

7 JUNE 2020
THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

OPENING HYMN

We are here to praise you, lift our hearts and sing.
We are here to give you, the best that we can bring.
And it is our love, rising from our hearts.
Everything within us cries, "Abba Father"
Help us now to give you, pleasure and delight,
Heart and mind and will that say, 'I love you Lord.'

(or choose an appropriate alternate hymn)

OPENING PRAYER

God our Father, who, by sending into the world the Word of truth and the spirit of sanctification, made known to the human race your wondrous mystery, grant us, we pray, that in professing the true faith, we may acknowledge the Trinity of eternal glory and adore your unity, powerful in majesty. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

FIRST READING: Acts 34:4-6, 8-9

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Dan 3:52-56

You are blest, Lord God of our Fathers.
To you glory and praise for evermore.
Blest your glorious holy name.
To you glory and praise for evermore.

You are blest in the temple of your glory.
To you glory and praise for evermore.
You are blest on the throne of your kingdom.
To you glory and praise for evermore.

You are blest who gaze into the depths.
To you glory and praise for evermore.
You are blest in the firmament of heaven.
To you glory and praise for evermore.

SECOND READING: 2 Cor 13:11-13

GOSPEL: Jn 3:16-18

REFLECTION:

Society today promotes values such as materialism, individualism, personal rights etc. The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity invites us to live in communion with one another as the Trinity does.

The first and second readings of today tell us that God is merciful, gracious, slow to anger, kind, faithful, loving and peaceful. The gospel text of today tells us that God gave His *'only Son'* that we might have and experience fullness of life. God shows His love for us by the sacrifice of Jesus' total self-giving love. He also gifts us with the presence of the Holy Spirit who dwells in Jesus' disciples and each one of us. There is nothing that we have done to merit or earn this gift, but it is God's gracious gift to us. Let us pause and reflect on how our experience of communion with the Trinity leads us to communion with others and creation.

The second reading of today opens up for us concrete examples of self giving: *'rejoice, mend your ways, encourage one another, live in peace, greet one another with a holy kiss'*. Which concrete example appeals to me? **(Pause.)** We are indeed privileged to experience and express this fullness of life through our own acts of love, goodness, mercy and peace.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Leader: On the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, let us confidently bring our prayers before the Lord who is gracious and merciful.

Our response is: Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for all the members of the Church, that they may live in harmony and communion with God and one another **(pause)**; let us pray to the Lord...

We pray for all the people of the earth that they will share their belongings and care for each other **(pause)**; let us pray to the Lord...

We pray for all those who are suffering and experiencing hardships because of the Corona virus pandemic. May they receive medical assistance, care and support of the community; **(pause)**; let us pray to the Lord...

We pray for all baptised Christians that we may grow in our self giving love for one another; **(pause)**; let us pray to the Lord...

Leader: Triune God, You reveal Yourself to us as a community of love. Hear our prayers and grant us the grace to model our communion with each other on self-giving love and respect for each other. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let us together at the Saviour's command and formed by Divine teaching, dare to say:
(All say the Lord's Prayer together) Our Father, ...

CLOSING PRAYER

O Lord our God, bring us health of body and soul as we confess your eternal Holy Trinity and undivided unity. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF FROM THE CORONAVIRUS

Almighty and merciful God, who show Your love to all creation everywhere, hear graciously the prayers we make for all those affected by the Coronavirus in various parts of the world.

We come before You asking for a quick control of the outbreak, for a healing of those affected, for the victims and their families.

We pray for the doctors doing research that an effective vaccine to combat the sickness is speedily found.

We pray for the Government and health authorities that they take appropriate steps for the good of the people. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

**Praise God, praise God,
Let his love remind us of the power of his name.
Praise God, praise God,
All creation sings its song of praise.**

The Lord is kind and merciful;
His anger slow to rise.
The Lord is good in all his works;
His graciousness remains forever.

(or choose an appropriate alternate hymn)