

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURES

May 27, 2018

Trinity Sunday

Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40 + Romans 8:14-17 + Matthew 28:16-20



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What if the Hokey Pokey *is* what it's all about?

Rather irreverent, yes. But a few years ago I was at a birthday party for a man with intellectual disabilities. His friends and many caregivers attended. The DJ played the "Hokey Pokey" and many, not all, joined in the dance. Gradually the circle grew wider as more entered the dance. We circled the floor opening to ever more dancers! The music and movement united us, yet we kept our individual identities.

Some theologians refer to the Trinity's life as *perichoresis*, a kind of Greek circle dancing. The Creator, the Redeemer and the Spirit united as one in love move around each other, but still distinct from one another.

As with any metaphor for the Trinity, this limps, but our human limits demand that we try!

Today we celebrate these Divine Dancers and are awed by their inviting us into their dance.

Ever more widely opened to us, they beckon us to join them.

It is not hard to do.

After all, all of creation is "in communion,"
so as we image or reflect God, this inclusive dance is nearly natural for us.

It compels dancers to move in love, the music of the Dance.

Can you hear it? Can you see it in others?

Sometimes we stumble and trip on the dance floor.

Yet the Divine Dancers lift us up and we can dance once more.

Today and every day for the rest of our lives
we circle and dance in love with the Dancing God we name Trinity!

Maybe the Hokey Pokey *is* what it's all about!