Each of the readings sheds a LITTLE light on this mystery we call TRINITY.
    Mystery — secret teachings = hidden, drawn out from deep within, secretion:
    Mysterium tremendum et fascinans — to tremble and be fascinated.

READING ONE:
the writer says, "Just look at the wonders God has done in our lives."
    God speaks from the midst of fire, and you survive it.
Look at what we now know of the universe.

e.e. cummings
    "i thank You God for most this amazing day:
        for the leaping greenly spirits of trees
        and a blue true dream of sky; and for everything
        which is natural which is infinite which is yes …

    "how should tasting touching hearing seeing
        breathing any—lifted from the no of all nothing—human merely being
        doubt unimaginable You?"

READING TWO
In this life, we inevitably encounter suffering.
Jesus is God’s promise to us that our suffering is not in vain,
    especially the suffering we undergo out of love for others.

St. Paul insists that the real test of the Spirit
    is not ecstasy (feeling cozy with God),
    but the willingness to suffer life's cross.

GOSPEL:
Now there are only 11.
They ALL betrayed him.

Galilee, where the down-to-earth folks live, is the place where God is known.
    That's where their mountaintop experiences take place,
    where they come to know the nearness of God.

We come here both worshipping and doubting.

This Jesus who they had rubbed shoulders with,
    who looked, acted, WAS like every one of them,
    has all power in heaven and Earth.
He is God’s solemn reminder that they have that power, too.

Baptism — that solemn reminder of who and whose we are
    In the name of the Father . . .
Every Mass begins and ends that way.
Community is in our genetic make-up.

The Gospel ends where it began
An angel announced to Joseph that the child to be born will be called "Emmanuel," a name that means God-is-with-us.
Jesus promises to be with us always, until the end of the age.

The absolute (Mysterium Tremendum et Facinans)
not only has a voice.
It is father and mother to us, protector, nurturer and guide.
We are not the mere outgrowth of silent aeons.
We were God’s children.

Diversity, yet unity — a MYSTERY
Community is part of our DNA, what makes us truly human, who we are.

We possess the love of the Father, the grace of the Son and the communion of the Spirit.    Athanasius

Memorial Day
Poor People’s Campaign — Veterans, War Economy, Militarism
United States Defense Budget = $600 billion; China = $200 billion;
Canada = $20 billion