

# Reflection

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## **Preface:**

Catholic liturgists around our Mother Earth are naming this Sunday as the “closing” of the DEDICATED YEAR OF HONORING CONSECRATED LIFE.

Yes, the year dedicated to honoring a consecrated life style is closing.

But, Catholic Christians know that the process of growing in our Committed, Consecrated life – a relational consciousness of the gift of being in right relationship with Infinity and finite creation goes on, IS NOW AND will be FOREVER.

All is NOW.

All is a continual exchange of breath between the Creator and Creature. IT CONTINUES! So it is on Earth as it is in Heaven, now and forever. AMEN.

This being said let us gaze into the readings of this Sunday with eyes that are wear designer lenses named:

AS IT WAS IN THE BEGINNING, IS NOW, AND WILL BE FOREVER!

With such insight we will continue living consecrated life, for it is unending!

## **First Reading from Isaiah:**

We are called by this reading to imagine and to shine forth GOD IN GLORY.

(In Hebrew the word for “the glory of God” is *kabod*. It is a word that expresses the “shining of glory” and it is also the only word in the Hebrew language for “pregnant”.)

Each of us is and always has been and will be the shining matter of the Glory of God.

Each of us is and always will be pregnant with God who is manifesting, incarnating, in and through our matter.

This Glory of God is our true essence. As such have we been created and consecrated to live love forward.....NOW.....AND FOREVER.

LET THIS CHURCH SAY AMEN!

### **Second Reading from I Corinthians:**

This is a letter of Paul to the followers of THE WAY.

He hands on to the Consecrated Community the *wisdom way* of the Gospel or the Good News of the TRINITY that Jesus literally incarnated, or showed us how to live as human beings.

The Trinity is the Mystery of Unity and Diversity as ONE!

All teachings of this mystery are works of humans attempting to language mystery. But mystery is to be pondered, experienced with awe, and expressed symbolically.

It is **impossible** for mystery to be analyzed, dogmatically languaged, or explained once and for all as static truth.

**Here is how I am pondering The Mystery of the Trinity as revealed through Jesus' life, death and resurrection. This is my rendition of Paul's teaching:**

- The essence of the Trinity is Wisdom, the Breath of the Glory of God (Wis. 7: 25)
- The Trinity's way is always the way of Love and Compassion.
- The Trinity breathed this energy, incarnated this wisdom, into the human flesh of a free and willing woman, Mary of Nazareth.
- Mary and Joseph named their child, Jesus.....being obedient to Mystery's dream revelation.

- This 1st century CE, Jewish man breathed unconditional Love and Compassion, the Way of the Trinity, in and through his ever-evolving human life, in word and deed, and among all.
- His *kabod*, his shining of God's way of love, was pregnant with a new way of living and loving.
- Those in dominating power positions of the times, both political and religious, were threatened by Jesus' Covenanted Commitment to Love and Compassion with no exceptions, separations or divisions.
- So they connived and had him killed.
- Some of his followers had him buried.
- Then MYSTERY EXPLODED in the hearts and the consciousness of those who followed the way of love and compassion that Jesus had incarnated.
- They realized within and among themselves that he was PRESENT:
  - yet
  - and still
  - and mysteriously
  - yet experientially.
- The CHRIST of the Trinity had passed into the consciousness of the consecrated, covenanted community.....
- AND HERE WE ARE:  
A CONSECRATED COMMUNITY, FOR NOW AND FOREVER.
- We are to be the *kabod*, the shining of the Mystery of Love and Compassion among all today, and forever.

This is so!

Let this Consecrated Community proclaim AMEN!

**The Gospel Reading: Luke 5: 1-11:**

This Gospel is one story of how some of the disciples of Jesus came to experience the way of being a consecrated community in the way of the Love and Compassion of the Trinity after Jesus' death.

Jesus came among them, as he comes among us, to reveal, to shine, to be the Presence and Practice of Love and Compassion in human ways of living and relating.

The loss of Jesus' earthly presence was devastating to new community.

So, they did what all of us do when we feel loss between:

- the known and the unknown,
- matter and mystery,
- the seen and the hidden,
- life and death.....

.....They and we turn back to practices, ways of relating and being that we are familiar with, because the "inbetween" is miserable, almost too much to bear, messy and uncontrollable, AND we do not know what else to do.

So the disciples went fishing, accompanied by empty hearts, minds, spirits and nets.

In the midst of this mess.....BEHOLD! A PRESENCE!

A presence that is

- experienced yet not really seen,
  - familiar yet strange,
  - real yet mysterious
- appears in the midst of their emptiness.

THEN the Christ-Presence

helps them to re-imagine the generosity, the abundance, the love and the compassion of his Source and theirs: THE MYSTERY: THE TRINITY.

And he invites them to PARTICIPATE in unimaginable yet possible ways:

- a way of being a presence of God's glory in the here and in the now;
- a way of trusting there to always be enough if we but share rather than hoard;
- a way of loving communion with each other; and in

-a way of fishing for others kin who desire to receive and be love and compassion for all.

All are ways of being the Gospel of the Trinity: ways of Love and Compassion. All are ways of life that he revealed as Jesus, The Incarnation of the Trinity:

-through his human presence and way of relating;  
-by his way of dying into forgiveness, freedom, and forever-ness;  
and  
-by his rising into their hearts and living in them. This new covenant is for the here, the now, the always, and forever. This invitation, the inspiration of today's scriptures, encourages us:

- To practice our consecrated lives in ways that are familiar,
- but to do so with: - a renewed awakening mind  
-an ever-evolving consciousness and conscientiousness of heart, and  
-an always "begin now" spirit.

Living in this way is a daily consecration to the Way of the Trinity: living love and compassion among all, always.

May we go forth as consecrated LIVERS of such, now and forever.....AMEN!

It seems to me that this WAY OF CONSECRATED LIVING AND LOVING is a practice that we are called to ponder and deepen during Lent, which begins this Wednesday. May we grow in our consecrated living so that we can shine forth as the *kabod* - as God's Glory in the world at Easter and always.

Be it so! Amen.