

Trinity Sunday - Year B

- Today is Trinity Sunday – I remember as a boy being taught about Trinity when I was taught to make the sign of the cross
 - 3 fingers – F., S., HS.
 - 2 fingers curled under – God’s Love and Fidelity, point at us.

Many ways have been used to teach about the Trinity – it is a mystery

How do you explain God? Beyond us – Incomprehensible, yet we try.

(1) St. Patrick used a shamrock (clover)

Others have used (2) prism – or (3) a Rope – or a (4) Plant

The Trinity is all throughout scripture

Gen 1 God says, “Let US make man in OUR image”

Gen 11 at Tower of Babel “let US go down and confound their language”

MT 28 “Go therefore and teach all nations, Baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit”

- Bottom Line – God is a God in relationship – because He loves (His nature)
The Father, Son, & Holy Spirit is ONE GOD IN RELATIONSHIP, 3 yet 1.
 - Creation – allowing ‘not God’ to exist, so that:
 - The one-ness of the Trinity would have an other – a beloved

- Romans explores OUR relationship with God
 - “Those who are led by Spirit are Sons of God” <children>
 - Led by HS we cry “ABBA Father”
 - Not LORD, KING, MASTER of the Old Covenant
 - Rather, a New Covenant with spirit of adoption ABBA
 - CARNEY GAVIN in Israel

Our relationship with God is rooted in love – simple childlike love

And to understand Trinity we need to be – simple, childlike, & loving

So we draw upon images like clover, and plants BUT

In reality understanding God is beyond us

But we don’t stop trying

- The Gospel of MT ends with a CLAIM, a COMMISSION, and a PROMISE
 - Jesus claims “All power in heaven & on earth has been given to me”
THEREFORE
 - The commission “Go and make disciples of ALL nations baptizing ...”
Why? Because JC has all power in heaven & on earth
Nope Because JC loves us, its not about power, its love.
 - That’s why there’s a promise
 - “I am with you always – till the end of the age”
 - Making disciples of all nations is scary business - but
WHY FEAR? **We have Jesus with us. Jesus has all power in heaven and on the earth!**