



# EUCHALET

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Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

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## Too Great to Comprehend, and Yet So Close to Us

**T**he Holy Trinity – One God in Three Persons – is the God in whom we believe. No human mind can penetrate the depths of this divine mystery of life and love, for we are too limited and conditioned by our earthly situation. And this is why the Holy Trinity revealed Himself to us through the great deeds of salvation history, the prophets, and especially through Jesus Christ. It is through him

that we have come to know that God is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and that all three love one another and us so deeply and tenderly.

This is the mystery we celebrate today – the endless Source of Love and Life from which we come, in which we are constantly immersed, and in which we are called to share for ever in heaven. May the Blessed and Holy Trinity be praised and honored for ever!



### INTRODUCTORY RITES



#### Entrance Antiphon

*(To be recited only when no Entrance Hymn is sung.)*

**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

**P**–Grace and peace from God our Father, the Lord Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit be with you all!

**All**–And with your spirit!

#### Penitential Act

**P** –Gathered together by God’s Trinitarian love, let us realize our unworthiness to stand in His presence and the

need to be purified through His forgiveness. *(Pause)*

**All**–I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, *(strike your breast)* through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault.

Therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

**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

**All** –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 (Opening Prayer)

**P** –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, one God, for ever and ever.

**All–Amen!**

## LITURGY OF THE WORD



### 1st Reading *Prv 8:22-31*

*In the passage we are about to hear, the inspired author presents divine Wisdom as existing before the creation of the world, and playing a role of partnership in the work of creation. This is a very important anticipation in the revelation of a plurality of persons in God.*

**R** –A proclamation from the Book of Proverbs

Thus says the Wisdom of God: “The Lord possessed me, the beginning of his ways, the forerunner of his prodigies of long ago; from of old I was poured forth, at the first, before the earth. When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no fountains or springs of water; before the mountains were settled into place, before the hills, I was brought forth; while as yet the earth and fields were not made, nor the first clods of the world.

When the Lord established the heavens I was there, when he marked out the vault over the face of the deep; when he

made firm the skies above, when he fixed fast the foundations of the earth; when he set for the sea its limit, so that the waters should not transgress his command; then was I beside him as his craftsman, and I was his delight day by day, playing before him all the while, playing on the surface of his earth; and I found delight in the human race.”

The Word of the Lord!  
**All–Thanks be to God!**

### Responsorial Psalm *Ps 8*

**R** –*O Lord, our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth!*



\* When I behold your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars which you set in place – what is man that you should be mindful of him, or the son of man that you should care for him? **R.**

\* You have made him little less than the angels, and crowned him with glory and honor. You have given him rule over the works of your hands, putting all things under his feet: **R.**

\* All sheep and oxen, yes, and the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, the fishes of the sea, and whatever swims the paths of the seas. **R.**

### 2nd Reading *Rom 5:1-5*

*The three Divine Persons were, for Paul, the best source of peace, hope, and love.*

**R** –A proclamation from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters:  
Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access

by faith to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in hope of the glory of God. Not only that, but we even boast of our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, and endurance, proven character, and proven character, hope, and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

The Word of the Lord!  
**All–Thanks be to God!**

### Gospel Acclamation

**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 *Jn 16:12-15*

*In his last discourse, the Lord Jesus reveals that in God there is a third Divine Person – the Holy Spirit – who is so deeply involved in carrying out the divine plan of salvation.*

**P** –The Lord be with you!  
**All–And with your spirit!**

**P** –A proclamation from the holy Gospel according to John

**All–Glory to you, O Lord!**

Jesus said to his disciples: “I have much more to tell you, but you cannot bear it now. But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth. He will not speak on his own, but he will speak what he hears, and will declare to you the things that are coming.

He will glorify me, because he will take from what is mine and declare it to you. Everything that the Father has is mine; for this reason I told you that he will take from what is mine and declare it to you.”

