

## Homily The Holy Trinity Year A 2023

Why is God Trinitarian? Because God wanted to do the utmost to help us make the world not just a better place to live but the best place to live. Something God wanted to achieve with us.

Listen to how we might do this:

*We belong to this earth, and the work we do is ultimately for the purpose of making our world a better place in which to live. When we begin our day, most of us probably do not approach our work with the awareness and belief that we are artists involved in continuing the work of creation. From the most sublime to the most menial, work is creative. If we truly believe this, many things could change in our workplaces and in our world at large. It is not necessarily our work that is the problem; perhaps it is our inability to be a loving companion to our work!*

*Kahlil Gibran suggests that our work is our love made visible. The way we approach our work is vital to our happiness and the good we are going to be able to do as artists and co-creators with God. The attitude with which we approach our work determines whether or not our work will become love made visible. (Seven Sacred Pauses by Macrina Wiederkehr)*

*"If the fruit trees, the cedars, and even the hail are to give praise, then it follows that there is a way of praising God in which the spoken word is unnecessary. There is a Word that differs from the spoken kind. Sometimes it flows forth in the simple silence of being - as shown in the mountains and hills. There is a Word that leaps up in the crackling of the fire, it rides in on the moaning of the wind and in the roar of the wild beast. Could this too be praise? Could all of creation be drawn like a magnet to the divine?"*

All-Seeing One,  
above me, around me, within me,  
Be my seeing as I read these sacred words.  
Look down upon me.  
Look out from within me.  
Look all around me.  
See through my eyes.  
Hear through my ears.  
Feel through my heart.  
Touch me where I need to be touched;  
    and when my heart is touched,  
    give me the grace to lay down this Holy Book  
    and ask significant questions:  
Why has my heart been touched?  
How am I to be changed through this touch?  
All-Seeing One,  
I need to change.  
I need to look a little more like You.  
May these sacred words change and transform me.  
Then I can meet You face to face without dying  
    because I've finally died enough.  
To die is to be healed a little more each death,  
    until that final death when I'll be healed forever.  
It will be a healing that will last.  
Your Words are healing  
    although they bring about my death. Macrina Wiederkehr, A Tree Full of Angels

Life unfolds a petal at a time - slowly.  
The beauty of the process is crippled  
when I try to hurry growth.  
Life has its inner rhythm  
which must be respected.  
It cannot be rushed or hurried.  
Like daylight stepping out of darkness,  
like morning creeping out of night,  
life unfolds slowly a petal at a time  
like a flower opening to the sun, slowly.  
God's call unfolds a Word at a time - slowly.  
A disciple is not made in a hurry.  
Slowly I become like the One to whom I am listening.  
Life unfolds a petal at a time  
like you and I becoming followers of Jesus,  
discipled into a new way of living  
deeply and slowly.  
Be patient with life's unfolding petals.  
If you hurry the bud it withers.  
If you hurry life it limps.  
Each unfolding is a teaching  
a movement of grace filled with silent pauses,  
breath-taking beauty, tears and heartaches.  
Life unfolds a petal at a time  
deeply and slowly.      Macrina Wiederkehr osb

**A priest and a pastor** were standing by the side of a road holding a sign that read *"The end is near! Turn around now before it's too late!"* A passing driver yells, *"You chaps are nuts!"* and sped past them. From around the curve ahead, they hear the screeching of tires—then a big splash. The priest turns to the pastor and says, *"Do you think we should just put up a sign that says 'Bridge Out' instead?"*