

**Homily for June 18, 2000
Trinity Sunday Cycle B**

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**Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40
Roman 8:14-17
Matthew 28:16-20**

“Go and make disciples,” Jesus bids us.

It is a grand scene...the effort of St. Matthew's gospel to portray Jesus on a mountaintop surrounded by his disciples, bidding them go forth and proclaim God's love in his Son for every creature.

Notice, in St. Matthew's gospel there is no narrative of the Ascension...the Lord remains with us in our midst – the Lord's spirit animates our going forth, nourished by the holy food and drink and fellowship. God's greatness is the emphasis of this solemnity we celebrate today – the Holy Trinity. It is not a mathematical feat about the three-ness of God. God is not a problem we have “solved” with a clever bit of theology: God the inscrutable who manages the trick of being three-in-one simultaneously. We are not shrugging our shoulders at the mysteriousness of God, but rather bowing before the mystery of God and our part in it. God is the source of all that is, greater than everything we have seen or can imagine. Coupled with the revelation that God loves us and saves us with the ultimate act of sacrifice, “laying down his life for his friends,” we are left in a state of awe. The one who is unknowable by definition is chosen to be made

known to us in the most intimate way, as one of us. And God remains with us in bread and wine and indwelling spirit. A response to this overwhelming revelation is much like the reaction of Moses to the bush that flames without burning: to recognize the holy ground we're standing on and that all the earth is made new because of Jesus Christ. This amazing God we share...and some of our folks at Mass this weekend will share with us their experience of our parish retreat, which has enabled them to enter more deeply into the mystery of God. I invite Mrs. Klich, our Pastoral Associate, to bid us listen.

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