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Trinity Sunday C
Bulletin Reflection
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Proverbs 8:22-31; Romans 5:1-5; John 16:12-15

Anyone who spends even a small amount of time with young children will quickly learn that they are not afraid to ask a lot of questions: from “Are we there yet?” to “Why can’t I have this?” to “What’s for supper?” The other group I know of that asks questions all the time are theologians: people who study our faith and what it means for us. Interestingly, the questions of the kids and the theologians are surprisingly similar: Who is God? What does God look like? Where does God live? Why should I believe in God? Today’s feast of the Blessed Trinity gives us a marvelous answer to some of these questions, although it may not be the answer we expected. The reality is that we cannot lock God into some easy definition, thinking that we can completely understand Him or put Who God it into human words. Rather, this feast of the Blessed Trinity reminds us that God is the ultimate Mystery of all life, and that we will spend our lives, and even eternity, learning more and more each moment about who God is. This does not mean that our faith is like some detective story, wherein we put a lot of clues together and come up with a solution to the ‘mystery’. No. It’s much better than that! The question of God is a mystery of faith, which is not to be ‘solved,’ but entered, experienced, and embraced. This mystery is based on love. And there are no easy ‘definitions’, ‘proofs’ or ‘solutions’ in a relationship of love. Instead, there must be trust, openness, sacrifice and commitment. But isn’t it nice to know that God understands us so well and knows that we do ask questions about Him, and He does not leave us without gifts to help us learn something about who He is. The readings for this weekend highlight a few of them: wisdom, hope and truth. These are given to us by God so that we might know Him better, listen to His word, and trust in His plan. As we celebrate this feast of One God: a Trinity of Father, Son and Holy Spirit, let us pray for the gifts of wisdom, hope and truth, so that, like children, or even some learned theologians, we will never be afraid to ask questions about God, knowing that He is the Eternal Mystery of Love who has an answer to share with us!