

Homily Helps and Petitions for Trinity Sunday, Cycle B (May 30, 2021)

Homily Helps

† Scripture Passages to Note:

Deuteronomy 4: You must keep his statutes and commandments that I enjoin on you today, that you and your children after you may prosper

Psalms 33: Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

Romans 8: For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a Spirit of adoption, through whom we cry, "Abba, Father!"

Matthew 28: Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.

† Comments for the Day:

St. Augustine wrote, "If you see charity, you see the Trinity." *Laudato Si'* affirms that "social, political love" oriented towards the common good of all earth's community of life is an expression of charity. We need to look for the presence of the Trinity in creation.

Trinitarian metaphors of active social, political love at the local or global level include:

- Serving the poor, disenfranchised, and unemployed;
- Acting publicly to uphold human life, economic justice, and climate justice;
- Reminding ourselves and others that the Creator has blessed us with sunlight, rain, healthy soil and oceans – gifts to be shared, not squandered or abused.

In 1971, Catholic bishops from around the world gathered at the Vatican and concluded that:

"Action on behalf of justice and participation in the transformation of the world fully appear to us as a constitutive dimension of the preaching of the Gospel, or, in other words, of the Church's mission for the redemption of the human race and its liberation from every oppressive situation."

The gospel compels us to care for the poor and to safeguard our common home. We are also called to transform our lifestyles, as well as the social and political structures that trample upon the poor and vulnerable. Our willingness to act in Christ is a measure of how authentically we embrace the truth and presence of the Holy Trinity in our created world.

† Passages from *Laudato Si'* to Note:

The climate is a common good, belonging to all and meant for all. At the global level, it is a complex system linked to many of the essential conditions for human life. ... Humanity is called to recognize the need for changes of lifestyle, production and consumption. (23)

We have to realize that a true ecological approach always becomes a social approach; it must integrate questions of justice in debates on the environment, so as to hear *both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor*. (49)

Love, overflowing with small gestures of mutual care, is also civic and political, and it makes itself felt in every action that seeks to build a better world. Love for society and commitment to the common good are outstanding expressions of a charity that affects not only relationships between individuals but also “macro-relationships, social, economic and political ones.” (231)

The world was created by the three Persons acting as a single divine principle, but each one of them performed this common work in accordance with his own personal property. Consequently, “when we contemplate with wonder the universe in all its grandeur and beauty, we must praise the whole Trinity”. For Christians, believing in one God who is trinitarian communion suggests that the Trinity has left its mark on all creation. (238, 239)

The divine Persons are subsistent relations, and the world, created according to the divine model, is a web of relationships. Creatures tend towards God, and in turn it is proper to every living being to tend towards other things, so that throughout the universe we can find any number of constant and secretly interwoven relationships. This leads us not only to marvel at the manifold connections existing among creatures, but also to discover a key to our own fulfilment. (240)

Related Prayers of the Faithful

Option 1: That the celebration of today’s Feast of the Holy Trinity will help our parish, our arch/diocese and all of us to hear and respond to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor, let us pray to the Lord....

Option 2: That faith-based and other organizations may help protect life by addressing the issue of climate change and its impacts on all of creation, let us pray to the Lord. ...

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