

The Most Holy Trinity

May 30, 2021

It was in the Fourteenth Century when the Church designated the Sunday after Pentecost to be “Trinity Sunday”. The Doctrine of the Trinitarian God is what we have historically formed through the Council of Constantinople in AD 381, which we profess in the Nicene Creed. Considering so many discoveries in science and cosmology it is no wonder that theologians continuously study and write about this mystery of the Trinity. In both the Old and New Testament, the existence of the “Spirit of God” pervades the stories of our salvation history, the Gospels, and the development of the Early Church right up to the present day. For the past three Sundays our Scriptures emphasize the presence of the Holy Spirit using symbols of Creation, wind, and the breath of God.

Another image that is often used to symbolize the Holy Spirit is fire, the burning bush of Moses, the pillar of fire that lead the Israelites out of Egypt, and the tongues of fire over the heads of Mary and the Apostles in the Acts of the Apostles. As we gather here in our weekly celebrations, I haven’t seen any tongues of fire over anyone’s head. Yet, we depend on the presence of God’s Holy Spirit to “fire” our faith and spirituality. As we pray to be filled with the presence of the Spirit, we open our hearts, minds and souls praying that the Breath of God, the presence of the Spirit will fill us with holy peace and energy for the endurance and blessing of a life well lived.

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.

And You shall renew the face of the earth.