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In the past a wedding in the Catholic Church frequently took place together with a votive Mass of the Holy Trinity, probably because its entrance antiphon included some words from a prayer of thanksgiving after a wedding in the bible's Book of Tobit. Meditating on the Holy Trinity was also appropriate because of the mystery of God who is three in one, whereas a married couple become two in one.

By happy coincidence, Zach and Sarah have their wedding on a day when the entire Catholic Church celebrates the Sunday of the Most Holy Trinity. It gives this wedding a certain historic feel.

Today's readings, then, celebrate the Holy Trinity, but they also reveal some things about the mystery of love. In the first reading, for example, the wisdom of God speaks of itself in a way that makes us Christians think of the Holy Spirit: "From of old I was poured forth, at the first before the earth.... when the Lord... set the sea for its limit, so that the waters should not transgress his command." This self-description continues, "then I was beside him as his craftsman, and I was his delight day by day, playing before him all the while, playing on the surface of the earth." The wisdom of God had several attributes at creation. What do these remind you of? It helped shape things, it kept water where it belonged, and it played around on surfaces, cleaning and smoothing them. The wisdom of God sounds a little like—well, like a zamboni driver. And who doesn't take delight in a zamboni driver? Sarah certainly did, and that's what brings us here today.

Love brings us here today—our love for Zach and Sarah, but also God's love for Zach and Sarah. St. Paul says in today's second reading, "the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us." Here is another emanation of the Holy Trinity: We experience the love of God the Father because of God the Holy Spirit. That Spirit enlivens the hearts of each of us and inspires us to love others in turn.

When we discover love, we want it to last forever. When Sarah and Zach started dating, they spent a little time in two different cities. During a separation like that, they persevered through the time of testing, they developed their character, and what held them together was not only love but hope—hope that this love was the real thing, hope that this love would endure. St. Paul addresses that too: He says affliction produces endurance, endurance produces proven character, proven character produces hope, and "hope does not disappoint" because the Spirit has poured love into our hearts.

On this Trinity Sunday we celebrate the unity of God, and we thank God for the unity of this couple. Their union reveals something mysterious, delightful and playful.

Zach and Sarah, we rejoice with you today. We pray that God who delights in love will continue to delight in you, and that you will find more reasons to love because in the three Persons of God the two persons of you are one.

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