

And they, the representatives of the Church of God signified by this word elder, "cast their crowns," that is, all the gifts they have received from God. They cast all their true achievements, all their works, all their successes, yea all their sufferings, all their victories over sin and the flesh, before God, saying, "Thou art worthy, O Lord." "All are from Thee." They themselves were nothing in comparison to Him and His glory. The offering they made was even of their best, their "golden crowns"—the consummation of themselves and their lives—these they cast down before the Throne.

It is a great lesson the Church teaches us on Trinity Sunday! It is a glorious festival. It stands by itself. The other festivals remind us of what Jesus the Son of God has done for us, in His Incarnation, Nativity, Circumcision, Resurrection, Ascension, of God the Holy Ghost coming to us, of what saints and martyrs have borne and achieved through His Power and His Grace. But to-day we are called to think of none of these things—to-day we lift our eyes to know that somewhere in the unfathomable space beyond the blue sky there is a Throne and a God: upon His glory, His perfection we are to fix our thoughts. "Our safest eloquence concerning Him is our silence," so wrote the saintly Hooker. God is in Heaven, we upon earth, therefore let our words be few.

God the Father—"Our Father," we are taught by God the Son thus to address the Great Creator. How much in an earthly family does this word "father" mean! The caretaker, the breadwinner, the consoler, the adviser, the judge and avenger of misdeeds, and yet the incarnation of love and tenderness, of forbearance and fortitude to his children. However many there are he has room for all, and place in his heart for each. He cannot spare one, there are none too many. To give up a child, even for his benefit, is a bitter wrench, and yet such a father as I have described, ideal in his relations to his family, is a weak creature like ourselves. As we grow up, perhaps we realize this, but still we look up to him because he is our father. God, our Father in Heaven, is God Almighty, God Eternal. How can we picture Him to ourselves? But He has revealed Himself to us in Jesus Christ.

Jesus Christ is God—now we can understand. Jesus Christ died for us—such is God's love! And the Holy Ghost is God—He is God's gift to us for wisdom, and understanding and prayer. We must pray; how else can finite understand the Infinite? The mystery of the Holy Trinity, the Three Persons in One God, must be reverently approached, meditated upon until our belief and our trust in God the Father, who made us, God the Son, who redeemed us, and God the Holy Ghost who sanctifies us, becomes ingrained in our lives and in our prayers, until we join that blessed company on high, represented by the four-and-twenty elders, who cast their