

Solemnity of the Holy Trinity homily for June 7, 2020 on
Exodus 34: 4-9; Daniel 3: 52-56; 2 Corinthians 13: 11-13; John 3: 16-18

Today is the Solemnity of Holy Trinity, the greatest mystery of our faith. On the day of our baptism, we were claimed to be of God, in the name of the Holy Trinity. The priest or deacon poured water and said, "I baptize you in the name of the Father, in the name of the Son and in the name of the Holy Spirit." From that moment, the Kingdom of God was extended to us through the Trinitarian presence. We are adopted to be the children of God.

But why were we baptized in the Trinitarian name? Why not simply in the name of Jesus Christ? Why were we not baptized simply in the name of God? We were baptized in the name of the Holy Trinity because we were claimed by all that God is, the fullness of God, that is, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Today's celebration of the Holy Trinity, reminds us that we belong to the fullness of God. Each reading gives a glance of all the persons of the Trinity. In the first reading from Exodus God came down in a cloud and proclaimed His Name, "Lord." Ex. 34: 6 tells us, "The Lord called out, I, the Lord, am a God who is full of compassion and pit, who is not easily angered and who shows great love and faithfulness." These are the attributes given to the first person of the Trinity, the Father. The Gospel proclaims that God's love is so great, that He gave his Son, Jesus Christ, to us to save us. Reading from 2 Cor. 13: 13 presents Paul concludes his greetings, "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all". We use this same greeting at all our Eucharistic services, to invite every member of the Church. It is the Trinitarian formula.

God loves us unconditionally as we are and dwells in us. In John 14:16 Jesus said, "If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him." He is here and now in our spiritual life, that makes a human being, a child of God. Jesus promised us that He would never leave us alone, and we are not alone. He is with us always, not just outside of us, but within us. Through our inner inspirations, the Holy Spirit always guides us. He is a helper who helps us in our needs. That was the fulfillment of Jesus' promise, gift of the Holy Spirit, on the feast of Pentecost.

Our dignity as sons and daughters of God is far more than a title. We have been claimed by God. We belong to Him and He belongs to us. We need to ask ourselves, "Is God in my room, in my house, or at the party in which I participate"? If people are flaunting the basic dictates of morality, then we are certain that He is not there. And we know that it is beneath our dignity as children of God to be present there at such occasions and could avoid them.

In the sacrament of penance, many people come to a recognition that they have not behaved well, as they should. Sometimes people will have a huge list of serious sins they wish to confess. They will go on and on. When they finish, they will feel a kind of relief from their past burden of guilt. At our repentance, God is patiently waiting for us to renew our friendship. Why? He loves us unconditionally as we are because we are His children and part of His heavenly Kingdom. We can experience God as our protector, guide, and our loving friend. Today we are reminded of who God is: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and who we are, God's children bearing His Presence where we live and move! Let us keep this message all through our lives. May God bless you! +++ Amen. Fr. Thomas Kakkaniyil