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-- When God created the universe, particularly the earth, he didn't do it because he was lonely. God didn't *have* to create us. God did it out of sheer love—to share a bit of himself through creation and particularly through creating human beings.

-- But that brings up the question: *Why wasn't God lonely?* The answer isn't that God is perfectly content as a loner. God, in fact, was already in relationship before anything or anyone else came to be.

-- We have some hints about that in our first reading. Proverbs pictures the wisdom of God existing before, yet acting in creation. The wisdom of God participates in creation (craftsman) and even has a playful side.

-- Though we can't identify this wisdom of God specifically as God's son or the Spirit of God, we get the idea that God is not some lonesome deity who created us because he got bored. He's in a loving relationship

-- The mystery of the Trinity is precisely that: a mystery. Human words and constructions can't fully explain the fullness of God's life. We can never say we have God "nailed down," so to speak.

-- But we know that relationship is at the heart of God's life. And the scriptures give us hints of what that is all about. It is so powerful that we reflect on it every time we pray at liturgy.

-- Every Opening Prayer at Mass is offered through Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, yet as one God. The Trinity is at the heart of the life and prayer of the Church.

-- God, as Father, Son and Spirit, is in a perfect relationship of love. But God's love flows out in the creation of the heavens, the moon and stars, as the psalmist tells us. They are all the work of God's hand.

-- But God shares his love most fully with us human beings, the crown of his creation. We are far from God in terms of glory and power, yet God shares his life with us in a way that is not true for the rest of his creation.

-- God wants to share the fullness of life with us forever. That's why he sent his Son to bring us saving grace. That's why he continues to be

present to us through the Holy Spirit, whose power we celebrated in a special way last weekend.

-- Because God is in a pure relationship of love, he also calls us into relationship. We are not lone rangers on earth. We are called to be in relationship with each other.

-- The union of a man and woman in marriage is perhaps the best model to reflect God's love to us. If you know married couples who have sustained a loving relationship for many years, you can see that oneness. They anticipate each other's thoughts and actions.

-- No relationship perfectly shows us what God's inner life is like, but God continues to give us hints. Only when we reach our heavenly home will we fully understand who God is.

-- Meanwhile, we continue to celebrate the life of the Trinity. We pray that God the Father, who sent his Son to the earth so we might have life, will continue to pour his Holy Spirit upon us.

-- All of us, married or not, are called to reflect God's love in our relationships with each other. We may not do that perfectly, but we continue to reach out to one another, because we are all creatures loved by God.

-- May the Triune God, who is pure love, pour into our hearts love for one another, and a care for all creatures and the entire earth. For, as small and insignificant as we are, God has made us the crown of his creation.