



**Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity  
(Fathers' Day)  
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## **Sunday Liturgy Guide for the Church of the Poor in the Spirit of the New Evangelization**

**The Church of the Poor, through the Basic Ecclesial Communities, experiences the greatest joy when the solidarity of all her people is rooted in the grace of Christ, in the love of God and in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit: in the loving communion of the Trinity!**

Let us celebrate today the Feast of the Most Holy Trinity. After the fullness of revelation of who the Son is (in his Resurrection and Ascension) and by the descent of the Holy Spirit (Pentecost), the Holy Trinity (Three Divine Persons in One God) is now accessible to us more than ever before. The Father creates, the Son redeems and the Holy Spirit sanctifies. The Father sends, the Son is sent, and the Holy Spirit proceeds from the Father and the Son. Let us ardently reflect on this mystery and what has the Holy Trinity, and its profound inner communion, got to do in our lives. As we do so, let us also reflect on the mission of the one who was sent: Jesus. PCP-II says:

### **“6. A Mission of Preference for the Poor**

**(48)** Their (the Twelve) proclaiming the Good News followed the pattern of Jesus' way, his own special preference for the afflicted, the marginalized, the little ones, and sinners – the poor. His entire life was a testimony of this love of preference for the poor. He became poor for our sake that by his poverty we might become rich. His first beatitude was directed towards the poor: ‘Blessed are you poor!’ He chose poor fishermen to be his first followers. He lived the life of an itinerant preacher who had no home of his own. And as he lived, so he died

### **Introductory Rites**

#### **Greeting**

**P:** In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** *Amen.*

**P:** May the Father our Creator, the Son our Redeemer and the Holy Spirit our sanctifier and vivifier, be always with you.

**C:** *And with your spirit.*

– poor, buried in a grave that was not even his own.

**(49)** It was not only the materially poor whom he loved with a love of preference. He frequented the company of those who sought him in their poverty of spirit, the morally poor, and those who were uninstructed in the law. He declared that it is not those who are well that are in need of a physician but the sick. He did not even come to call the righteous but the sinners to repentance. **(50)** He also showed his love for children and women, two classes of people considered ‘little’ in the society of his time. When his disciples forbade some mothers to bring their children to them, he rebuked his disciples: ‘Let the children come to me and do not prevent them...’ And he made a little child the model for his followers.

**(51)** While women were second class citizens in his own social milieu Jesus paid great respect to them and associated women to himself in his ministry. He even chose women to be the first witness to his resurrection. **(52)** This love of preference which he manifested towards the little and the poor he wanted his disciples to imitate. In the end, he tells us, our eternal destiny depends on how we treat the least of his brethren (Matt 25:40.45).v

Does your BEC share in this Jesus' preferential love for the poor and the little ones? Today we thank and congratulate our fathers for their heroic and saintly roles in our lives. As we do so, we too ask them this question: Fathers of today, are you willing to imitate Jesus' preferential love for the poor and teach this Jesus and his preferential love for the poor to your children? ■

## Introduction and Welcome

P: Dear brothers and sisters: let us continue to celebrate our life with joy and thanksgiving as Church, as a community of God's people. Today, we especially pray for the grace that we may more intensely participate in the profound loving communion that the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit share with each other in the Holy Trinity.

## Penitential Act

P: Brothers and sisters, let us now ask God to forgive us our sins, so that we can become worthy to celebrate these great mysteries.

P: I confess...

*C: to almighty God....to pray for me to the Lord our God. Amen.*

P: Lord, have mercy.

*C: Lord, have mercy.*

P: Christ, have mercy.

*C: Christ, have mercy.*

P: Lord, have mercy.

*C: Lord, have mercy.*

P: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

*C: Amen.*

## Gloria

Glory to God in the Highest!  
And on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, Almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus

Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## Collect

P: Let us pray: God our Father, who by sending into the world the Word of truth and the Spirit of sanctification made known to the human race your wondrous mystery, grant us, we pray, that in professing the true faith, we may acknowledge the Trinity of eternal glory and adore your Unity, powerful in majesty. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

*C: Amen.*

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### First Reading: Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9

L: A reading from the Book of Exodus.

Early in the morning Moses went up Mount Sinai as the LORD had commanded him, taking along the two stone tablets. Having come down in a cloud, the LORD stood with Moses there and proclaimed his name, "LORD." Thus the LORD passed before him and cried out, "The LORD, the LORD, a merciful and gracious God, slow to anger and rich in kindness and fidelity." Moses at once bowed down to the ground in worship. Then he said, "If I find favor with you, O Lord, do come along in our company. This is indeed a stiff-necked people; yet pardon our wickedness and sins, and receive us as your own."

