

Now that the Easter Season is over and we shift back into Ordinary Time the first Sunday after Pentecost honours the Holy Trinity, in the one God we have three persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. It is a mystery, a mystery beyond our understanding. But what can we say about this dogma, this understanding that God is a Trinity of persons? To speak about the Trinity is to say that the very life of God is about communion. God does not exist as a solitary monad, an unmovable rock, as an isolated mind in an ivory tower. God's life is about being in relationship, a relationship of interpersonal love, a communion of loving persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. To be and to be in love are simultaneous acts with God. God is love.

Not sure if any of you follow the Munk debates on social media. It is a pretty well-known forum for political dialogue and social commentary in Canada. Last week they hosted a virtual dialogue with a British author by the name of Douglas Murray, the topic being, "the future of free speech and liberal institutions in light of Covid-19." I was struck by something he had to say.

He said the expression, "My truth." is really quite absurd. He cynically called it an Oprahism. That we are somehow supposed to discover and live out of our own personal truth is nonsense. For what does the expression "my truth" really mean? To quote, "You can never really understand me but at the same time you must understand me." Let it sink in "my truth" What are I am really saying when I turn my personal experience into an idol and call it my truth? (repeat)

There can be no dialogue, no mutual understanding, no communion. Murray is a political commentator so his critique was about its effects on civil society. It is of common opinion that the relativizing of truth, to each person his or her own truth will lead to a society of tolerance, acceptance and peace. But as Murray points out- because my truth cannot really be communicated to or known by any one else, the opposite is true. We are more likely to end up in a society marked by, imposition and coercion and strife.

But our topic today is God, the Trinity. Jesus came to share God's life with us, to communicate God's love to us. As the letter to the Romans tells us, "All who are led by the Spirit of God are sons and daughters of God...you have received a spirit of adoption to sonship. When we cry, "Abba Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing

witness with our spirit that we are children of God..." As adopted children we enter into this communion of the very life of God.

For Gospel today we read from the conclusion of the Gospel of Matthew as Jesus ascends into heaven he commissions the 11 Apostles. Go into the world, make disciples, baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teach them my commandments and know that I am always with you. Bring others into that relationship with the life of the Trinity, bring others into that communion with God.

But where do we stand? Really stand? Have we bought into the tyranny of "my personal experience." And the closed nature of "my truth" or are do we want to be formed as disciples? Do we want to follow Jesus the Way, the Truth and the Life in order to enter into true communion with God?