



## Trinity Sunday

# Join in the Dance

**T**he Holy Trinity is best described as a mystery — the reality of God who is three persons, but of one single nature, of God who is revealed as love and who subsists in this love, yet created all of us as an expression of this love. Mystery attracts and scares us away at the same time, and this can tempt

us into shying away from engaging with the mystery. Why try to understand if we're going to fail anyway? How are we going to understand the infinite mystery of the Trinity with our finite human understanding? We may not reach full understanding, but reflecting on the presence of mystery of the Trinity in the concrete reality of our lives can lead to interesting insights. There are, to me, two ways of approaching mystery. The first is to deny that we can ever understand the mystery, citing our own finitude, leaving the mystery unapproachable and completely beyond us. The other is to try to understand it by analogy, using images or narratives from our own experiences to relate the mystery to things that we can understand in our lives. We may not have a full understanding of the mystery, but we can at least have fun trying.

The chorus from Dan Schutte's song *Join in the Dance* is one means of activating our analogical imagination (to borrow a phrase from theologian David Tracy) to try to approach the mystery of the Trinity in a more light-hearted fashion. I'll make three observations to connect the song with the Trinity, just

*Join in the dance of the earth's jubilation!  
This is the feast of the love of God.  
Shout from the heights to the ends of creation:  
Jesus the Saviour is risen from the grave!*

Chorus from *Join in the Dance* by Dan Schutte

because three is indeed the important number of this feast day we celebrate. The first is the image of the dance. There's action and dynamism involved in a dance, and it's not easy to coordinate one's movement with that of another, while keeping to the rhythm and flow of the music. The dance is not just about movement and rhythm, but is about relationship as well, showing how the relationship among the three persons of the Trinity is never static and always in movement, always creatively present with us. It's quite moving to consider how God, the Trinity, is always in movement, dancing with us in jubilation as we move through our journey of life.

The dance that represents the Trinity is also a dance of love, highlighting what is often referred to as intra-Trinitarian love. We know that God is love (1 John 4:8) and it would follow that the three persons in the Trinity would have the perfection of love for each other. This relationship between the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit stands as the model of all relationships that we can have as humans — perfect unity in their oneness and perfect love between the distinct persons in their distinction. I imagine

this as the ideal of all good relationships — where we are united in the bonds of love that allow us to act in concert, while at the same time retaining our individuality and bringing our uniqueness to bear in making the relationship even better. That's the basis of loving families, great collaborations, and sound communities. Which leads

one to the final point about how this unitive intra-Trinitarian love is not just for its own sake, but also for the sake of others.

The chorus of the song refers to the "ends of creation", which I take, to point to God as the source of all creation, a source that causes us to raise our voices with shouts of joy. We, the children of God, were created out of the love that exists in the Trinity, and we continue to be part of this constant creative process of God's love. It doesn't take much to recognise how God's creation is ongoing and results in the earth's constant jubilation. Jesuit poet Gerard Manley Hopkins wrote that "the world is charged with the grandeur of God", and all we have to do is to open our eyes to behold this greatness. From the beauty of nature to the love palpable in a family, from the aroma of freshly baked bread to the care children show to their elders — the evidence of how the Trinity evokes love and joy is boundless. And the best part is that we're constantly called to join in this dance of love, participating and spreading this love to all whom we meet.

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## PARISH NEWS

Join our **CHARISMATIC RENEWAL COMMUNITY** (CRC) via ZOOM. In Romans 8:14-17, St Paul reminds us that when we are led by the Spirit of God, we become His children and our lives change. Video on "BEING LED BY THE SPIRIT" followed by Bible Sharing on this passage. This Wednesday 10 June, 8pm. Email [cpg.cosi@gmail.com](mailto:cpg.cosi@gmail.com) for link details.

### DONATION APPEAL FOR THE POOR

Thanks to the monthly Second Sunday Collections for the Poor in our parish, the Society of St Vincent de Paul (SSVP) is able to give monthly cash assistance to 140 people, many of whom are the elderly, sick or disabled, staying in HDB one-room rental flats at blocks 89 and 90 Redhill Close. Due to the suspension of Masses, SSVP would like to appeal to parishioners to send in their donations. You may mail a cheque to 120 King's Road, Singapore 268172. The cheque should be made payable to SSVP - Conf of St Ignatius. Please indicate the name and contact number of donor, and "Collection for the Poor" at the back of the cheque.

### RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA) 2020/2021

Begins 4 August (every Tuesday, 8.00pm to 10.00pm). Introduce friends or family to our Catholic faith. Baptised Catholics are also invited to journey as sponsors. Registration opens 1 June for inquirers of the Catholic Faith, and sponsors and facilitators. Enrol at [tinyurl.com/stignatius-rcia](http://tinyurl.com/stignatius-rcia) at [stignatius.org.sg](http://stignatius.org.sg). Contact Teddy (9745 8313) or Angela (6466 0625).

**RAISE THE PRAISE**, an evening concert with Jesse Manibusan, Villimar Jansen and featuring Fr Derek, Fr Kamelus and Fr Edward. Video footage is available at our parish website, <https://stignatius.org.sg/home/what-s-happening/gallery/video-gallery>

All are welcome to join Fr. Ravi, SJ and our youth community, De Vita Christi, for **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION** "live" on YouTube, every Wednesday, 8pm -10pm. The link will be posted on Telegram.

Dear Parishioners of St Ignatius,

Due to the stringent requirements imposed for the re-opening of our church by MCCY, we have made the difficult decision not to re-open for private worship anytime during Phase One. We will review the situation in the coming weeks in line with the expected easing of measures under Phase 2. We do apologise for this inconvenience and ask for your patience and cooperation. God Bless.

Frs Colin, Jerome and Ravi and the Safe Management Team.

### THANK YOU TO OUR PARISHIONERS

Our parish priests, Frs Colin, Jerome and Ravi would like to thank all parishioners for their thoughtfulness and generous donation to the Church, even though the Church is closed and all Masses have been suspended.

Fr Colin Tan, SJ is available for **TELE-MEETING** with 10 parishioners daily. Call the office (6466 0625)

to leave your name and number. He will be happy to return your call. Or email him at [csi.pp@catholic.org.sg](mailto:csi.pp@catholic.org.sg)

A **LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN** session entitled *Sundays with Jesus* is available at <https://stignatius.org.sg/home/>

A recorded **GOSPEL REFLECTION** by Fr Colin Tan, SJ for this weekend 7 June, is available at Weekly Sunday Reflection: <https://stignatius.org.sg/home>

**WEBCAST MASSES** at 12 noon on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays. Presided by Fr. Jerome Leon, SJ. Please go to [www.youtube.com/c/jeromeleonsj](http://www.youtube.com/c/jeromeleonsj). The webcast will come online 3 minutes before noon. The video will not be accessible after the webcast.

## ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

**CBN CAREER COUNSELLING SERVICE** is now available via Zoom. You can have discussions with a trained counsellor on Career Exploration, Career Planning, Career Transitions, Workplace Challenges, Job Search Strategies etc. Call 9111 7335 or email [admin@cbn.sg](mailto:admin@cbn.sg). There will be a nominal charge of \$10 to cover administration costs.

### CLARITY'S STAY-HOME SERIES ONLINE WORKSHOPS

Obtain self-help tips and mental health support.  
**INTRODUCTION TO AUTHENTICITY: Becoming**, 15 June (Registration closes 11 June)  
**INTRODUCTION TO DEPRESSION: Lighting the Way**, 17 June (Registration closes 14 June)  
All lessons are free, via Zoom, 2.00pm – 3.30pm.  
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