

Today is very important; we are celebrating the Trinity, the triune God. And one of the discussions I had this week, and it made me realize that I am not the only one who has wondered about this. Growing up, the Trinity really didn't make much sense to me. We talk about God the Father, Jesus, and we talk about the Holy Spirit. We talk about him as three separate entities. There are always three individuals. Jesus refers to himself separate from God, and they refer to the Holy Spirit. At no point in the actual Bible does it talk about the three of them being one. It doesn't refer to the trinity. Today's reading does talk about Jesus and God being one, but it doesn't speak about the Trinity specifically. The church itself did not always recognize today as a special day. It didn't recognize that we needed a day for the Trinity; it was just kind of one of those things that happened over time. They celebrated the church. They celebrated separately. They celebrated the idea of God independent from Jesus and independent from the Holy Spirit.

But the longer that the church progressed the more we talked the more people started to talk and then started to argue on whether or not we were celebrating the same person in each of these forms. And I had thought that for years. Growing up, I never really realized that they were the same. I knew they were the same, but I never really knew they were the same. I couldn't comprehend that three people could be one person. Now it is kind of ironic because having twin sisters, I always referred to them as the same person even though they are not at all. So thinking about it in that kind of context, I started thinking maybe they are and maybe they aren't, I don't know. But what I do know is that it is very confusing.

In our Bible study group on Wednesday, we talk about how God does so many things that we can not fully comprehend. We can not comprehend his intent for everything because we are not there. We are not on that level. As Jesus said in his reading, in the reading today, that even though he is with God and on the same level as God he doesn't pretend to be that same person while he is alive. He realizes that God is still above him and there are many things he doesn't understand yet, things that he does not truly understand until he has died, that he has ascended. And we see that in our readings. We see that God and Jesus are completely different. Jesus has the ability to do all the things that God does but he chooses not to because he is not the same.

For a long time, we criticized religions that had multiple gods, but at the same time, we have multiple gods. We have multiple versions of God. We have multiple versions of everything that happens around us. But I think the importance of having the triune god shows. It isn't just about every individual section. It's about everything coming together. It's about everybody being one. And we see that in our daily lives

We work best and we work strongest when we are putting ourselves with others. We don't put ourselves above anybody else because we all have different strengths. We all have different talents, We all have different ideas and that is what makes us better. That is what makes us a greater by being together. By being in unison together, we are so much stronger than individuals.

It's like a jigsaw puzzle, if you pick one of those up The picture doesn't make sense, especially if you get one of those that are very hard and don't have a picture. It only had numbers. It was a nightmare trying to put this one puzzle together because you had no picture. You had nothing. You just had numbers on each piece and they didn't go in order so you had to figure it all out. It took a long time. It took many of us to put this puzzle together. Each person

saw something different. Somebody was looking for the edge pieces. Someone was looking for just individual weird pieces. Somebody was looking for whatever, making it fit, whether it did not. And that is a lot of life

We have people who are very specific and see things like numbers. We have people who are very specific and see the artistic side of everything. They want to do and beautify everything. We have those who no matter how hard they try, they are always putting everyone else above themselves and forget to take care of themselves. But each one of us has a place. Each one of us has an opportunity because coming together we fit together in that puzzle and we show God's love, God's resilience, God's teachings in the collectiveness of all of us. And the beauty of coming together. That we are not better than anybody else. That we are all beauty that we are all a part of this great and wondrous thing.

And that is what today is. It is a reflection that no one is better than anybody else. That we are all greater together.