

Union: main thread of the Story

## *The Story of the Bible*

The major thread running through the Story is the word union. Union means unity or oneness.

### **The BLESSED TRINITY**

God is one in three Persons - Father, Son and Holy Spirit. God is an eternal **communion** of self-giving love. He desires to share His love with us in a deep personal friendship.

### **Creation**

We were created to be **united** with God in a relationship of love.

### **The Fall of Man and Woman**

Through the Original Sin, we lost our **union** with God.

### **The Incarnation**

God became man in Jesus Christ to **reunite** us in a relationship of love.

### **Paschal Mystery**

Jesus suffered, died, resurrected, and ascended into Heaven so that we could be **reunited** with the Blessed Trinity in a relationship of love.

### **The Holy Spirit at Pentecost**

The Holy Spirit is the source of this **union** – this relationship of love.

### **The Catholic Church**

The Holy Spirit comes to us through the Church, communicating truth and grace and **uniting** us as one Body.

### **The Sacraments**

We are united with the Persons of the Blessed Trinity in a relationship of love. We call the means of **union** grace and we receive grace in the Sacraments.

### **The Last Judgment**

We look forward with joy to the return of Christ, confident that we will be **united** with Him, body and soul, forever in Heaven.

### **Our Response**

We want to respond to God's love and be **united** more deeply with Him in a relationship of love.

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### **The BLESSED TRINITY – a communion of love**

God is one in three Persons - Father, Son and Holy Spirit. God is an eternal communion of self-giving love. He desires to share His love with us in a deep personal friendship.

### **Creation - made for union**

We were created to be **united** with God in a relationship of love.

### **The Fall of Man and Woman – union broken**

Through the Original Sin, we lost our **union** with God.

### **The Incarnation – to restore union**

God became man in Jesus Christ to **reunite** us in a relationship of love.

### **Paschal Mystery – union restored**

Jesus suffered, died, resurrected, and ascended into Heaven so that we could be **reunited** with the Blessed Trinity in a relationship of love.

### **The Holy Spirit at Pentecost – source of union**

The Holy Spirit is the source of this **union** - this relationship of love.

### **The Catholic Church – family reunion**

The Holy Spirit comes to us through the Church, communicating truth and grace and **uniting** us as one Body.

### **The Sacraments – ‘channels’ of union**

We are **united** with the Persons of the Blessed Trinity in a relationship of love. We call the means of union grace and we receive grace in the Sacraments.

### **The Last Judgment – final union with God**

We look forward with joy to the return of Christ, confident that we will be **united** with Him, body and soul, forever in Heaven.

### **Our Response – desire for closer union**

We want to respond to God’s love and be **united** more deeply with Him in a relationship of love.