

Homily. Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. Year. A. 3/4 June 2023.

Everything that we know about God is what God has chosen to reveal to us over thousands of years; nothing more, nothing less. If God had chosen not to reveal God's self to us then we'd still be worshipping cold stone images and dead fertility goddesses. This was the case for most of human history, as sadly it still is today for millions of people.

The path God has chosen is one of inviting us into a living and dynamic relationship rather than one of telling us lots of facts about God's self. It's God's invitation to come and see, to come into a daily friendship with God as Abraham, Moses, the Prophets and Jesus did, that lies at the heart of this solemnity. The Holy Trinity is all about our shared experience of living with God, discovering about God from God, and not about facts we have to learn by rote or a complex proposition we have to blindly accept.

The 'mystery' in the Trinity isn't a problem to be solved. The 'mystery' is that as we let ourselves be known by God, the more deeply we enter into God's own life and knowledge. We become part of God, letting God be at home in us. In this way we better understand who God is and what God wants. After all, isn't this how things work with those we want to get close to and understand; our spouses, partners, families and good friends? Well, it works the same way in the partnership between God and us.

What God has told us is that God dearly wants this kind of relationship with us, one that's based on God's love and sacrifice and self giving for our benefit, a relationship of compassion, mercy and fellowship that saves us and our world, as the scriptures proclaim. If we choose to say 'yes' to

this loving, and the choice is always ours to make, then God's choice for and adoption of us is forever, for God is faithful to us even if we aren't.

Here in our community we have to chance to know and grow in the gracious gift of God's saving, redeeming love, shared with us free of charge. We'll also come to learn God's will and to practice in words and deeds the way of living as God's family, in the Holy Spirit of Christ. Our prayerful and peaceful fellowship here sets the tone for our service to all those people we meet in the big wide world out there that, as Jesus said, he came not to condemn, but to lift up and liberate in love and justice.

Now, by faith, our destiny is found in the living God and our eternal life has already begun. For this we give thanks in our Eucharist, asking that God grow a solid home in us, inspiring us through the Holy Spirit to teach and practice what we believe and profess, the Good News of Jesus Christ, our Lord.