L: The Word of the Lord.

*C: Thanks be to God.*

### Commentary on Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9:

This is probably a Yahwist story woven to highlight the renewal of the Covenant which Israel had been transgressing earlier. Yahweh has taken the initiative

to make a new Covenant; he introduces himself as the Lord, a merciful God, slow to anger and rich in kindness and fidelity. Take note: he charges Moses as the one responsible for the destruction of the first two stone tablets of the commandments. In the earlier confrontation between the golden calf (symbol of the idolatry of old habits, old way of living) and the two stone tablets of the Ten Commandments (symbol of the new hopes, of the new way of life, Yahweh's New Charter for his people), the stone tablets of New Hopes were shattered by the hands of the one who received them; both the stone tablets of new hopes and the golden calf of old habits were destroyed by Moses who took over the burning anger of God! But God's burning anger can change to compassion, because of his mercy, kindness and fidelity. He alone can truly forgive and punish his people. But the restoration of the people through a new covenant is not just a spiritual renewal. It was also material and physical, by the fact that the new Decalogue has to be written on material tablets of stone!

**Responsorial Psalm: Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56**

***R: Glory and praise for ever!***

Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of our fathers, praiseworthy and exalted above all forever; And blessed is your holy and glorious name, praiseworthy and exalted above all for all ages.

***R: Glory and praise for ever!***

Blessed are you in the temple of your holy glory, praiseworthy and glorious above all forever.

***R: Glory and praise for ever!***

Blessed are you on the throne of your kingdom, praiseworthy and exalted above all forever.

***R: Glory and praise for ever!***

Blessed are you who look into the depths from your throne upon the cherubim,

praiseworthy and exalted above all forever.

***R: Glory and praise for ever!***

**Commentary on Dn 3:52-56:**

These verses are lifted from the Song of the three Young Men in the book of Daniel. These verses form a song of praise to the only God; in this context it is an invitation to desist from worshipping a golden statue. There is only one God who saves. Him only must everyone worship.

**Second Reading: 2 Cor 13:11-13**

L: A reading from the Second Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians.

Brothers and sisters, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the holy ones greet you. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: *Thanks be to God.*

**Commentary on 2 Cor 13:11-13:**

This is Paul's final farewell greetings to the Christian community in Corinth. It is impersonal, short and, unlike the other closing greetings in his other letters, here he does not mention anyone. The impersonal character of this closing adds centrality to the source of joy and peace which the Christian community needs to be rooted in: the God of love and peace. The mutual greetings of every member in the community are also united in solidarity with all the members of the Church. All of them are graced by the Trinity whom Paul describes in the clearest Trinitarian formula: the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God

and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit.

**Alleluia Verse:**

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

**Gospel: John 3:16-18**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: *And with your spirit.*

P: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

C: *Glory to you, O Lord.*

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him will not be condemned, but whoever does not believe has already been condemned, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: *Praise be to you, O Lord Jesus Christ.*

**Commentary on John 3:16-18**

This gospel text belongs to the story concerning the encounter between Jesus and Nicodemus. John introduces Nicodemus as a Pharisee and a leading figure of the Jews. In an ironic twist, Nicodemus is transformed into a student, while Jesus, whom he calls Rabbi, becomes his teacher. In this conversation, Nicodemus is slowly led by Jesus to know more intimately the Kingdom of God. This text then focuses on the reason behind humanity’s possible entry into eternal life: God’s overwhelming love for the world made him send his only Son to redeem the world. God’s action invites the response

of faith.

God’s love for us and for the cosmos that he has created is so great that he sent his only Son for our sake. But how tragically painful it is to realize that this limitless love of God has been rejected by many in favor of comfort and the deceptive light of darkness.

**Homily: The Church of the Poor, through the Basic Ecclesial Communities, experiences the greatest joy when the solidarity of all her people is rooted in the grace of Christ, in the love of God and in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit: in the loving communion of the Trinity!**

Summary of the Sunday Reading Message	Concrete description of the poor people and their situation	Reflection/ Points for reflection/ Call/ Challenge
The Church of the Poor, through the Basic Ecclesial Communities, experiences the greatest joy when the solidarity of all her people is rooted in the grace of Christ, in the love of God and in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit: in the loving communion of the Trinity!	Does your BEC have special programs for the afflicted, the marginalized, the little ones, the women and children, the materially poor and the rich who accept their sinfulness, their ignorance of the gospel and kingdom values and thus, their social-moral bankruptcy? How do you teach them God’s love?	God the Father so loved the world that he has created that he sent his only Son to redeem all of creation through forgiveness, reconciliation and total transformation. The Father and the Son has gifted us with the Holy Spirit who sanctifies and makes new.