The Gospel of the Lord!  
**All–Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

### Homily

#### Profession of Faith (Nicene Creed)

**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, (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** –We believe in the Holy Trinity and we know that the three Divine Persons love us immensely. Let us turn to them in full confidence and pray:

**All**—**Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, hear us!**

**C** –For the entire Church, the Holy Trinity’s family on earth: May it fulfill the mandate of Christ to preach the Gospel to all nations without fear or hindrance. Let us pray! **R.**

**C** –For all the baptized belonging to the different

Christian denominations: May their common faith in the Holy Trinity crown their efforts to reestablish the lost unity. Let us pray! **R.**

**C** –For all missionaries who proclaim the Gospel of love and life to all peoples: May their behavior mirror the love of the three Divine Persons. Let us pray! **R.**

**C** –For our parish community: May its members be constantly aware that they are called to reveal the love and unity of the Holy Trinity in the way they live. Let us pray! **R.**

**C** –For all of us: May we always be aware of the presence of the Most Holy Trinity in our midst, and derive from it joy, courage, and inspiration. Let us pray! **R.**

**C** –Let us pray in silence for our personal intentions. (Pause) Let us pray! **R.**

**P** –Eternal, all powerful God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, from You we come, in You we live, to You we go. Accept us in spite of our unworthiness, and grant that we may share in Your life for ever and ever.

**All**—**Amen!**

## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST



### Preparation of the Gifts

**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 of 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!**

### Memorial Acclamation

**P** –The mystery of faith!

**All**—**We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again!**

## COMMUNION RITE



**All**—**Our Father . . .**

**P** –Deliver us, Lord . . .

**All**—**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever.**

### Sign of Peace

### Breaking of the Bread

**All**—**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. (2x)**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.**

### Communion

**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

*(To be recited only when no Communion Hymn is sung.)*

**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

**P** –May receiving this Sacrament, 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!**

### CONCLUDING RITES



**P** –The Lord be with you.

**All–And with your spirit!**

**P** –Bow your heads and pray for God’s blessing.  
*(Pause)*

May God our Father keep you from all harm and grant you every good gift.

**All–Amen!**

**P** –May He set His Word in your heart and fill you with lasting joy.

**All–Amen!**

**P** –May His Spirit guide you as you walk in His ways, always knowing what is right and good, until you enter your heavenly inheritance.

**All–Amen!**

**P** –May almighty God bless you: the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**All–Amen!**

**P** –Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life!

**All–Thanks be to God!**

## The Original “Three-in-One”

Our belief in the Trinity – One God in three “Persons” – is no vain fantasizing about a remote mathematical riddle. Rather, it is the humble and grateful acceptance of the great mystery of Divine Love which concerns and encompasses us all. Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bound together into one Godhead by their eternal, mutual love, are also related to each one of us and all mankind. The Holy Trinity is the source of all that we are and the fulfillment of all that we aspire to be.

The fundamental relationship between the three divine Persons and us can be expressed through one common denominator: loving concern and care. But such a shared concern and care, filled with love for us, takes on a different and complementary role in each divine “Person,” according to its own characteristics.

Thus, the Father’s concern and care for us started with creation – especially our own – and reaches its peak in the gift of His Son and the Holy Spirit. The love of the Father accompanies us each moment, till we reach the end for which He created us: eternal life in Him.

The loving concern and care of the divine *Word* is particularly evident in the work of our Redemption which started with the Incarnation, reached its peak in his death and resurrection, and is continually made available to all men through the ministry of the Church.

We experience the loving concern and care of the *Holy Spirit* when He makes us members of the

Body of Christ and adopted sons and daughters of the Father. He is the one who consoles and protects us; who leads us to the knowledge of all truth. He is the one who fills our hearts with faith, hope, and love. He fills our lives with meaning and holiness and empowers us to live according to the Gospel.

All this the three divine “Persons” do for us not in isolation or competition among themselves, but in beautiful cooperation and harmony, for they are but one God who has only one aim: our eternal happiness.

The mystery of the Holy Trinity, then, concerns us all, very personally and very deeply. We are fortunate to have come to know it already in this life. Its very revelation through Jesus is a further sign of the Trinity’s loving care for mankind.

Such a wonderful tri-personal love of God demands an adequate response on our part. The first form of response is **a humble and grateful acceptance of this mystery**, even when it hurts our intellectual pride. The second is **the desire to honor each of the three divine “Persons”** in our thoughts, attitudes, words, and deeds. The third form of response is our **commitment to love the Holy Trinity with all our heart and above all**, as God alone deserves to be loved.

Such a free response will be rewarded a thousandfold not only in the life to come, but also during our days on earth. Nothing can fill more our hearts with peace and contentment, than the certitude that the Holy Trinity loves us and lives in us.



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