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‘I exhort all the communities to an

“ever watchful scrutiny of the signs of the times”(Paul VI) (n. 51).54

Jesus, God's Son

The Dancer The Singer The Lover

God the 'Father'

The Dance

The Song

Love



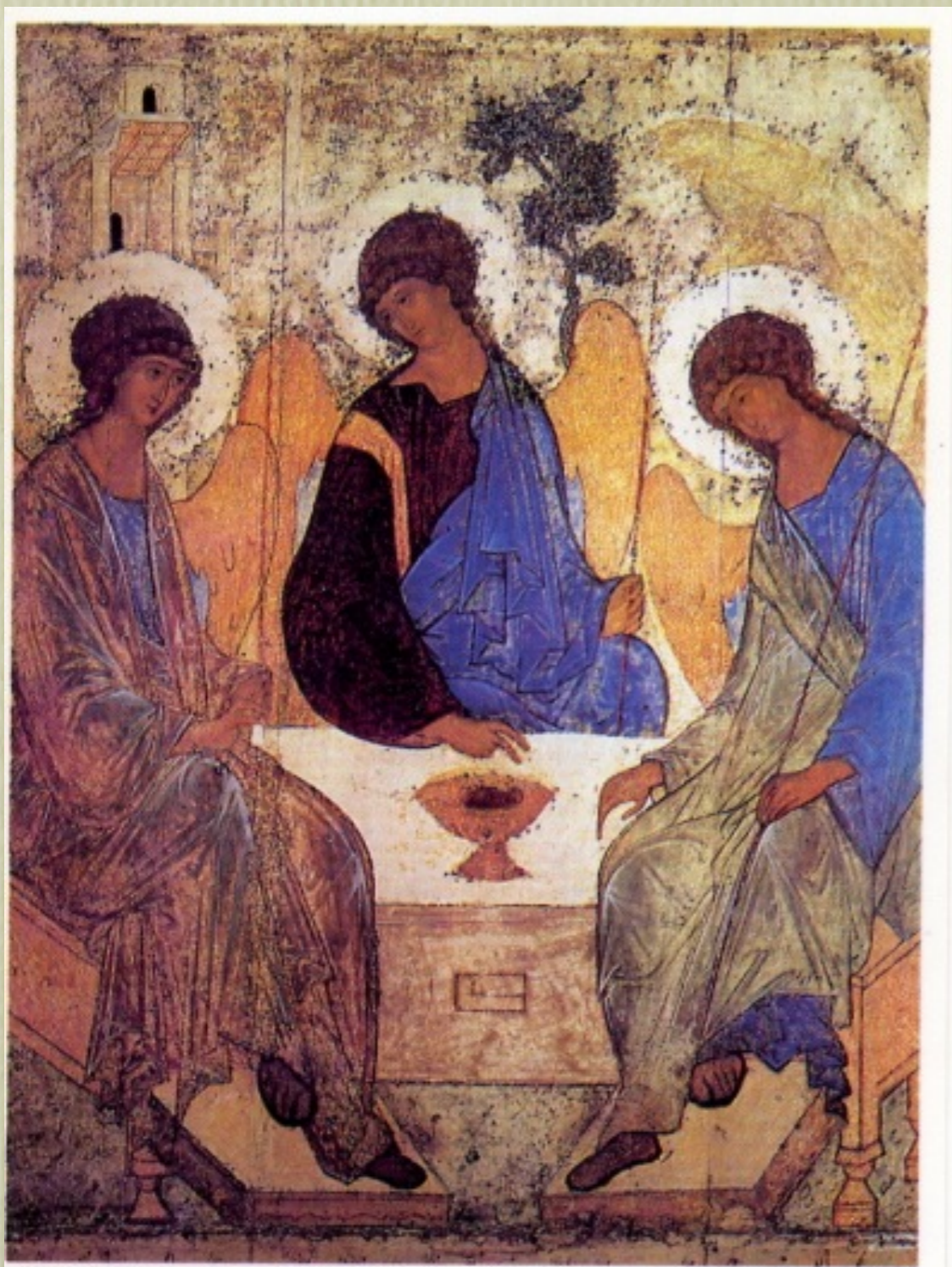
God's Spirit

The Dancing

The Singing

The Loving

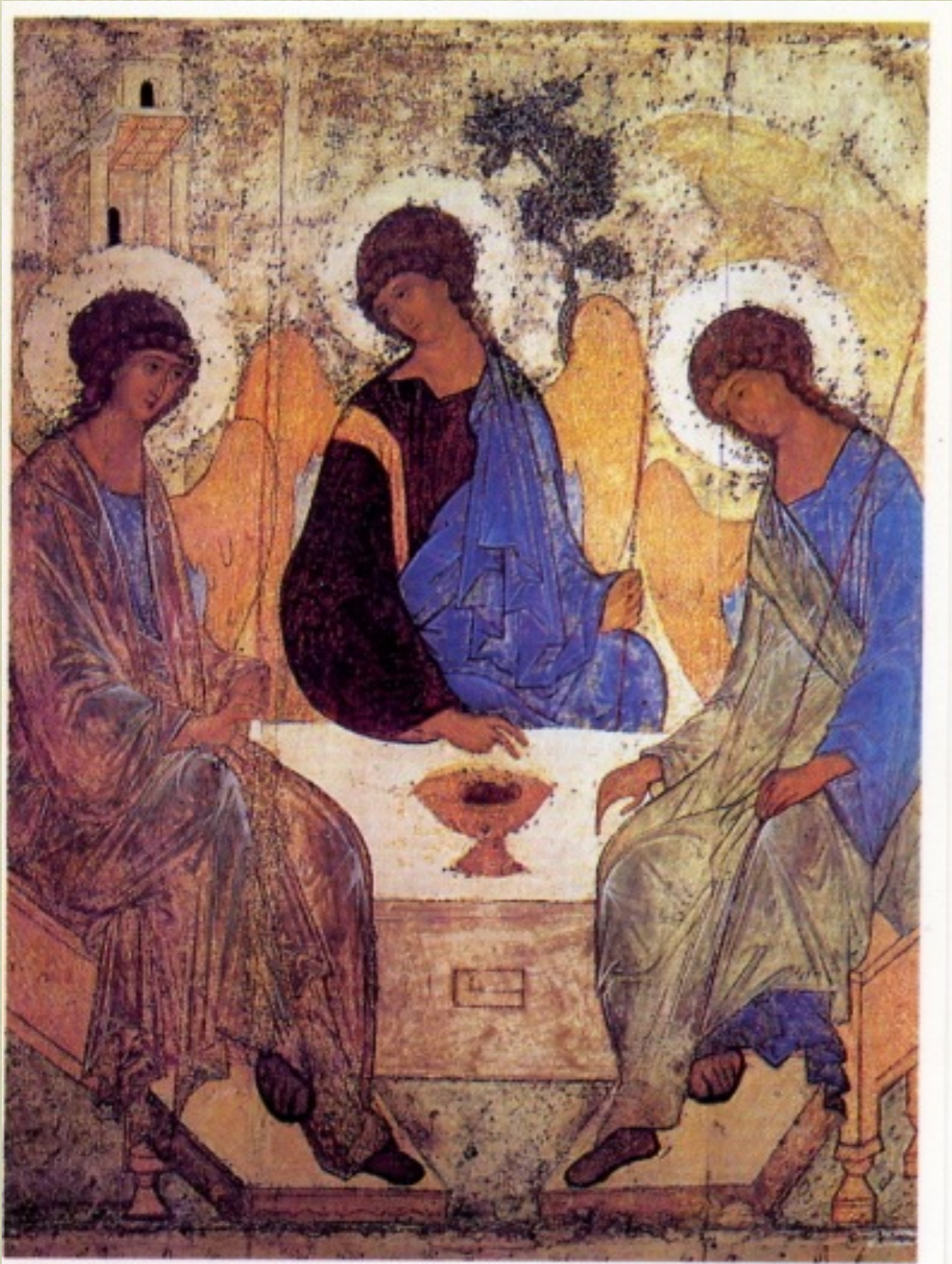
‘The mystery of the Most Holy Trinity is the most fundamental and essential teaching in the hierarchy of the truths of faith.’(Catechism, 234)



Knowing that God is Spirit reminds us to be attentive to the divinely inspired movements of our own heart: movements of longing as we yearn for closer communion with God whose Spirit inspires us; movements of wonder and praise as we rejoice in God being with us. It reminds us to be sensitive to these movements in every man and every woman.



Knowing that God is Word reminds us to be attentive to the words and actions through which God speaks to us, and the words and actions through which we respond to God. We learn, too, to reverence the sacred ground of each person's Spirit, and be attentive to each person's Word, as together we journey towards God who is the Source ('Father', 'Mother') of all.



Knowing that God is Father reminds us to open our hearts to God's love and to treat every other person as our brother or sister.



Hosea 2:19

I will betroth you to
myself with tenderness

John 3:34

‘He whom God has
sent speaks the words
of God, for he gives
the Spirit without
measure.’

Romans 5:5

‘God’s love has been
poured into our hearts by
the Holy Spirit who has
been given to us.’



Galatians 2:19-20

‘I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, loving me and giving himself for me.’