## **Profession of Faith**

A: I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## **Prayers of the Faithful:**

P: Dear sisters and brothers, let us now humbly ask our Father for the graces we need to be able to participate in the loving communion of the Holy Trinity by our acts of mutual love and solidarity with one another and with all of creation. For every prayer let our response be: Lord, teach us solidarity and communion.

***R: Lord, teach us solidarity and communion.***

L: Let us pray for the Church: that being a Church of the Poor spread all over the world, she may continue to preach and enlighten all peoples of God's preferential love for the poor and for the rich repentant

sinner. Let us pray to the Lord.

***R: Lord, teach us solidarity and communion.***

L: For our Holy Father, Pope Francis I, for the bishops, priests, deacons, for those in consecrated life and for all those who are entrusted with the care and administration of the church as People of God: that they may continue to establish special programs for the afflicted, the marginalized, the little ones, the women and children, the materially poor and the rich who accept their sinfulness, their ignorance of the gospel and kingdom values, and thus, their social and moral bankruptcy. Let us pray to the Lord.

***R: Lord, teach us solidarity and communion.***

L: For world leaders and all those entrusted with governance and administration of the goods of the earth: that they may promote and advocate a system of education that uses all the sciences to advance the cause of the poor, the effective love of humanity and the care for creation Let us pray to the Lord.

***R: Lord, teach us solidarity and communion.***

L: For all of us, inhabitants of the earth and citizens of heaven: that we may be profoundly grateful the fathers and would-be fathers among us, and to inspire and help them to love and defend life from the moment of conception to natural death, and to teach their children how to imitate Jesus Christ by their own exemplary lives of integrity and justness. Let us pray to the Lord.

***R: Lord, teach us solidarity and communion.***

L: For our beloved dead: that in the forgiveness of their sins, they may find eternal rest in the heart of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Let us pray to the Lord.

***R: Lord, teach us solidarity and communion.***

L: For our special intentions, in the silence of our hearts. *(pause)*... Let us pray to the Lord.

**R: Lord, teach us solidarity and communion.**

P: Lord God, these are the prayers we present to you today. We thank you for the gift of our grandfathers, fathers and would be fathers. We ask you to help us appreciate and imitate the way of Jesus Christ by making us more aware of your compassionate and faithful love in our lives and by inflaming our hearts with the fire of newness and holiness that the Holy Spirit gives. We ask this through same Christ our Lord.

R: *Amen.*

## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

### Preparation of the Altar and the Gifts

P: Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, ....

C: *Blessed be God forever.*

P: Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

C: *May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.*

### Prayer over the Offerings

P: Sanctify by the invocation of your name, we pray, O Lord our God, this oblation of our service, and by it make of us an eternal offering to you. Through Christ our Lord.

C: *Amen.*

### Prayer of the Eucharist

P: The Lord be with you.

C: *And with your spirit.*

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: *We lift them up to the Lord.*

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our

God.

C: *It is right and just.*

P: It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

For with your Only Begotten Son and the Holy Spirit you are one God, one Lord: not in the unity of a single person, but in a Trinity of one substance.

For what you have revealed to us of your glory we believe equally of your Son and of the Holy Spirit, so that, in the confessing of the true and eternal Godhead, you might be adored in what is proper to each Person, their unity in substance, and their equality in majesty.

For this is praised by Angels and Archangels, Cherubim too, and Seraphim, who never cease to cry out each day, as with one voice they acclaim:

A: *Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.*

### Acclamation

P: The mystery of faith.

**When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.**

*(Concluding the Eucharistic Prayer, the priest says:)*

Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, for ever and ever.

C: *Amen.*

### Communion Rite

The Lord's Prayer

## **Doxology**

*C: For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever.*

## **Sign of Peace**

P: Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles; Peace ... Who live and reign for ever and ever.

*C: Amen.*

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

*C: And with your spirit.*

P: Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

## **Breaking of the Bread**

*A: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world ... grant us peace.*

## **Communion**

P: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

*A: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.*

## **Prayer after Communion**

P: Let us pray: May receiving this Sacrament, O Lord our God, bring us health of body and soul, as we confess your eternal holy Trinity and undivided Unity. Through Christ our Lord.

*C: Amen.*

## **Final Blessing**

P: The Lord be with you.

*C: And with your spirit.*

P: Bow down for the blessing: May the Lord bless you and keep you.

*C: Amen.*

P: May he let his face shine upon you and show you his mercy.

*C: Amen.*

P: May he turn his countenance towards you and give you his peace.

*C: Amen.*

P: And may the blessings of almighty God, + the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, come down upon you and remain with you forever.

*C: Amen.*

## **Dismissal**

P: Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord.

*C: Thanks be to God. ■*

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