Grace

• 'Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying: "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news" (Mark 1:14-15).

• 'God is love'(IJohn 4:8).

Grace

• 'The invisible God, from the fullness of his love addresses human beings as his friends, and moves among them, in order to invite and welcome them into his own company'(Vatican II DV, 2).

• 'I have come that you may have life, and have it to the full'(John 10:10).

John 4:7-14

• A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." ... She said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask me for a drink." ... Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water ... Everyone who drinks of the water that I give will never again be thirsty ... The water that I will give will become in you a spring of water gushing up to eternal life."

• 'You have made us for yourself, O God, and our heart is restless till it rests in You'(Augustine).

Matthew 13:44-46

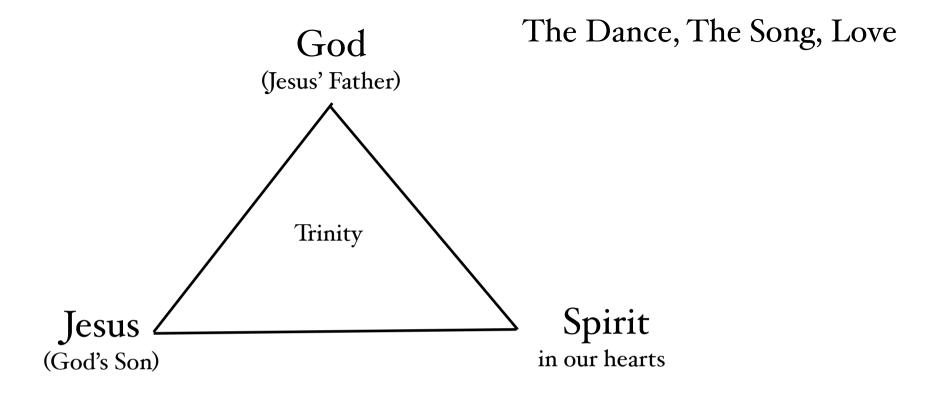
• The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

• The kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.'

Matthew 13:44-46

• 'Listen! I am standing at the door, knocking; if you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to you and eat with you, and you with me' (Revelation 3:20).

• 'It is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who is loving me and giving himself for me'(Galatians 2:20-21).



The Dancer, The Singer, The Lover

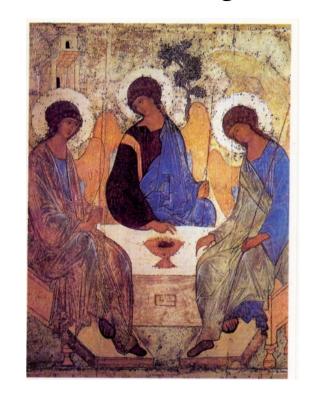
The Dancing, The Singing,
The Loving

Jesus, God's Son

The Dancer, The Singer, The Lover

God the 'Father'

