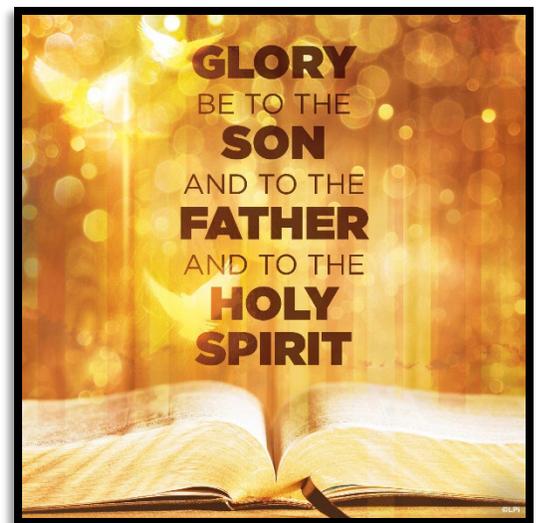


Dear Friends,

G.K. Chesterton (an English writer, poet and philosopher) once said that one of the reasons he believed in Christianity was because of its belief in the Trinity. If Christianity had been made up by a human person, it would not have, at its very center, a concept that is impossible to grasp or explain: the idea that God exists as one but within it three persons.

How do we understand the trinity? We don't! God, by definition, is indescribable, beyond understanding, beyond imagination, beyond language. The Christian belief that God is a Trinity helps underscore how rich the mystery of God is and how our experience of God is always richer than our concepts and language about God.

Today we honor One God in Three Persons. When we hear the mystery of the Trinity proclaimed, our reaction is amazement. We cannot comprehend this mystery. **One God but three Persons!** Where the intelligence fails, faith comes with help. Our creed is based on the Trinitarian statement of belief. There is an ancient baptismal formula, which was proclaimed by those who were ready for baptism. They said: ***"I believe in God the Father Almighty, and in his only Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and in the Holy Spirit and the resurrection of the body in the Holy Catholic Church."*** This simple creed begins not with a profession of faith in one God (belief in one God was indeed taken for granted), but with the profession of faith in this one God as the Father of an only Son. And this Son is our Lord, who had the earthly name of Jesus, but is also the Christ anointed by the Spirit – the Spirit who is equally the God of my faith.



To what does this belief call us? It calls us to humility. All of us need to be more humble in our language about God. The idea of God needs to stretch, not shrink, the human imagination. Thank God for the complexity of the doctrine of the Trinity! It reminds us that God is The God and we are not. We humbly acknowledge our limitation and honor One God in Three Persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. "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."

Yours in Christ,
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