



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. This feast is a reminder of the central mystery of our Christian faith. While much can be learned about God by reason, the truth that He is Triune – one God, three Persons – can only be known because He has revealed this to us.

I was thinking about all of the different faiths over the course of history. Certainly, as we look at the Greek and Roman pantheon, we see not one, but many gods. They saw the gods not as beings to get close to or imitate, but as powerful beings to pander to in order to get what you wanted. In fact, one of the early martyrs of the Church (I can't remember who, off hand), as he was on trial for his Christianity, compared the magistrate to one of the gods. He got reprimanded for that – even those who worshiped the pantheon of gods knew that it was not good to be like those they worshiped.

When the Israelites (beginning, of course, with Abraham) hit the scene, the idea of there being only one God was foreign to all of the other cultures. That this one God was a personal God who wanted relationship with His people, a God who cared about ethical action, not just sacrificial offerings – this was a foreign concept! God reveals to Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and then Moses that He *cares* about His people!

God continued to reveal more about His Heart to His beloved children, culminating in the Incarnation – the ultimate revelation of God, for it is not just showing humanity about Himself, but He came Himself into our flesh. Jesus – the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity – reveals that to see Him is to see the Father. Somehow, God has become man, and somehow God is one, yet three (when we finally understand the Holy Spirit).

In this revelation of God's Heart to humanity, he reveals also what we read in today's Gospel:

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him will not be condemned, but whoever does not believe has already been condemned, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. (John 3:16-18)

God loves us so much He is willing to die for us! He came to save us, not to leave us in our sin!

As we celebrate Trinity Sunday, may we allow the love at the Heart of the Blessed Trinity to permeate our hearts, drawing us into the incredible mystery of the love of God!