

Discussion Questions

Where do I find God in my daily life? Has he ever revealed Himself to me in a way and at a time I wasn't expecting Him?

What characteristics of God do I think about most often? In other words, who is God for me?

When have I experienced God's hospitality?

If God came to visit our ministry/parish/home, would we run to welcome him?

What about the icon draws me into prayer?

What detail of the story inspires me to reevaluate my own life?

Imagine this situation: A single mom and her two young children are walking through the doors of Ave Maria. The children are not baptized and the mom, while raised Catholic, has not been to church in over 10 years. She has just left an abusive relationship and finds herself running to God for the first time in a long time. What do you hope her experience would be when she walks into our parish? Be specific.

For Further Reading

Michael Reeves, *Delighting in the Trinity: An Introduction to the Christian Faith*
InterVarsity Press, 2012 - 135 pages

God Is Here Series 1, Part 1



The Most Holy Trinity Invites Us into COMMUNION

The Word of God

Abraham Welcomes Three Guests: Genesis 18:1-15

And the Lord appeared to him by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the door of his tent in the heat of the day. He lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, three men stood in front of him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them, and bowed himself to the earth, and said, "My lord, if I have found favor in your sight, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree, while I fetch a morsel of bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of fine meal, knead it, and make cakes." And Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it.

Then he took curds, and milk, and the calf which he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

They said to him, "Where is Sarah your wife?" And he said, "She is in the tent." The Lord said, "I will surely return to you in the spring, and Sarah your wife shall have a son." And

Sarah was listening at the tent door behind him. Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?" The Lord said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh, and say, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?' Is anything too hard for the Lord? At the appointed time I will return to you, in the spring, and Sarah shall have a son." But Sarah denied, saying, "I did not laugh"; for she was afraid. He said, "No, but you did laugh."

Series 1 Prayer

"Grant, we pray, almighty God, that your Church may always remain that holy people, formed as one by the unity of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, which manifests to the world the Sacrament of your holiness and unity and leads it to the perfection of your charity. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever."

–Collect For the Church C

Voices of the Church

"Although Abraham ran from the tent toward them as if toward strangers, he ran to receive those strangers with love.... Therefore the Lord, who had just appeared to him at the door of the tent, now appeared to Abraham clearly in one of the three. Abraham then fell down and worshiped him...."

(St. Ephrem the Syrian, 4th century)

"Christians are baptized 'in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit....' The mystery of the Holy Trinity is the central mystery of Christian faith and life.... It is... the source of all the other mysteries of faith, the light that enlightens them." (Catechism of the Catholic Church 232, 234)