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SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY



DEUTERONOMY 4:32-34, 39-40

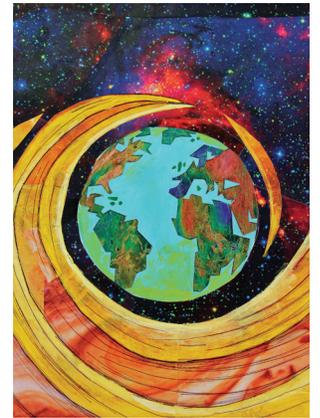
ROMANS 8:14-17

PSALM 33:4-5, 6, 9, 18-19, 20, 22

MATTHEW 28:16-20

REFLECTION

Do you like looking at the night stars? Have you ever visited NASA's website and seen the beautiful images of stars from the Hubble Space telescope? I love looking at the stars and I am particularly fascinated by black holes. A black hole is a region of space where gravity is so strong that nothing, including light, can escape its pull. Could the Holy Trinity be like a black hole? Could God have a gravitational pull? Could God pull us in and send us out as new creations? I think the Triune God does have a gravitational pull. In theological language God's pull is called *communio*. *Communio* is the love relationship between Father, Son, and Spirit. This Trinitarian love relationship draws all creation into its loving embrace. So when we say God is love, we first mean that God the Father, and God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit are in a relationship of loving communion. But we also mean that this loving communion is so powerful that it continually pulls or draws us into this love. St. Augustine captures this with his most famous line, "Our hearts are restless till they rest in Thee [God]." Just like black holes create new stars, the Trinity's loving *communio* births *missio*. God's very nature is creative. God invites us into loving communion and then sends us forth on a mission to spread this loving communion. Today's Gospel reading contains God's mission statement: "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations" (v. 19). Disciples have personally experienced being drawn into *communio* with God, and they participate in God's *missio* to draw others and all creation into this love.



ACTION

Watch the YouTube video from NASA and reflect on the questions below.
www.youtube.com/watch?v=hu6hW00Fk

JOURNALING QUESTIONS

● How have you experienced God's gravitational pull into Trinitarian love in your life? Are you willing to accept God's call to be part of his mission as a Christian disciple?