

**Harmonized with the Divine**    Fourth Week of Lent    Wednesday, March 14, 2018    8:15 AM  
Is 49:8-15;    **Jn 5:17-30**    (Jesus is a model for everyone. All of us can have this equality with God.)

**“My Father is at work until now, so I am at work.”**

Now this section of John’s Gospel is one in which **John** shows himself to be the premier theologian of the New Testament, **dealing with this very intimate issue of the relation of Jesus to the Father.** The central mystery of the Christian faith is called the **“Trinity,”** meaning one God subsisting in three divine persons. But what is that supposed to mean? The word “person” itself is problematic because we think of a person as having a mind and will of one’s own. But **in God there is only one will; in God there is only one mind.**

And yet **in Jesus** there is this one mind of God, but he has his own human mind as well. **There is this one will of God and yet he has his own human will as well.** And his work is to bring the two into perfect harmony and to live in harmony and **to demonstrate the harmony between the divine and the human.** Thus **he is the source of healing and forgiveness and mercy because in him the divine and human work together perfectly.** But not only that, he is and intends himself to be **a model for everyone.** He is not saying that he alone has this equality with God; he is saying **all of us can have this equality with God.** His whole mission is to bring us along with him into this harmony, this unity in God.

Now **we** all have our own human wills and our own human minds, but they **all can become harmonized with the divine will and the divine mind.** And that is our work, so we share a work together. Now from the standpoint of other religions, including Judaism, this seems absurd because there is nothing more obvious to a traditional Jew or traditional Muslim, actually, than the **great gulf between God and humanity.** Well that gulf in a way does exist, but **only because we have created it. It is not God’s will. And that is what Jesus is trying to reveal.**