

**"God so loved the world that he gave his only Son.."**

**In Holy Ireland, Saint Patrick came down from Mount Crough Patrick, took the shamrock in hand and began to teach the pagan Celts about the Holy Trinity. Like the shamrock: the three in one God.**

**Also the Celtic Cross reveals a God who encircles and is very close. No saint revered the earth more than he who cherished Ireland's mountains and its streams. His Breast Plate prayer reveals this:**

**"I arise today**

**through the strength of heaven,**

**Light of sun.**

**Radiance of moon.**

**Splendor of fire.**

**Speed of lightning.**

**Swiftness of wind.**

**Depth of sea.**

**Stability of earth.**

**Firmness of rock.**

**"I arise today through the invocaton of the Trinity,**

**Through belief in its threeness,**

**Through confession of its oneness,**

**of the creator of creation."**

**□ "God so loved the world..." means that God loves not only the world we construct, but the primal earth which is the womb of all life!**

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