

## O MOST HOLY TRINITY

May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2005

**LEADER:** In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. (Invite persons present to pause for a few moments of silent recollection and to offer any special intentions.)

Last weekend, Pentecost Sunday brought our seven week celebration of Easter to a close. We have now moved back into that part of the Church year which we call Ordinary Time. The mystery of our faith is so deep, however, that the title “Ordinary Time” is a bit misleading. This fact has been punctuated by this weekend’s celebration of Trinity Sunday.

In her reflection as found in the *Living With Christ Sunday Missal*, Marie-Louise Ternier-Gommers shares these thoughts regarding the mystery of the Trinity.

“Today’s celebration is not about dogmatic statements we can’t comprehend, but rather a love festival to which we are all invited. Scripture and tradition tell us that Father-Son-Spirit live in a perfect community of love. God, through Jesus in the Holy Spirit, has drawn all creation into that unceasing love and continues to do so until the end of time.

This mystery of the Trinity invites us into an experience of what it is like to be taken into a never-ending circle of love with God who is ‘merciful and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness,’ who sent his Son not to condemn, but to save, and who makes our hearts the dwelling place of the Holy Spirit.”

**LEADER:** God, we joyfully proclaim our faith in the mystery of the Trinity.

**ALL:** You have revealed Your Glory as the glory also of Your Son and of the Holy Spirit; three Persons equal in majesty, undivided in splendour, yet one Lord, one God, ever to be worshipped.

**LEADER:** In the Trinity, we ponder and give thanks for the activities of creation, redemption and revelation.

**ALL:** Whenever we participate in the activities of creating, healing, and revealing, we are living the life of the Trinity.

**LEADER:** It is the prayer of Jesus that all may be one as he and the Father and the Spirit are one. Let us praise and honour God.

We believe in God, the One who made all things, the One who continues to give life and being to all, the one who is. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit ...

**ALL:** As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

**LEADER:** We believe in the Son, God’s self made incarnate in the person of Jesus, the one who taught us of the Father’s love, the one who died and rose. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

**ALL:** As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

**LEADER:** We believe in the Holy Spirit, the one promised by Jesus to be with us always as our Advocate. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

**ALL:** As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.