

June 12, 2022 – Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31; John 16:12-15 – Holy Trinity Sunday



The Divine Creator, Word, and Spirit, known also as God, gathered their combined energy and with unconditional love sent it out from them in a force so powerful that it moved at a speed beyond description. Stars were brought into existence and planets began to form. Life took root and grabbed hold on some of these planets. The three separate but combined beings of light and love were waiting for the right time to bring into existence a being that would be made in their image. Finally, the Creator took the elements of one small insignificant planet and from them formed a species that became known as humankind.

The Creator had ensured that the planet would have all the things necessary to support the life of this species and gave it the ability to communicate with the Divine energy. There was plenty of food, water and other resources to make shelters so that this species could not only survive but grow and thrive. The Divine wanted to create a being that was capable of loving in the same way it did. If humankind succeeded in evolving in love it would become part of the Divine and their combined love would grow and expand in a never-ending journey.

However, the Divine knew that to create a being with such love, this being would have to experience the opposite of love, which is fear, and learn to live with it until it managed to evolve in love to such a degree that it existed in a state of perfect love in which there is no fear. The Divine knew that perfect love cannot come into existence in the absence of fear but in the midst of it and so it gave humankind free will to make choices and decisions that could result in both good things and not so good things happening.

The Creator set humankind in a garden in which they chose to follow the path of knowledge and with that path came great love and great fear, great joy and great sadness, great success and great failure, and above all, life and death. Humankind began its journey and for many, many years it let fear control it far too often. Because humans feared death, feared hunger, feared other humans, feared all kinds of animals, feared the dark, feared storms, feared drought, and feared just about anything that they did not understand, they began to believe in gods that controlled their world and worshipped them. Humankind managed to rise to the top of the many species that lived on earth and with that success came destruction, violence, war, and oppression.

Eventually, the Divine chose to send into the world a portion of itself, known as the Word. This Word became like humankind, experiencing all the things humans experience. This Word grew up in a world torn apart by oppression, violence, cruelty, intolerance and prejudice and other things that fear produces. This Word also knew the joy of having loving

parents and friends and developed a close and loving relationship with the Divine, even though it was a relationship developed as a human. Through prayer and meditation the Word and the Divine communicated with one another and the Word understood what was required of it.

The Word challenged the oppressive authorities and lifted up the oppressed. The Word fed the hungry and brought hope to those living in despair. The Word taught about the love of the Divine and encouraged humankind to let go of the destructive energy of fear and grab onto the constructive energy of love. The Word worked to promote goodwill and healing wherever it went.

But those controlled by fear and what it created such as greed, selfishness, egotism, pride, and violence, could not tolerate this being of love known as Jesus of Nazareth and sought to remove him from their world. When they could not silence him with their rules and laws, they turned to that which most fearful powerful people turn to, violence. They had him arrested, tortured, and killed. Finally, they thought, they had removed this threat to their power and wealth from them.

But the Divine Energy had other plans. First, the Creator had put in place that which is needed to create and support humankind. Second, the Word had become one with humankind to show it that humans are capable of evolving in love to such a degree that they can become one with God. Third, the Divine was going to send into the world Spirit to dwell within humankind itself. The third part of the Divine was about to make its presence known to all who called upon it.

A short time after the death of Jesus and the resurrection of the Word, Spirit came into the world like the rush of a violent wind and like tongues of fire. In other words it made itself known to the followers of the Word with power. This Spirit does not exist in the world as the Word had, in human form, but came to dwell inside people to continue that which the Creator had started and the Word had made known. The Spirit has the same purpose and the same mission as the Creator and the Word – which is to help humankind evolve in love to such a degree that it is able to cast aside all fear and live in a state of pure love.

This is why God, the Holy Trinity of Creator, Word and Spirit, continues to work in our world and in the lives of humans. God desires the never-ending companionship of humanity which is created in the image of God. But for that to occur humanity must evolve into a species in which love lives more and fear lives less.

Humankind still has much work to do as a whole in evolving into that kind of love. Too many power-hungry, world leaders are led by fear and too many money-loving individuals are motivated by fear. People fear not having enough food, enough land, enough work, enough

retirement funds, enough pleasure, enough free time, enough things, enough clothes, enough praise, and enough of whatever. That fear of not having enough is what creates poverty, oppression, violence, prejudice, racism, and so many other harmful situations in our world. Those with some power, some money, some possessions, some work, and some of whatever often believe they need more of them to be content, to be safe, to be happy and to be loved.

This desire to be loved and safe is really at the root of most people's fears. The young baby or child needs to know that it will be provided with food, water, shelter and love to grow and do well. The teenager and young adult need the same thing. So does the middle-aged and the senior adult. No matter what age we are, where we live, what nationality we are, what race we are part of, or anything else, we all need to love and be loved to do well and be well.

Fear has convinced many humans that the accumulation of power and wealth is what will give them what they desire. In the bible, this fear is often given the name Satan, the Devil, or the Adversary of God. This Adversary or energy of Fear attempts to convince us that if we possess these things we will be more important, safer, and therefore more loved. This is exactly the opposite of what is really needed. The people who are most appreciated, most loved, and most admired and respected are those who are not focused on gaining power or striving on accumulating wealth for themselves. The people who are focused on making sure everyone has the power to take care of themselves and those they care for are loved because of their love for others and their willingness to help those in need. The people who strive to make sure everyone has access to enough money and wealth to feed, clothe, and shelter themselves are those who are appreciated, respected and admired because of their desire to make sure everyone is doing well.

Spirit is present in the world at this very moment working quietly in the lives of many people, inspiring them to be people of love and not fear. This Spirit is part of the Triune God and is an energy of love that cannot be destroyed, extinguished, or banished from this world. This Spirit dwells within us and is constantly calling out to us, encouraging us to let go of our fears and the way they control so many of our decisions.

The Creator gave us a world that can provide us with everything we need to thrive and evolve in love. The Word came into the world to show us that any human being can learn to live in a state of pure love, no matter what their situation might be. The Spirit is here now to help us to be those people of pure love. All we have to do is open ourselves up to its presence, follow its guidance, and enjoy the privilege and pleasure of living in the love of the Triune God.

