

The readings chosen for today, surprisingly, contain only one explicit reference to the Trinity: the famous ‘grace’ in Paul’s second letter to the Corinthians: *“The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit.”*

This is not a puzzle to try and work out. It is mystery to be lived and enjoyed. We are baptised in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, We begin our prayers with much the same words. The Holy Trinity is our mark, our sign.

Instead of inviting us to grapple with the meaning of that triple invocation, the readings present to us a God who is involved and active in the world. God is not a creator who sits back and watches: God gets stuck in with creation.

No-one can know what God is truly like. Yet God has shown us something of God’s nature. What we see is that God is relationship, God is love. And that love pours out into the world, into creation. Yes, God is the One God, but God is not watching us from far off. God is involved in creation. God is involved in your life and in my life.

So in the first reading from Exodus, the Lord passes Moses by and reveals something of the Divine Nature: *“The Lord, the Lord, a God of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in kindness and faithfulness.”* (Exodus 34:6)

And in the Gospel, the famous bible verse and favourite of many, John 3:17 *“God sent his Son into the World not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved.”*

All our relationships begin in the Trinity, our God who is the ultimate relationship: of Father, Son and Spirit. In all our poor attempts to love, to be kind, faithful, compassionate, tender, forgiving – we make God the Blessed Trinity present, we share in that Divine life, we live out the mark we were given at Baptism.