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The mystery of the Most Holy Trinity is the central mystery of Christian faith and life.

Christians are baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit: not in their names — that means they operate as one. In the economy of faith God works in various attributions: God the Father, as the Creator; God the Son, as the Redeemer; God the Holy Spirit, as the Sanctifier.

God the Father as the Creator. God is the first origin of everything and transcendent authority. He is at the same time goodness and loving care for all his children. God is neither man nor woman: God is simply God. God also transcends human fatherhood and motherhood. Although he is their origin and standard, no one is father as God is Father.

God the Son as the Redeemer. Jesus is the Son of God. To be understood, God reveals himself to us in flesh and blood (that is, to be incarnated) in Jesus. In a sense, Jesus is the face of God; in him, divinity and humanity are made possible

THE MYSTERY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

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by the Holy Spirit's action in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Humanity that has been distanced from God because of Adam and Eve's first sin is now reconciled back to God through the redeeming act of Jesus Christ at Calvary. Death, which is the fruit of sin by Adam and Eve, is now conquered by Jesus Christ's death and resurrection. His resurrection welded back the union of humanity to divinity.

Because of sin, we are mortal, doomed to die. But by Jesus' resurrection, we become immortal and destined for eternal life. That is why Jesus declares: "All that the Father has is mine; and all that is mine I give to you" — if you believe in me.

God the Holy Spirit as the Sanctifier. In the Creed, we declare: "We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father." In the Holy Spirit, we know the Truth: For "No one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except through the Holy Spirit." Indeed, "God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!'" Thus, we are now children of God, sons with the Son of God himself. After his ascension, Jesus promised to send the Holy Spirit to dwell in the Church, and in the heart of every Christian believer. Without the Holy Spirit, there is no life, so the Holy Spirit continues to operate within the Church to give life.

Nothing can equal the grace and blessing from the Holy Trinity.

PASTORAL CATECHESIS FOR THE YEAR OF *MISSIO AD GENTES*

Continuing Mission Initiatives

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As the third millennium unfolded, the Philippine bishops' conference (CBCP) continued catechizing the faithful through its pastoral letters and statements. From 2000-2015 inclusive, 141 documents were released (an annual average of about nine). CBCP Presidents were: Orlando Quevedo (1999-2003), Fernando Capalla (2003-2005), Angel Lagdameo (2005-2009), Nereo Odchimar (2009-2011), Jose Palma (2011-2013), Socrates Villegas (2013-2017), and Romulo Valles (2017-2021).

In its history, the Philippines has had nine cardinals; their names and year of appointment are: Rufino Santos (1960), Julio Rosales (1969), Jaime Sin (1976), Ricardo Vidal (1985),

Jose Sanchez (1991), Gaudencio Rosales (2006), Luis Tagle (2012), Orlando Quevedo (2014), and Jose Advincula (2021). As of April 2021, there are four living cardinals: Rosales, Tagle, Quevedo, and Advincula. Only Tagle and Advincula are still a papal electors.

Some significant Church events in the early years of the new millennium can be briefly noted. The division of the huge Manila Archdiocese into six dioceses [Manila, Cubao, Kalookan, Novaliches, Pasig, and Parañaque] was begun in 2002 and completed in 2003. The Church held two highly successful national congresses of the clergy (2004 and 2010). The CBCP issued its second pastoral letter on the environment in 2008, commemorating the twentieth anniversary of its 1988 letter, *What is Happening to Our Beautiful Land?* (quoted by Pope Francis in his *Laudato Si'* no. 41). Indeed, creative mission initiatives are continuing!

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Antiphon

(Recited when there is no opening song.)

Blest be God the Father, and the Only Begotten Son of God, and also the Holy Spirit, for he has shown us his merciful love.

Greeting

(The sign of the cross is made here.)

P — The Lord be with you.
All — **And with your spirit.**

Introduction

(These [or similar words] may be used to address the assembly.)

P — Let us give glory to our God who is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—one God, three Persons—from whom everything in the world comes and to whom everything returns.

