine love and mercy.

Condemn: To hand down a sentence of guilt



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Faith Sharing

Questions of the Week

- How is my daily life affected by my belief in God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit?
- How does the Trinitarian nature of God inspire me to fellowship with God and with others?
- How can I better become an embodiment of divine fellowship?

Closing Prayer

Father,

You sent your Word to bring us truth and your Spirit to make us holy. Help us to worship you, on God in three persons, by proclaiming and living our faith in you. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.

Amen

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