

A-Trinity

Who is God for you? That is a question that would stop any conversation or empty any room. This is not the type of information that we like to share with very many people. It is a very personal question since we each experience God in a unique way. The phrase “for you” is important since the God who we Christians worship is not an abstract principle or an “unmoved mover” who created the world and let it run on its own. The God who we acknowledge and worship has entered into a personal relationship with us and cares for us both as individuals and a community of faith.

The Feast of the Holy Trinity that we are celebrating today is for us Christians, the feast of God. The very notion of “three persons, one God” challenges any attempt at rational explanation and it can seem difficult to make applications to everyday life.

Who God is for us depends on our relationship with God. For St. Paul writing in the second letter to the Corinthians has experienced God as Grace. The word grace refers to divine favor. In Christ, God has shown favor toward us, a special care for us. Jesus the Word of God made flesh, is proof of God’s loving care for us. For the gospel writer who calls himself John, God is love and “God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes may not perish but might have eternal life.” Christ is God’s gift to us, the ultimate sign of God’s grace. How we respond to that grace is our gift to God.

According to our first reading from the Old Testament book of Exodus we discover that the Lord is “a merciful and gracious God, slow to anger and rich in kindness.” It emphasizes God’s great love for us. This is no distant and impersonal God. This is a God who loves us with a mother’s love. This is a God who shows infinite patience with us, enters our lives, acts within our history, forgives our sins and works for our salvation.

The face of God cannot be seen, but God’s love can be perceived through divine presence in the midst of the people and through God’s marvelous deeds of mercy throughout history.

This Sunday is about God, our God. Through the life and teaching of Jesus we have learned that God is not an impersonal Supreme Being. Jesus has revealed that God is love. The God of Jesus is life-giving, caring, merciful, and compassionate.

The feast of the Holy Trinity is the perfect opportunity to think about who God is for us and about the image of God we portray to others.