

TRINITY SUNDAY; PBS EUCHARIST.

When we are put in a position that requires us to give an account of the faith that we believe, we usually speak first from experience. We explain where God has been active in our lives, the fellowship of other Christians maybe, the difference that life makes being in relationship with Jesus. We talk of those moments when the veil has parted and for the briefest of moments we see heaven. For the saintly men and women of our time the only account of faith that they give is the manner of their living. These are lives that radiate the goodness of God.

We also know that for many people that isn't enough. No amount of witness will suffice; minds are already made up and hearts seem to be temporarily hardened. "We speak of what we know," says Jesus, "and testify that we have seen; and ye receive not our witness." If our witness therefore is from the bottom up so to speak, from what we have seen and witnessed when God has revealed Himself and we have perceived, or we have employed our reason and determined that it can be relied upon and others still don't believe, "earthly things", as Jesus put it, how do we ever imagine we can witness from the top down, beginning with God, "heavenly things" as Jesus puts it? How do we make the Trinity part of our experience, part of our confession of the true faith when the heavenly experience of it is beyond all expression other than to fall on our knees in utter awe and admiration?

We find ways to live it, and express it. We make it part of our experience. The Trinity is after all the starting point of our Faith, and our faith is expressed in fleshly, bodily terms, it is incarnational. If it were purely philosophical and a matter of the intellect, then Jesus would have remained the "word" the tool of the philosophers and thinkers. And we live the Trinity by acknowledging the sheer majesty of God, over the entire universe. The glory of His Transcendence, keeping us in existence. Equally, and that word and what it conveys is vital, we worship and make real God the Son, Jesus Christ, who moved among us in history, and in so doing we marvel at God in His Imminence, his closeness. And finally, and equally, again note the word, we invite into our lives God the Holy Spirit, convicting us, energising us, reminding us of our divine image and our divine likeness when we bring life and light and order and creativity into our relationships. We ascent to the Blessed Trinity in

words “we believe in one God, Father, Son and Holy Ghost,” we make the Trinity known in our actions and our witness through living lives that flow with that relationship of love, unity and diversity that speaks of the majesty of God, finds joy in the presence of Jesus in all people, and is awakened to all this through the gift of the Spirit informing all our thoughts words and deeds.

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