



The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

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Good Morning friends. Today is Trinity Sunday and for us serving at Holy Trinity it is also our feast of Title. We recall also today the horrible fires of Knysna in 2017. We shall never forget. Lives and livelihoods lost, but never forgotten.

Today's text from scripture concludes with what is sometimes called the 'Great Commission.' There is no other text that refers the persons of the Holy Trinity so explicitly.

We hear in the text the baptismal formula we use today which reflect also the baptismal practise of the Matthean community decades after Jesus' life, death and resurrection. The disciples are send forth to all nations with authority to reap the rewards of being faithful to Jesus. There is a command in the text to go and baptize 'in the name of the Father, son and Holy Spirit.' Through this Jesus reveals his undivided, divine relationship with the Father. We are inserted into this divine, intimate relationship through Jesus and that very relationship and the depth of our intimacy lead us to our own identity. 'We are children of God' and 'heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ.' We share in the identity of Christ and therefore we participate at every level in God's saving work because we share in Christ mission.

The mission is clear: Make disciples, baptize them in the name of the Trinity, teach and observe all that he has commanded. Staying true to our identity, we become fruit bearers. We are privileged sons and daughters of God who should constantly die to self, constantly emptying so that we can be filled with God's Spirit and continue the mission with which Jesus has entrusted us.

Belonging to the Trinity is our baptismal birth right. It is God's unparalleled gift to us to be in relationship with the Trinity. It is our choice to accept or reject this gift.

**Glory be to the Father,
Who by His almighty power and love created me,
making me in the image and likeness of God.**

Glory be to the Son,

**Who by His Precious Blood delivered me from hell,
and opened for me the gates of heaven.**

**Glory be to the Holy Spirit,
Who has sanctified me in the sacrament of Baptism,
and continues to sanctify me
by the graces I receive daily from His bounty.**

**Glory be to the Three adorable Persons of the Holy Trinity,
now and forever.**

Amen.