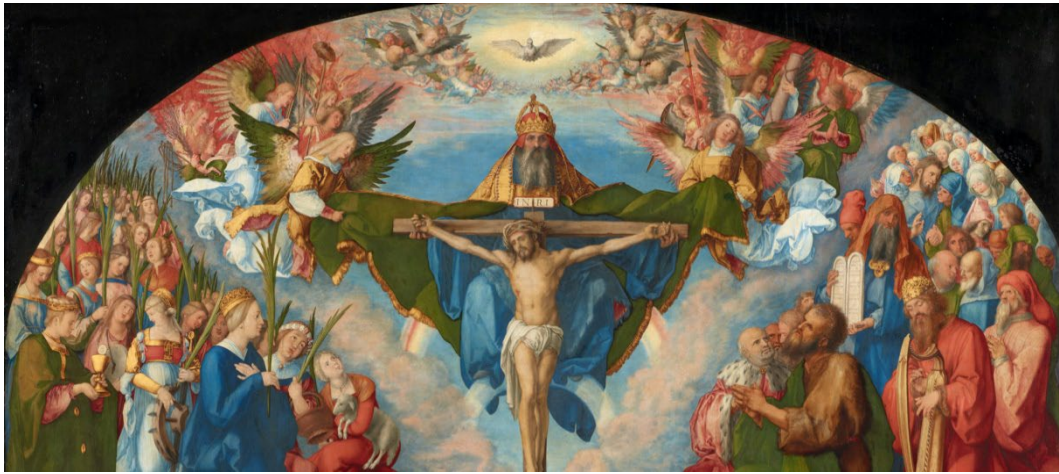


'I CAME TO BRING FIRE'
THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY, JUNE 7th



“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 20:19-23)

I. GOD SO LOVE THE WORLD:

Petition: Jesus, my Lord and my God, in the act of obedience to the Father carried out at your crucifixion and death you have revealed forever the Mystery of a God who is Love. Your Passion and death was an offering of your very self in which you were moved only by your unfathomable love to your Father and to us “*until the end*”. Since then on, You with the Father are continually pouring that Love between the Father and You into our hearts, lavishing within us the intimate presence of the Spirit of Truth and Love.

Dear Jesus, I give you thanks, I want to be grateful always to You for your incommensurable love; and I beg You, my loving Redeemer, don't let me never doubt of your unconditional love for me and others, so you can always pour the love of the Holy Trinity in my heart.

Not only Jesus gave Himself in the Cross for us, the Father gave Himself for us on the Cross with Jesus. The Father revealed in the Cross of His Son, the incomprehensible depth of his paternal love for us; He revealed His Divine Heart full of tender love for us. It can't be a greater love that the act of giving for us and to us His Son in the Cross, Jesus is His beloved Son, the Only Begotten Son who is the eternal Word of His being; it is Him who make the Father a father, because without a Son there is not a Father. “*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.” (Jn 3:16) But this infinite love of the Son and of the Father to us was not only revealed, and communicated in its fullness in the act of the cross and resurrection; **it is an ever New and eternal Covenant of love, renewed in each Eucharist.**

The act of infinite love that happened in the Pascal Mystery by giving up His most Holy Body for us, and pouring out His Most Holy Blood was willingly perpetuated, before it happened, in the institution of the Most Holy Eucharist.

Then at the Last Supper, now at the Holy Mass, He actualizes in a sacramental way the act of love and Power that He accomplished on the Cross and resurrection; Sacramental means totally real, but under the signs and words that require our response of faith and hope.

The Eucharist, that is, the Sacrifice of Jesus the Cross, His glorification on the resurrection and ascension, which is accomplished now in a Sacramental way, **is the memorial and actualization of act of divine love in which we enter through our faith in the life of God, of the Most Holy Trinity.**

Our faith is in Jesus, we believe that the One who offers Himself for us in the tree of the cross is the Son of God, and because of that faith in God's love and power, He gives us the Spirit without measure.

In the Eucharist we celebrate the love of Jesus, the love of the Father and the love of the Holy Spirit. We celebrate that God is Love in itself, but He is also love toward us. The Trinitarian Mystery of the Communion of Persons that is God is again and again put before us in every the Eucharist, inviting us to enter each day deeper in that communion of love that is the Most Holy Trinity.

