

Thought for the day – Monday 20th June 2022

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The Baptism of Christ

Malcolm Guite reflects on Jesus' baptism; it is a story that can help us recognise something of the Holy Trinity.

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Beginning here we glimpse the Three-in-one;
The river runs, the clouds are torn apart,
The Father speaks, the Spirit and the Son
Reveal to us the single loving heart
That beats behind the being of all things
And calls and keeps and kindles us to light,
The dove descends, the spirit soars and sings
"You are beloved, you are my delight!"
In that swift light and life, as water spills
And streams around the Man like quickening rain,
The voice that made the universe reveals
The God in Man who makes it new again
He calls us too, to step into that river,
To die and rise and live and love for ever.

- Malcolm Guite, *Sounding the Seasons*, Canterbury Press

I like to look at the story of the Baptism of Christ in our East window.

Can we take on that God is well pleased with us too.