The Dance, The Song, Love

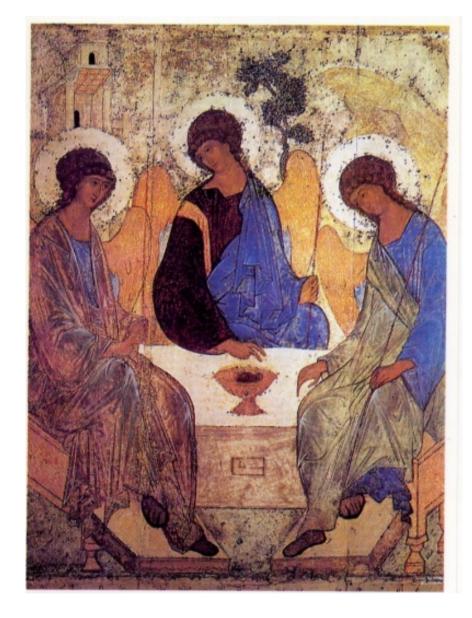


God's Spirit

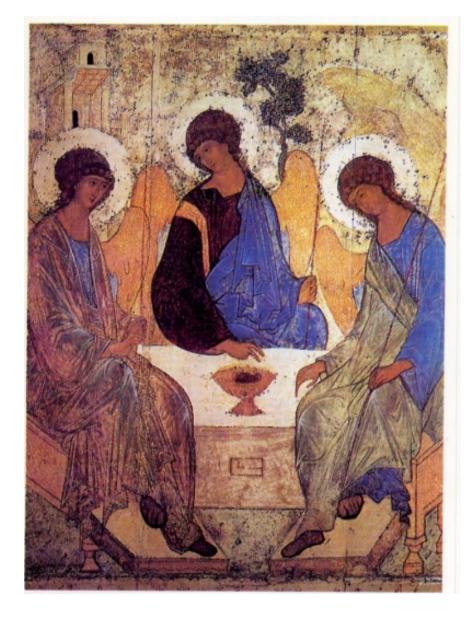
The Dancing, The Singing, The Loving

'The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all' (2Corinthians 13:13).

'The mystery of the Most Holy Trinity is the most fundamental and essential teaching in the hierarchy of the truths of faith.' (Catechism n. 234)

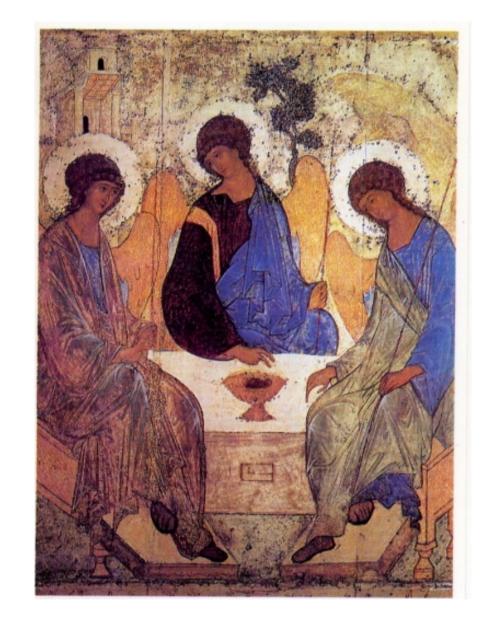


Knowing that God is Spirit reminds us to be attentive to the divinely inspired movements of our own heart: movements of longing as we yearn for closer communion with God whose Spirit inspires us; movements of wonder and praise as we rejoice in God being with us. It reminds us to be sensitive to these movements in every man and every woman.



Knowing that God is Word reminds us to be attentive to the words and actions through which God speaks to us, and the words and actions through which we respond to God. We learn, too, to reverence the sacred ground of each person's Spirit, and be attentive to each person's Word, as together we journey towards God who is the Source ('Father', 'Mother') of all.

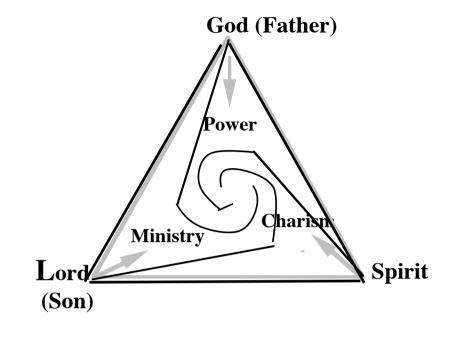
Knowing that God is Father reminds us to open our hearts to God's love and to treat every other person as our brother or sister.



Various priestly ministries of the faithful

Christians participate in the priestly mediation of Christ in various ways.

1Corinthians 12:4-7



'There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; there are varieties of ministries, but the same Lord; there are varieties of ways of exercising power, but it is the same God who inspires them all in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.'

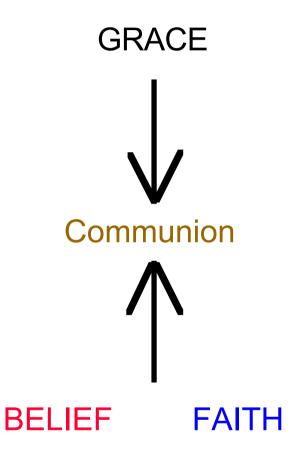
Romans 8:28-30

'We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose. For those whom God fore-knew God also fore-ordained to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family.

And those whom he fore-ordained he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.'

Hosea 2:20

'I will betroth you to myself forever. Yes, I will betroth you to myself in covenant love and faithfulness.'



'The only thing that counts if FAITH working through LOVE.'

Ephesians 2:8-10

'By grace you have been saved, through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God not the result of anything you have done, so that no one may boast. For we are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live a good life, the life designed for us by God.'