In the act of giving up his body for us, He reveals the totality, exclusivity and unreservedly of His love for us, He doesn't keeps nothing for Him; and **in the act of pouring His blood for us**, He reveals both, the intensity and depth of His love and His mercy, “*blood that is pour out for the forgiveness of sin;*” and simultaneously **He reveals the passion of his love, the desire of union with us**, in the fact of making with us in his blood, in his Merciful love, a New and Eternal Covenant.

Jesus came to reveal us the Father, the love of the Father and his desire of making us children of God, children in the Son: “*fili in Filio,*” sons in the Son. This is not a title is a way of being caused by the Presence of the love between the Father and the Son, that is, the Holy Spirit in the innermost of ourselves. “*you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba!*





Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God." (Rm 8:15-16; Ga 4:4-6)

Jesus revealed to us that God is love "not in the oneness of a single Person, but in the Trinity of one substance." (Preface)

We proclaim three Persons who are one God because the Father is love, the Son is love,

*the Spirit is love. **God is wholly and only love, the purest, infinite and eternal love.** He does not live in splendid solitude but rather is an inexhaustible source of life that is ceaselessly given and communicated.* (Benedict XVI, 6/7/2009)

*All things derive from love, aspire to love and move impelled by love, though naturally with varying degrees of awareness and freedom. **The strongest proof that we are made in the image of the Trinity is this: love alone makes us happy because we live in a relationship, and we live to love and to be loved.** Borrowing an analogy from biology, we could say that imprinted upon his "genome", the human being bears a profound mark of the Trinity, of God as Love.* (Ibidem)

The Mystery of the Triune God was revealed first time to Mary. The Virgin Mary, in her docile and trustful humility, became the most beautiful expression of divine Love: she totally surrendered in joy to the Father's will and so she conceived the Son in her heart and in her womb by the power of the Holy Spirit. In her the Almighty built a temple worthy of him and made her the mother, model and image of the Church, mystery and house of communion for all human beings. May Mary, mirror of the Blessed Trinity, help us to grow in faith in the Trinitarian mystery. (cf. Benedict XVI, 6/7/09)

II. EVERYONE WHO BELIEVES MIGHT HAVE ETERNAL LIFE:

Petition: O eternal God in You there is no time, there is no before or after, there is no beginning or end; You are Eternal Life, you are infinite newness, You are happiness in Your very being and You has created us for sharing with us that eternal life which You are. I beg You, increase my faith so I begin to live now what I will live for eternity in the beatitude seen You face to face.

Eternal life is the communion of life between the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Heaven, eternal life, the life of God, is not something that will happen, is happening in the heart and soul of those who believe. Faith is not about things or ideas is about eternal life, the life of God. It is in the faith in Jesus as the Son of God, so the faith also in the Father and his love for us, that eternal

life is given to us, is a life that we are called to live in faith, "everyone who believes in him might have eternal life." (Jn 3:16) Believing in Jesus, in the Son of God.

In the measure we believe and life that communion of love we participate now and here in eternal life. Here and now we live it through faith, hope, charity and humility; we begin to live the substance of what we don't see (Hb 11:1); after death we will live eternal life in the vision and love of Him who is eternal life. "And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding so that we may know him who is true; and we are in him who is true, in his Son Jesus Christ. **He is the true God and eternal life.**" (1 Jn 5:20)

Jesus came to give us his life, his eternal life. "We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life, this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us, we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that **you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.**" (1 Jn 4:1-4)

"I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you **may know that you have eternal life.**" (1 Jn 5:13) The indwelling of God in us by the presence of the Holy Spirit, who gives testimony is the beginning of eternal life, "those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son." (1 Jn 5:10-11)

"**By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit.** And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. **God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God.**" (1 Jn 4:13-15)

III. GLORY TO GOD:

Turn to your inner-self and make an act of faith that you are a temple of the Holy Trinity. The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit indwell in you. With loving adoration to the One who is Love and abides in you, repeat slowly without any hurry as if you were settled with them in eternity: Glory to the Father, to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. (repeat it with increasing devotion, gratitude and love)

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