

# Liturgy Alive of Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

## Greeting

The love of the Father,  
the forgiveness and life of the Son  
and the strength of the Holy Spirit  
be always with you. R/ And also with you.

## Introduction by the Celebrant

### A. God Is Love (Option 1)

To most of us today's feast of the Trinity may not be as stirring and touching as Christmas, Easter, Pentecost, yet it sums up all of these. It is simply the feast of one God who shows three loving faces to us. We can call him Father, even "Daddy," as Jesus said. We can call him our brother in Jesus. We can call him our breath in the Spirit, who is our force and life and love that keeps us alive and moving and building a Church and a world. And if we want to sum up God in one word, we say with St. John: God is love. If God loves us so much we can do no less than love one another.

### B. "I Am Here for You" (Option 2)

To many people God is all too often a far-away God, very distant and vague, a God apparently not easy to approach, but to whom we turn when all else fails. Would that we were more aware of the reality! Our God is near, very close to us. Already in the Old Testament he gave his name as "I am the one who is there [for you]," the God who feels our miseries and our joys. In Jesus he made himself one of us, a brother, a companion on the road of life. Through the Spirit of love he lives in us and makes us capable of community and love. If we were only aware of all this! Let Jesus awaken us to God's riches and beauty.

### C. Our Blood Relative (Option 3)

Where is God for us? Far away, in his high heaven, and very remote from our everyday life, as someone we fear to make angry? Today, as we celebrate the Blessed Trinity, we honor a God who lives in the community of a covenant relationship with us; that means, a God who makes us like his blood relatives, a God as close to us as a marriage partner, a God who preferred us to his own Son as he let Jesus give his life for us, a God who keeps stirring us through the Spirit with the inspirations of love and tenderness, of compassion and courage. Let this eucharist be a song of thanks to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

## Penitential Act

We ask pardon from the Lord our God  
that we have not always answered his love.

(PAUSE)

Lord Jesus, you revealed to us  
a Father who cares deeply for us:  
Lord, have mercy. **R/ Lord, have mercy.**

Jesus Christ, you loved us all the way  
by laying down your life for us:

Christ, have mercy. **R/ Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you pour out on us  
the Spirit of unity and love:  
Lord, have mercy. **R/ Lord, have mercy.**

Gentle and merciful God,  
forgive us all our sins  
and help us respond to your boundless love.  
Lead us to everlasting life. **R/ Amen.**

## **Opening Prayer**

### **A. God Is Love**

#### **B. "I Am Here for You"(Option 1)**

Let us pray to God  
as the sons and daughters he dearly loves  
(PAUSE)

God, source of all life and love,  
we sing out to you today  
the joy of our faith and our love.  
You have loved us first  
before we could even know you.

Father, with a love as tender as that of a mother,  
our hearts recognize your greatness and your mercy.  
You let Jesus become your face,  
our brother, near and approachable,  
saving us by his death and resurrection.

Your Spirit animates us with your love and strength.  
Keep alive in us that love and that joy,  
let our gratitude resound all over the earth!  
All blessing and praise be to you  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. R/ Amen.

#### **C. Our Blood Relative (Option 2)**

Let us thank God wholeheartedly  
that he is our loving God  
(PAUSE)  
Our dear and living, loving God,  
you are all tenderness and friendship.  
You established a permanent union of life and love  
between you and us in the covenant.

Thank you for all your love.  
Thank you for giving us your Son Jesus  
as our brother to accompany us on the road of life.  
Thank you for the Spirit who guides us to you;  
Let him lead us also to one another  
and make us one heart and mind.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord. R/ Amen.

## **LITURGY OF THE WORD**

### **First Reading Introduction: God Is the God of People**

God, the creator, guided the destiny of his chosen people Israel to show himself as a saving God and to make this beloved people a sign of salvation to all.

### **Second Reading Introduction: The Spirit Makes Us God's Children**

Through the Holy Spirit of God in us, we know that we are children of the Father in heaven and called with God's Son, the Risen Christ, to be heirs to a future world.

### **Gospel Introduction: In the Name of Father, Son and Spirit**

We are the missionary people of God, baptized in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. We come from God, and with Christ alive among us we have to lead the world to God.

### **General Intercessions**

With the Spirit of Jesus alive in us, let us pray to our living and loving God and say: R/ Blessed are you, our God, for ever.

- For having called us by our name, let us thank our Father in heaven; may we give him a faithful response to his love, we pray: **R/ Blessed are you, our God, for ever.**
- For having saved us by becoming one of us, sharing our human lives and dying for us, let us thank Jesus our Lord; for the strength to follow him let us pray: **R/ Blessed are you, our God, for ever.**
- For guiding us in our dark hours and strengthening us with his joy and love, let us thank the Holy Spirit; for wisdom and courage, let us pray: **R/ Blessed are you, our God, for ever.**
- For those who preach the gospel anywhere in the world, that people may receive the Good News of Jesus with eagerness and joy, let us pray: **R/ Blessed are you, our God, for ever.**
- For fathers and mothers, that through them their children may discover the fatherhood of God and learn to love him without reservations, let us pray: **R/ Blessed are you, our God, for ever.**
- For those who are discouraged and tired, that they may experience the moving force of the Holy Spirit, let us pray: **R/ Blessed are you, our God, for ever.**

Our living God, we know and love you as Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Make us and our communities and many people grow in this knowledge and love, now and for ever. R/ Amen.

### **Prayer over the Gifts**

God our Father,  
our words and the whole wide world  
cannot contain or express you  
and yet your Son wants to be near to us  
in these simple signs of bread and wine.  
Be our God-with-us always  
through Jesus, alive in our midst,  
and give us the strength of your Spirit  
to bear witness to the whole world  
that you are our living God  
and that we are your children,  
now and for ever. R/ Amen.

### **Introduction to the Eucharistic Prayer**

In the Eucharistic Prayer we praise God as Father, Son and Spirit in their greatness and yet nearness to us. Through Jesus, and united by the Holy Spirit we offer our praise and thanks to the Father.

### **Introduction to the Lord's Prayer**

Moved by the Holy Spirit,  
we cry out to God our Father  
in the words of Jesus himself: R/ Our Father...

### **Prayer for Peace**

Lord Jesus Christ,  
you promised to be with us  
until the end of time and of the world.  
Grant peace and unity to your Church  
and let it be the sign to every person on earth  
of your patient, caring love.  
You are our Lord for ever and ever. R/ Amen.

### **Invitation to Communion**

This is Christ our Lord,  
the Son of God who became man  
to make us human children of the Father  
by the unifying Spirit.  
Happy are we to be invited  
to the table of the Lord. R/ Lord, I am not worthy...

### **Prayer after Communion**

Lord our God,  
in this eucharistic celebration  
you have let us experience again  
how near you wish to be to us through your Son.  
Accept our thanks,

and in the strength of his Spirit  
help us to be to your people  
the lips of your Son that speak  
words of compassion and encouragement,  
his heart that loves and shares joy,  
his will that brings freedom and justice,  
his hands that bless  
and his feet that go all the way with them  
on the dusty road to you,  
our Father for ever and ever. R/ Amen.

### **Blessing**

Through our baptism  
in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
God has become our God;  
he has made our destiny his own  
and his life ours.  
May he always be near to us and bless you all:  
the Father, whose sons and daughters we are,  
the Son who is our brother and Savior,  
the Holy Spirit who lives in us. R/ Amen.

Let us go in peace  
and be near to those around us  
as God is near to us. R/ Thanks be to God.