We adore and thank the three Divine Persons for the mystery of the Incarnation and Redemption. Because of his love for us, the Father created us and sent us his Son to be our Savior. The Holy Spirit comes to us to make present in the Church of every time and place the Redemption brought by Christ to humanity.

Penitential Act

P — Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries. *(Pause)*

P — Have mercy on us, O Lord.
All — **For we have sinned against you.**

P — Show us, O Lord, your mercy.

All — **And grant us your salvation.**

P — May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

All — **Amen.**

P — Lord, have mercy.

All — **Lord, have mercy.**

P — Christ, have mercy.

All — **Christ, have mercy.**

P — Lord, have mercy.

All — **Lord, have mercy.**

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect

P — Let us pray. *(Pause)*

God our Father, who by sending into the world the Word of truth and the Spirit of sanctification made known to the human race your wondrous mystery, grant us, we pray, that in professing the true faith, we may acknowledge the Trinity of eternal glory and adore your Unity, powerful in majesty.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

All — **Amen.**

LITURGY OF THE WORD



First Reading

(Dt 4:32–34, 39–40) *(Sit)*

To the Israelites, God reveals himself as unique and without equal, yet close to his people. In response to this privileged experience of the one God, Moses says, the people are to be faithful to the Lord and keep his commandments.

A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy

MOSES SAID to the people: “Ask now of the days of old, before your time, ever since

God created man upon the earth; ask from one end of the sky to the other: Did anything so great ever happen before? Was it ever heard of? Did a people ever hear the voice of God speaking from the midst of fire, as you did, and live? Or did any god venture to go and take a nation for himself from the midst of another nation, by testings, by signs and wonders, by war, with strong hand and outstretched arm, and by great terrors, all of which the LORD, your God, did for you in Egypt before your very eyes? This is why you must now know, and fix in your heart, that the LORD is God in the heavens above and on earth below, and that there is no other. You must keep his statutes and commandments that I enjoin on you today, that you and your children after you may prosper, and that you may have long life on the land which the LORD, your God, is giving you forever.”

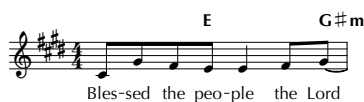
— The word of the Lord.

All — **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm (Ps 33)

R — **Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.**

A. Tuazon



Bles-sed the peo-ple the Lord



has cho-sen to be his



own.

1. Upright is the word of the LORD,/ and all his works are trustworthy./ He loves justice and right;/ of the kindness of the LORD the earth is full. **(R)**

2. By the word of the LORD the heavens were made;/ by the breath of his mouth all their host./ For he spoke, and it was made;/ he commanded, and it stood forth. **(R)**

3. See, the eyes of the LORD are upon those who fear him,/
and he will bring them out from all their afflictions.

upon those who hope for his kindness,/ to deliver them from death/ and preserve them in spite of famine. (R)

4. Our soul waits for the LORD,/ who is our help and our shield./ May your kindness, O LORD, be upon us/ who have put our hope in you. (R)

Second Reading (Rom 8:14–17)

Paul reminds us that the three Persons of the Trinity are at work for our salvation. We become God's children and heirs with Christ in the Spirit who inspires us.

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

BROTHERS AND SISTERS:

Those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a Spirit of adoption, through whom we cry, "Abba, Father!" The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if only we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

— The word of the Lord.
All — **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia (Cf. Rv 1:8) (Stand)

All — **Alleluia, alleluia. Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; to God who is, who was, and who is to come. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Gospel (Mt 28:16-20)

P — A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.
All — **Glory to you, O Lord.**

THE ELEVEN DISCIPLES went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had ordered them. When they all saw him, they worshiped, but they doubted. Then Jesus approached and said to them, "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son,

and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age."

— The Gospel of the Lord.

All — **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Homily (Sit)

Profession of Faith (Stand)

All — **I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.**

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

(at the words that follow, up to and including and became man, all bow)

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the Faithful

P — God is our Creator and Father. He has given us his Son to be our life. Through his Holy Spirit, let us raise our voices as we pray:

R — Lord, listen to your people.