“There are varieties of gifts 1Corinthians 12:4-7

[charisma]

but the same Spirit;

there are varieties of ministries

[diakonia]

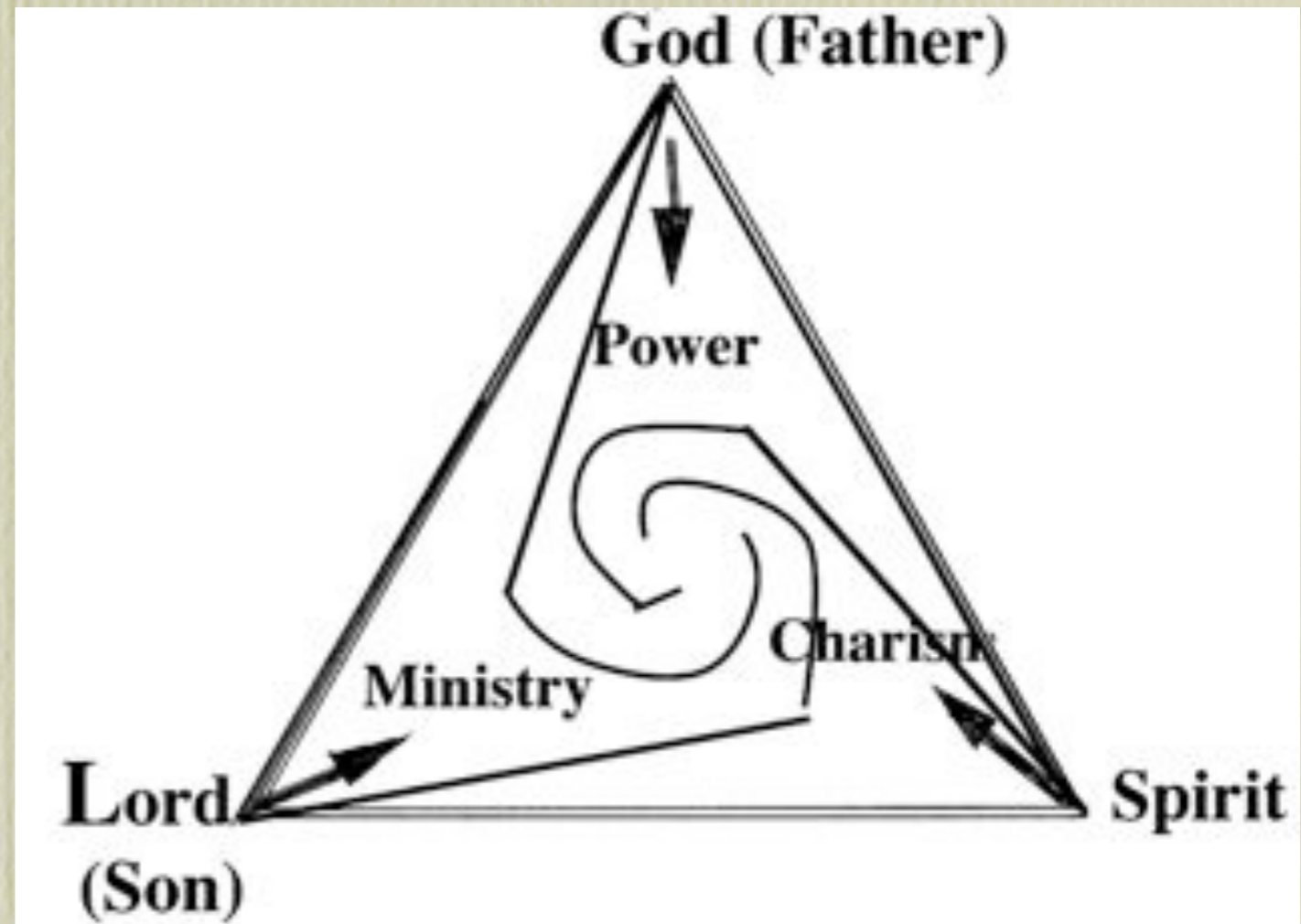
but the same Lord;

there are varieties of
ways of exercising power

[energema]

but it is the same God who
activates them all in everyone.

To each is given the manifestation of



Everyone is needed
for a vibrant church
to carry out Jesus' mission
in the world.

1Corinthians 1:10-12

‘I appeal to you, brothers and sisters,
by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,
that all of you be in agreement
and that there be no divisions among you,
but that you be
united in the same mind and the same purpose.

‘We are all in the same boat and headed to the same port!
Let us ask for the grace to rejoice in the gifts of each,
which belong to all’(n. 99).

‘Do this in memory of me.’



Tintoretto

Central place of love: Francis quotes from NT (n.161).

