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Community. It's what we do.

I love baptisms. I love the sounds the babies make. I love the way the water fills the font. I love the coolness of the water as I dip my fingers in to cross myself. And I love when we say to the newly baptized: “We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.”

“We receive you in the household of God.” The household of God. The family of God. The community of God. In other words, when we get God, we get others. We become related to the other beloved children of God. We are part of one another.

The Trinity itself is highly relational. It is a community of three: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. God exists in community, and God created humanity in God's likeness. God created us to be in community with God and each other.

There are times when it may be easy to see “our community” as our church, or our neighbors, or our book group. It may also be that, in this season of anxiety, our community is a refuge, a place to feel safe.

For God, community means everyone. Everyone is created in the likeness of God. Everyone we meet bears the image of God. Even if they don't look like us, or sound like us, or vote like us, or even drive like us.

We are created to be in community. In these divided times, may we have the grace and courage to live into that dream of God.

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