C — May our Church leaders be docile to the voice of the Holy Spirit, faithful to the way of Christ, and diligent in listening to the divine Word and in approaching the wellspring of grace. We pray: (R)

C — May the Holy Spirit strengthen the leaders of our country in their commitment to promote justice, peace, and truth. We pray: (R)

C — May consecrated men and women show forth their love for the poor and the oppressed; may they be one with those in need and abound in works of mercy; may they be compassionate toward all. We pray: (R)

C — May those who are suffering because of sickness, poverty, and difficulty in their relationships be sustained by the love of God and through the care of their families and friends. We pray: (R)

C — May the Lord bless the efforts and initiatives of all the parishioners who compose the parish and BEC's. May the spirit of collaboration bring us into a fruitful communion with the Father. We pray: (R)

C — May our departed brothers and sisters be welcomed into the Kingdom of eternal life. We pray: (R)

C — Let us pray for the urgent concerns of our community and our personal intentions (*pause*). We pray: (R)

P — Almighty Father, you have revealed your love to us through your Son and sent the Holy Spirit among us. Receive our prayers and grant that we may come to the inheritance held out to us in Christ, who lives and reigns with you forever and ever.

All — **Amen.**



Presentation of the Gifts (Stand)

P — Pray, brethren...

All — **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the**

praise and glory of his name,
for our good and the good of
all his holy Church.

Prayer over the Offerings

P — Sanctify by the invocation
of your name, we pray, O Lord
our God, this oblation of our
service, and by it make of us
an eternal offering to you.

Through Christ our Lord.

All — Amen.

Preface: The Mystery of the Most Holy Trinity

P — The Lord be with you.

All — And with your spirit.

P — Lift up your hearts.

All — We lift them up to the
Lord.

P — Let us give thanks to the
Lord our God.

All — It is right and just.

P — It is truly right and just,
our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give
you thanks, Lord, holy Father,
almighty and eternal God.

For with your Only Begotten
Son and the Holy Spirit you are
one God, one Lord: not in the
unity of a single person, but
in a Trinity of one substance.
For what you have revealed
to us of your glory we believe
equally of your Son and of
the Holy Spirit, so that, in the
confessing of the true and
eternal Godhead, you might
be adored in what is proper
to each Person, their unity in
substance, and their equality
in majesty.

For this is praised by Angels
and Archangels, Cherubim,
too, and Seraphim, who never
cease to cry out each day, as
with one voice they acclaim:

All — Holy, Holy, Holy Lord
God of Hosts. Heaven and earth
are full of your glory. Hosanna
in the highest. Blessed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. *(Kneel)*

Acclamation *(Stand)*

All — When we eat this
Bread and drink this Cup, we
proclaim your death, O Lord,
until you come again.

THE COMMUNION RITE

The Lord's Prayer

All — Our Father...



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P — Deliver us, Lord...

All — For the kingdom, the
power and the glory are yours
now and forever.

Invitation to Peace

Invitation to Communion
(Kneel)

P — Behold the Lamb of God,
behold him who takes away
the sins of the world. Blessed
are those called to the supper
of the Lamb.

All — Lord, I am not worthy
that you should enter under
my roof, but only say the word
and my soul shall be healed.

Communion Antiphon
(Gal 4:6)

**Since you are children of God,
God has sent into your hearts
the Spirit of his Son, the Spirit
who cries out: Abba, Father.**

Prayer after Communion
(Stand)

P — Let us pray. *(Pause)*

May receiving this Sacra-
ment, O Lord our God, bring
us health of body and soul, as
we confess your eternal holy
Trinity and undivided Unity.

Through Christ our Lord.

All — Amen.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

P — The Lord be with you.
All — And with your spirit.

Solemn Blessing

P — Bow down for the blessing.
(Pause)

May the Lord bless you and
keep you.

All — Amen.

P — May he let his face shine
upon you and show you his
mercy.

All — Amen.

P — May he turn his
countenance towards you
and give you his peace.

All — Amen.

P — And may the blessing
of almighty God, the Father,
and the Son, (†) and the Holy
Spirit come down on you and
remain with you for ever.

All — Amen.

Dismissal

P — Our celebration is ended.
Go in the peace and love of
the Triune God.

All — Thanks be to God.

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