



# VOICE OF THE EMMANUEL



(HAVING THE MIND OF JESUS)

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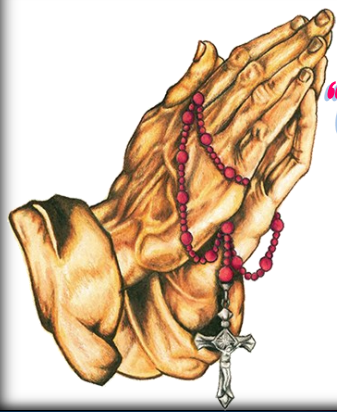
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**HEAR MY VOICE...**

**COME CLOSER...**



*“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit . . .”*

*- St. Matthew 28:19*

## *"Community is our First Mission" - our father*

### THE TRINITARIAN COMMUNITY

The concept of the “Trinity” is often so complex that sometimes we don’t really know how to engage with God as “three in one”.

Jesus’ starting point — the manner by which He launches His whole purpose in His life on earth, how He begins His mission to restore all things to Himself — His starting point is the reality of the Trinitarian community.



He is the Trinitarian Community. There’s a nuance in the theology of the Trinity. The importance isn’t just in defining the distinct but unified “three persons” of God in the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, but in understanding how the three interact with one another.

The baptism of Jesus is a picture of God showing us a glimpse of what that interaction is like. The Son’s starting point is that He hears, He always hears, the Father’s voice. The Father doesn’t begin by telling Jesus what He should do, but He tells Him who He is — and the Father doesn’t tell Him that He’s this thing or that, but He tells Him:

**a.) who He is in relationship with the Father**

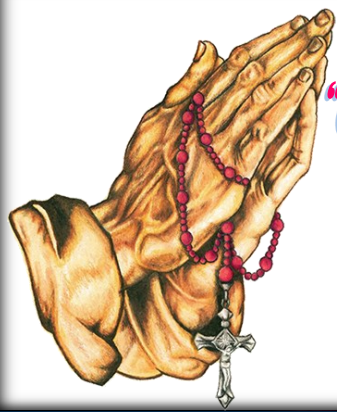
**b.) how the Father feels about Him**

Jesus’ starting point is that the Father tells Him that you’re my Son and I feel immense pleasure because of you. And when we look at Jesus’ interaction with the Holy Spirit, it isn’t that a physical dove came floating down from the sky — it’s that Jesus physically feels the Spirit’s presence on Him at all times. The Spirit’s interaction with Jesus also does two things:

**a.) He is never alone**

**b.) The Presence of God is something that He feels on him (like a dove) at all times**

Jesus’ starting point is that the Holy Spirit is with Him and He actually feels and is aware of His Presence on Him.



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### Who are we?

We are invited into God's Trinitarian Community. Jesus says,

**My prayer is not for them [the twelve disciples] alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one— I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. (John 17:20-23)**

When we look at the language Jesus uses, you can hear the language of the Trinitarian community over and over again – it's this circular and intertwined dance of love and being sent and dwelling in one another.

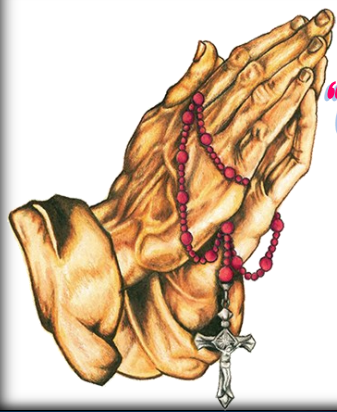
He explicitly says over and over again that we are invited into this kind of community. The beauty of the Trinitarian community is that it's not something God wants to withhold from us – it's the very way that He wants to interact with us.

It's the way that He wants us to interact with one another. He tells us that, in interacting with one another in the way that the Trinitarian community interacts, is the very way that shows the world who Jesus is.

How we love one another reflects Jesus to the world around us. So, as people who are invited into God's Trinitarian community, we experience God in the same way that Jesus interacted with the Father and the Holy Spirit:

- We hear the Father's voice telling us who we are — that we're His people, His child, His beloved, His tribe, His [fill in the blank with the most intimate relational word you can think of – that's you to God]
- We hear the Father's voice telling us that before we've done anything, He feels immense pleasure because of us — He's so uniquely fond of us — He enjoys us — He loves us for who we are, not what we do
- We know that we are never alone because the Holy Spirit is with us
- We experience and feel the power of the Holy Spirit in our daily lives





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- We interact with one another in the community in the same way that God interacts in the community:
- We remind one another of who we are in our relationship with God and how He feels about each of us — that is the starting point for all of us
- We remind one another that the Holy Spirit is present with us right now and we have access to His power at all times

This mystery of the triune God models for us what the human community ought to be — a community of love. Just like the three Persons of the Blessed Trinity are united in love, we, who have been created in God's image, ought to live in love for one another. This love goes deeper than mere fleeting emotions. It is the very life of God in us, for God is love and everyone who abides in love abides in God and God in them (1 John 4:16). Of the three cardinal virtues — faith, hope and love, it is love that makes us more like unto God. God the Father created the world out of love and continues to hold it in existence because of love. Jesus Christ came into the world for love of humanity and gave his life in obedience to the Father, and as a proof of his love for humanity (John 15:13). The Holy Spirit, who is the love between the Father and the Son, animates the world and pours out God's love into our hearts (Romans 5:5). When we love sincerely, we are manifesting the presence of God in our hearts.

We are made in God's image and likeness. Just as God is God only in a Trinitarian relationship, so we can be fully human only as one member of a relationship of three partners. The self needs to be in a horizontal relationship with all other people and in a vertical relationship with God. In that way, our life becomes Trinitarian like that of God. Modern society follows the so-called "I-and-I" principle of unbridled individualism and the resulting consumerism. But the doctrine of the Blessed Trinity challenges us to adopt an "I-and-God-and-neighbour" principle: "I am a Christian insofar as I live in a relationship of love with God and other people." Like God the Father, we are called upon to be productive and creative persons by contributing to the building up of the fabric of our family, our Church, our community and our nation. Like God the Son, we are called upon to reconcile, to be peacemakers, to put back together that which has been broken, to restore what has been shattered. Like God the Holy Spirit, it is our task to uncover and teach truth and to dispel ignorance.

## POINTS TO PONDER OVER



1. What does the Trinity teach us about community?
2. How do we reflect the Trinity in our lives?
3. What is the role of the Holy Spirit in the Trinitarian community of love?
4. What the Trinity Teaches Us About Our Purpose at Work ?



***MY SHEEP LISTEN TO MY VOICE; I KNOW THEM,  
AND THEY FOLLOW ME.***

***- JOHN 10:27***