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Monday Quotes



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“It (the Trinity) it is a great and holy mystery, and my first job is to stand in humility before it. To explore the nature of God’s selfhood is to come to the end of what human language can illuminate. It is to become speechless.” –Debie Thomas

### Field

<sup>12</sup>“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. <sup>13</sup>When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. <sup>14</sup>He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. <sup>15</sup>All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you. John 16:12-15

### Thoughts

What are you wearing for Trinity Sunday? Probably no one asks that. But if you could order apparel specially designed to reflect the Trinity what would it look like? I’d go with something that expressed infinity, maybe a picture of the vast night sky, plus photos of people who reveal the closeness of God’s love I experience daily, and then someone lifting their voice for our wellbeing. Or, maybe my Trinity Sunday shirt could simply contain artistically printed lines from St. John: “I am in the Father and the Father is in me.” “But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything.” “As God sent me, even so I send you.” The shirt could also include the words, *Lady Wisdom* from Proverbs and the Hebrew feminine, *ruah*, which means spirit, breath, and wind. But what about images of listening and healing? So many choices.

The Trinity is about the interconnectedness of everything, with love and relationship at its center. “Relationship” is an important word but can unintentionally point to gaps in people’s lives. As someone who has been single most of my life, I am aware of how the word can seem to demand specific ways that we be in relationship within a society of couples. We can also become cynical about relationships when healthy ones seem distant in a family or church. Abuse tears away at community, giving the message that some individuals and groups of people are not worthy of relationship.

Looking at the Sierra Pacific Synod from the outside, using the reports as a guide, we pray for our church to act justly with the bishop and anyone else whose behavior broke people’s trust. We pray for space for the Holy Spirit to move and restore community. The Spirit helps us to bear what is overwhelming to handle and what we can’t discern on our own.

The Trinity is vast and close; it is the place we already belong. To add to the paradoxes of the day, the Trinity calls us into relationship out of which our love flows, related to or regardless of our relationships. Happy Monday!

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