

Companions IN PRAYER



Sisters of St. Clare
Saginaw, MI

Trinity Sunday

Trinity Sunday is a day for Awe and Wonder. Theologians and teachers have tried to explain the Trinity to us. St. Thomas Aquinas used the symbol of a triangle, and St. Patrick chose a shamrock to explain God's mysterious nature. But these symbols aren't powerful enough to move our hearts to awe and wonder.

However, what does move our hearts to awe and wonder is giving thanks and praise for all the things that Jesus has told us about God, and thanks for the presence of the Holy Spirit with us, whom our Gospel calls, "The Spirit of Truth." For we know that this Spirit continues to reveal more of God's blessings to us each day.

We feel awe and wonder when we recognize that while God is mysterious in many ways, we know that God is love. We know that God's love is always giving. We know that because God loves us, Jesus came to be with us. Born as one like us in "swaddling clothes," Jesus understands our humanity. Like us, he needed food to eat, he liked to smell the flowers, and he loved his friends like Mary, Martha, and Lazarus. We are told that he cried when Lazarus died.

We feel awe and wonder when we realize that Jesus came to tell us what we know about God whom he called Father. Jesus' parables and actions speak of a God that continually invites us into the Kingdom of God. The parables tell us of a loving God that welcomes us. We know that the

Kingdom of God is not earned; it is given in love. All are invited in spite of our shortcomings and sin. We know that God is love, and love is never alone; love is always with us.

We feel awe and wonder when we acknowledge Jesus' gift of the "Spirit of Truth" who dwells among us. This Spirit guides us, and leads us in our everyday lives. We are blessed with this Holy Presence wherever we may be—in our work, in our parishes, in our families, and in our homes. Our call is to step deeper and deeper into the reign of God here among us.

Wonder
and
Awe

The awe and wonder of God in our life is an expression of how important God's presence is to us. God the Father gives us life, Jesus removed our fear of death through his resurrection, and the Spirit dwells with us to guide us.

We celebrate Trinity Sunday as a day of awe and wonder because it celebrates the fulfillment of Jesus' great desire to reveal the Father. As worshippers, we have traveled together through Lent and Holy Week, we have experienced 50 days of the resurrected Jesus, and celebrated his gift of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost to be with us. Trinity Sunday is our time to kneel in awe and wonder in appreciation for our being loved by our God revealed to us through Jesus Christ.

Sr. Laura and Sisters

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