The art of compassionate listening (n.171).

No one will listen to our proclaiming the Good News unless they **see and feel love**.

Colossians 3:12-14

‘As God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience.

Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.

Above all, clothe yourselves with love,
which binds everything together in perfect harmony.’

The love of the heart of Jesus is the love given to Jesus by God. It is this love that is poured into our hearts through the gift of the Spirit, and it is this love that overflows from our hearts to embrace our brothers and sisters.

As Paul writes: ‘God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us’ (Romans 5:5).

George Herbert

Love bade me welcome, yet my soul drew back,
 Guilty of dust and sin.
But quick-ey'd Love, observing me grow slack
 From my first entrance in,
Drew nearer to me, sweetly questioning
 If I lack'd anything.

"A guest," I answer'd, "worthy to be here";
 Love said, "You shall be he."

"I, the unkind, the ungrateful? ah my dear,
 I cannot look on thee."

Love took my hand and smiling did reply,
 "Who made the eyes but I?"

"Truth, Lord, but I have marr'd them; let my shame
 Go where it doth deserve."

"And know you not," says Love, "who bore the blame?"

 "My dear, then I will serve."

"You must sit down," says Love, "and taste my meat."

 So I did sit and eat.

‘Love never stops caring;
love acts always in a kind way.

1Corinthians 13:4-8

Love does not act out of jealousy or envy;
love does not boast; or behave arrogantly;

love does not behave indecently or insist on its own way.

Love does not give way to irritation; or brood over wrongs;
love takes no pleasure in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth.

Love has space enough to hold and to bear everything and everyone.
Love believes all things, hopes all things, and endures whatever comes.

Love does not come to an end.’

‘Keep alert, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong.

Let all that you do be done in love’(1 Corinthians 16:13-14)

Mark 12:41-44

The widow's mite

‘This poor widow has put in more than all who have contributed to the temple treasury, for they have put in what they had over, but she, from the little she has, has put in everything she possessed, all she had to live on.’

Who is my neighbour?

Sirach 12:1-7

‘Give to the devout, but do not help the sinner.

Do good to the humble, but do not give to the ungodly;
hold back their bread, and do not give it to them,

for by means of it they might subdue you;
then you will receive twice as much evil
for all the good you have done to them.

For the Most High also hates sinners

and will inflict punishment on the ungodly.

Give to the one who is good, but do not help the sinner.’

- 1- A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead.
- 2- Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side.
- 3- So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side.
- 3+ But a Samaritan while travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them.
- 2+ Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him.
- 1+ The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.'

Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise".

Leviticus 13:45-46

‘The person who has the scaly skin disease shall wear torn clothes and let the hair of his head be disheveled; and he shall cover his upper lip and cry out, “Unclean, unclean.” He shall remain unclean as long as he has the disease; he is unclean. He shall live alone; his dwelling shall be outside the camp.’

Mark 1:40-45 (embracing the outsiders)

‘A leper came to him begging him, and kneeling he said to him, “If you want to, you can make me clean.”

Moved with compassion, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, and said to him, “Of course I want to. Be made clean!”

Immediately the leprosy left him, and he was made clean.

After sternly warning him he sent him away at once, saying to him, “See that you say nothing to anyone; but go, show yourself to the priest, and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded, as a testimony to them.”

But he went out and began to proclaim it freely, and to spread the word, so that Jesus could no longer go into a town openly, but stayed out in the country. People, however, came to him from every quarter.’

Psalm 101:7

‘No one who practises deceit
shall remain in my house;
no one who utters lies
shall continue in my presence.’

Jesus eating with sinners



Ignatius of Antioch, Letter to the Ephesians IV,1-2

‘Let every one of you become a chorus of song,
so that in the harmony of your concord,
adopting the melody of God in unity,
you will sing for the Father in one voice,
in Christ Jesus.’



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And the Father will Dance

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And the Father will dance

as on a day of joy.

He will exult over you

and renew you by His love.

Shout for joy, all you, His people.

Sing aloud and exult

with all your heart,

for Yahweh, your God, is in your midst!

And the Father will dance
as on a day of joy.

He will exult over you
and renew you by His love.

You have no more evil to fear.

You have no more evil to fear.

Do not let your hands fall limp,

for Yahweh, your God, is in your midst!

And the Father will dance

as on a day of joy.

He will exult over you

and renew you by His love.

And when the time comes
I will rescue the lame,
and when the time comes,
I will gather the strays,
and when the time comes,
I will be your guide.
I will gather you in
and give you renown
among all peoples.

And the Father will dance

as on a day of joy.

He will exult over you

and renew you by His love.

(Final: He will renew you by His love.)