

# Trinity News

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## Pentecost 11. Reflections on The Apostles' Creed and Faith

“**A**s often as we repeat the Creed of our Baptism we repeat the words by which martyrs have lived and died”. The Apostles' Creed is so named because it is meant to contain the heart of the faith handed on by the Apostles. It is the old Baptismal Creed of the Roman Church. The initiates responded to these words at their baptism. They had been instructed in the faith over a long period. They had heard the teaching and now it was to be ratified in a ceremony of words and symbols and sacrament, often at Easter. Heart and mind would need to connect in their vision of God, both in the ritual of Baptism and in their life.

As Brooke Foss Westcott said, “Till the heart welcomes the Truth, it remains outside us”.

However, what enters the heart needs its own description. The heart needs its own reminders, and the clearest and briefest words possible gain the prizes in such reminders: truly eloquent.

The Apostle Paul is the great transition figure of the early Church. Though he was not in the apostolic band around Jesus, those who were “witnesses of his resurrection”, he still claims to be an apostle because Christ had revealed himself to him on the Damascus Road. Paul is the apostle to churches that had no one from the Twelve Apostles as their mentor, at least in name, though Rome may be an exception with its claims about Peter. He earned his stripes in his conversion on the Damascus Road, but he still speaks to those who “have not seen” Jesus “and yet have come to believe” - John 20:29. His apostolate is to the world.

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*See Apostle's Creed page 120, BCP*

**Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost: August 16, 2009**  
**We are thankful to those who are**  
**ministering in the church this morning**

*Celebrant/Preacher:* The Rt. Rev. Arthur Jones  
*Eucharistic Ministers:* [7:30] Bernice Elaine Ong  
 [9:30] Clark Brown/ Andrew Malpass  
*Lectors:* [7:30] Edison Yap  
 [9:30] Ann Quon-Cordingley  
*Ministers of Music:* Ferdinand Bautista / Domino Marcos  
*Guest Artists:* Bee-Seon Keum / Bo-Won Keum  
*Ushers:* [7:30] Linda Keng/Michelle Keng  
 [9:30] Vicky Lee / Elvie Noppers  
*Acolytes:* Patrick Dagas/ Alexis Dalmás/ Loren Ursua  
 Eric Gatulla/Dexter Fanged/David Joaquin

*Offering of the Bread and Wine & Hospitality:* William & Tess Staub

**Collect:**

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

**Scripture Readings:**

First Reading: Proverbs 9:1-6 page 726  
 Second Reading: Ephesians 5:15-20 page 1320-1321  
 Gospel: John 6:53-59 (NRSV)

**Hymns for this Sunday:**

[7:30] Gradual No. 658, As longs the deer for cooling  
 Recessional What love is this

[9:30] Processional No. 410, Praise my soul  
 Gradual No. 658, As longs the deer for cooling  
 Communion No. 470, There's a wideness in God's mercy  
 Recessional What love is this

**Your prayers are asked for:**

Those who are celebrating their birthdays this week especially  
Alice GoHoc (Aug. 16)  
Cheryl Mae Chan (Aug. 21)  
Bjarne Eide (Aug. 19)  
Fiona Clemo (Aug. 22)  
John Albert Yu (Aug. 20)  
Diana Jean Katigbak (Aug. 22)

Those who are celebrating their wedding anniversary especially Fr. Gabriel & Clenia Dimanche.

Those who are in need of healing especially  
Beryl Tanner, Agosto Macli Sr,  
Valerie Jones, Rom Vildzius,  
Audrey Lacson, Ron Jacob,  
Benjie Conzales, Loy Solasco,  
Allan Waterfield, Jovel Llagas,  
Richard Kendall, Ted Whale,  
Merly Quiapos.

Anne Gordon Mackay,  
Marion Hawkins on the occasion of their death anniversaries.

**Alternative dates/time for Bible Study**

For those who cannot make it to Bishop Jones' weekly **Bible Study at the Rectory (every Thursday at 7PM)**, there are other Bible Study sessions available for their consideration.

**Christine Eustaquio**, a CHT parishioner, conducts the following weekly Bible study sessions as part of her ministry:

- **10:00 a.m., every Tuesday** (except the second week of the month when session is on Wednesday) at the **CHT Parish Hall**
- **10:00 a.m., every Friday** at **Ayala Alabang**.

Those interested may get in touch with Christine (Cell No. +63-917-8505654) for more details and to confirm date and time.

**Christian Education Committee**

	<b>Loose Plate</b>	<b>Pledge</b>
<b>Last Sunday</b>	P18,408.25	P13,500.00
<b>Year -to- date</b>	P701,276.00	P2,351,897.50
<b>2009 Budget</b>	P940,000.00	P3,900,000.00

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Paul may be the first writer of credal statements in the Church, though the "Christ hymns" at Philippians 2:1-11 and Colossians 1:15-20 could precede Paul's writings, at least in their core concepts. The kerygma, the discernible preaching pattern of the Apostolic Church, is itself a model for credal statements. I Corinthians 15:1-8 and the speeches in Acts of the Apostles show a definite pattern. Christianity did not have a Ten Commandments except by inheritance. Its main focus was not Mount Sinai but an Empty Tomb and a Cross and most of all a Person.

Credo's are the outcomes of the Gospel stories. They are also a defined response to the experiences of the Holy Spirit after

Jesus' death. These experiences were spelled out in credal-like definitions such as the preaching pattern and "justification by faith". The story-mode of Jesus' teaching needed to be drawn into compact statements reflecting both the Gospels and the ongoing experience of the Church. Some people respond to stories and some to statements. Some of us need both narrative and summations to shape belief and practice.

What follows in this series on the Apostle's Creed is an attempt to spell out and apply the articles of the Apostles's Creed to the scriptural teaching of the Church. There is also an attempt to relate the Creed to the concrete circumstances of life.

- Bishop Arthur Jones

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
17	18	19 *7pm Bible Study, Rectory (just for this week)	20 *10am Midweek Eucha- rist, Chapel.	21 <b>Non- working Holiday.</b> <b>Office closed.</b>	22 *10am ECW Mtg., Parish Hall  *3pm Annual Events Com Mtg. Parish Hall	23 7:30am & 9:30am Eucharist