

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf. Apoc 1: 8

Alleluia, alleluia! / Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: / to God who is, who was, and who is to come. / Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

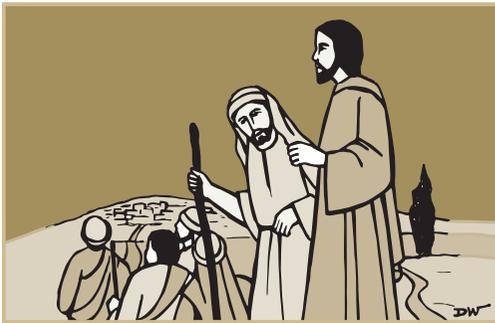
Mt 28: 16-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

*Baptise them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.*

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

### ■ The Gospel of the Lord.



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# Breaking Open the Word



# THE SAVING WORD

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## THE MYSTERY OF GOD'S SHARING

The feast of the Trinity reminds us that the mystery we celebrate today is the mystery of God's sharing in our story through the ages. It is an invitation to remember the story of God among us and the task that has been entrusted to all of us who have been baptised in the name of the Father, Son, and Spirit.

The scripture readings for today lead us to explore the nature of God from a number of different perspectives. First of all, Moses asks the people to take stock of what their experience of God has been. He asks them, and us, to reflect on our experience of God's graciousness and faithfulness. For the people of Israel, the time in the desert was their opportunity to discover the living God as one who cared for them; it was a time of discernment and decision.

Secondly, Paul speaks of the meaning of our baptism in Father, Son, and Spirit. While some members of the community were convinced that they were closer to the Lord on the basis of their spiritual gifts Paul sees that all who are baptised share in the same dignity as children of God. Furthermore, every Christian is called to share in the same inheritance, and even more importantly, to be united in sharing in the suffering and glory of Jesus. Thirdly, the Gospel calls us to remember that we have been baptised into the Father, Son, and Spirit. As such we are given a mission; to share what we have experienced with others.

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## FIRST READING

Deut 4: 32-34, 39-40

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

*The Lord himself is God in heaven above and on earth below: there is no other.*

Moses said to the people: 'Put this question to the ages that are past, that went before you, from the time God created man on earth: Was there ever a word so majestic, from one end of heaven to the other? Was anything ever heard? Did ever a people hear the voice of the living God speaking from the heart of the fire, as you heard it, and remain alive? Has any god ventured to take to himself one nation from the midst of another by ordeals, signs, wonders, war with mighty hand and outstretched arm, by fearsome terrors – all this that the Lord your God did for you before your eyes in Egypt?

'Understand this today, therefore, and take it to heart: The Lord is God indeed, in heaven above as on earth beneath, he and no other. Keep his laws and commandments as I give them to you today so that you and your children may prosper and live long in the land that the Lord your God gives you for ever.'

### ■ The word of the Lord.

## RESP PSALM

Ps 32: 4-6, 9, 18-20, 22. R. v. 12

**R. Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.**

1. The word of the Lord is faithful / and all his works to be trusted. / The Lord loves justice and right / and fills the earth with his love. **R.**

2. By his word the heavens were made, / by the breath of his mouth all the stars. / He spoke; and they came to be. / He commanded; they sprang into being. **R.**



3. The Lord looks on those who revere him, / on those who hope in his love, / to rescue their souls from death, / to keep them alive in famine. **R.**

4. Our soul is waiting for the Lord. / The Lord is our help and our shield. / May your love be upon us, O Lord, / as we place all our hope in you. **R.**

## SECOND READING

Rom 8: 14-17

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

*You have received the Spirit that makes you God's own children, and in that Spirit we call God: Father, our Father!*

Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God. The spirit you received is not the spirit of slaves bringing fear into your lives again; it is the spirit of sons, and it makes us cry out, 'Abba, Father!' The Spirit himself and our spirit bear united witness that we are children of God. And if we are children we are heirs as well: heirs of God and coheirs with Christ, sharing his sufferings so as to share his glory.

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