

Trinity Sunday

This weekend is Saturday the 15 and Sunday the 16 June, Trinity Sunday.

Ex Cathedra, directed by Jeffrey Skidmore, sing Hanaq Pachap Kusikuynin, a hymn in the Quechua language of South America, a beautiful prayer which I might make my own as I listen now: "Bliss of heaven: a thousand times I adore you. Tree of uncountable fruits. Hope of the peoples. Pillar of the weak. Listen to my prayer."

This weekend's reading is from the Book of Proverbs.

The Old Testament has no doctrine of the Trinity. However, there are interesting traces. For example, the Spirit hovered over the waters at the beginning of Genesis. Also in the present passage Wisdom rejoices as a child of God.

Wisdom was brought forth before the foundation of the world. Does this image of Wisdom help you enter into the mystery of God? Does it add anything to your knowledge of God? Wisdom rejoices in what has been made. Wisdom rejoices in the mountains and hills; the earth and the fields; in sea, sky and fountains. We can too easily take the created world for granted. What gifts of creation awake in you a sense of gratitude towards God?

As you hear this passage again, Wisdom is called a master worker. Wisdom was involved in the world's design. For many creation is just a given. There is no designer. The poet who wrote, "The world is charged with the grandeur of God", had clearly reflected on the God of creation. Can you express your own, perhaps tentative, thoughts about who God is?

"I was daily his delight" suggests the image of a child, playing before her father and delighting him. Can you in some way join in Wisdom's joy; Wisdom's prayerful dance; rejoicing in being before God; rejoicing in God's "inhabited world" and the people who live within it?