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THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Year A



As you make the sign of the cross today, think carefully about the meaning of the words.



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Blest be God the Father,
and the Only Begotten Son of God,
and also the Holy Spirit,
for he has shown us his merciful love.

COLLECT

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...

We say these words
or sing a hymn as the
priest approaches
the altar.

We ask for God's help.
Listen now to the
priest as he offers
this prayer.



DO YOU KNOW?

St Augustine wrote a book about the Trinity. In it he said "God is Love, Lover and Beloved". God is a community of love. When we share love we become even more like God. We can practise every day to become more loving by following Jesus' example and putting other people first.



FIRST READING EXODUS 34:4-6. 8-9

Forgetting that God has rescued them from slavery, the people have turned away from God. They don't understand why they are still wandering homeless in the desert and are angry with God. But none of this matters.

God wants to restore their relationship. God comes to Moses and Moses stands with God. Moses knows all too well that the people are far from perfect, but he is confident in God's love and goodness as he asks God to forgive them.

LOOK at the reader and LISTEN.

God wants us to know that God is loving and forgiving.

The cantor or psalmist sings or says the psalm. Listen to the verses, and then respond by using these words.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM DANIEL 3

To you glory and praise for evermore.



SECOND READING 2 CORINTHIANS 13:11-13

Paul is writing to the Christians in Corinth to encourage them in their journey of faith. He wants them to help each other as they try to grow more like God and learn to love in peace in love. We all need other

people to help us as we learn to become better people. Our Church community can help us grow in love and, most importantly, God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit will be with us all, helping us every day.

LOOK at the reader and LISTEN.

All Christians are growing to be more like God, more loving, every day.



We give a shout of praise to God, using these words taken from the Bible.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
the God who is, who was, and who is to come.
Alleluia!



THINK

St Paul asks the Corinthians to be united and live in peace. Many Christians today are involved in ecumenism, working towards a better understanding between the different Christian Churches or denominations. Perhaps you can find out about Churches Together in your area and maybe get involved.



The Good News about Jesus is told to us by St John

Jesus' love shines brightly and draws all sorts of people to him. Nicodemus is a Jewish leader who comes to meet Jesus secretly, at night time. Jesus' message to Nicodemus brings light into all our lives. God loves each one of us. God does

not want to judge or punish us. Out of pure love God the Father sent God the Son, Jesus, to show us all what real love is and God the Holy Spirit will help us all to share God's love with the people we meet. God's love brings us life and happiness now and forever.

STAND to LISTEN to the priest or deacon as he prepares to read the Gospel. What does the priest or deacon do to the book when he has finished reading the Gospel?



PRAY

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.



PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Dear Lord, I would like to pray for anyone who has fallen out with their family. Help them to make friends again and find love and peace. Lord, hear my prayer.

Listen to the reader as he or she encourages us to pray for situations and people in need. This is a prayer you could say privately.



OFFERTORY PROCESSION

As we take our gifts of bread, wine and money to the altar, think of something wonderful which you saw this week, then think of someone that you love.

Watch as the gifts are made ready and the priest washes his hands and prepares for the Eucharistic Prayer.

Say a little prayer offering these thoughts up to God.



THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Today's special prayer thanks God for fulfilling all God's promises to us.

We listen to the prayer of praise and thanks to God.

What can you give special thanks for today?



THE LORD'S PRAYER

As the priest extends his hands, we say the prayer that Jesus taught us.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Since you are children of God, God has sent into your hearts the Spirit of his Son, the Spirit who cries out: Abba, Father.

You are invited to sing a Communion song or say this verse, which has been especially chosen for today's celebration.



MY PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Dear Lord Jesus, thank you for showing me what real love is like. Help me to put other people first, just as you did. Amen.



is the Greek word for "fish" and was used in the catacombs as a sign for early Christians. It is made up from the first letter of five Greek titles for the Lord:

- I (Jesus)
X (Christos)
Θ (Theou/God's)
Υ (Uios/Son)
Σ (Soter/Saviour)



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We take Jesus with us to carry on the work that he did on earth, until we meet again next Sunday.

Go in peace.

