

# TRINITY NEWS

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## Pentecost 12.

### The Apostles' Creed and God as Creator

**I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

The Jews gave a specific and enlarged vision of God to humanity. That is, a God who is a unity that needs no other diversities, a God of absolute justice who is aware of our deepest needs and even what may appear to others as trivial ones. This God was their Creator, and they used the term “Father” (Abba) to describe the nurture of this “God revealed in Being” (Yahweh) or “Intensity of Being” (Elohim).

Christianity inherited this vision of God. The first Christians had an acute need to link Jesus into God in a credible way. The unity of God (monotheism) was an impenetrable barrier of massive unity. They gained access in several ways, one of them being Jesus as the agent of Creation.

The Gospel of John uses the term *logos*, “word” to frame the person of Jesus and to describe how Jesus became God’s speech to the world. This “speech” about God’s love of humanity and all of creation was in turn linked to Christ’s (the Word’s) role as the agent of creation: “All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being” (John 1:3).

We have this sense of belonging to the earth as an outcome of its creation. But we are tending in the West to lose this sense of belonging, though people close to the earth in every land retain it strongly.

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**Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost: August 23, 2009**  
**We are thankful to those who are**  
**ministering in the church this morning**

Paul Davies is a physicist who declares that “I have come to the point of view that mind - i.e., conscious awareness of the world - is not a meaningless and incidental quirk of nature, but an absolutely fundamental facet of reality...we human beings are built into the scheme of things in a very basic way.” Davies concludes, “We are truly meant to be here”. The traces of design in the universe that Davies has detected have led him to see traces of design in us, or vice versa. As Davies says, “We who are the children of the universe - animated stardust - can nevertheless reflect on the nature of that same universe. ....how we have become connected into this cosmic dimension is a mystery. Yet the linkage cannot be denied”.

Davies’ term “animated stardust” led me to write a poem that stares in amazement at the marvellous complexities and elusive vastness of creation.

**Animated Stardust**

**Stellar vastness, farthest expansion undisclosed**  
**Mystery at the end of the cosmic rainbow, unearthed**  
**Endless depths of darkness, black holes of burial**  
**Beginnings of universal ancestry entering memory’s hall**  
 – Bishop Arthur Jones

**The inner world within us, a ‘universe’ in itself, is connected to the world outside us. We are the monitors of the universe and from within and in our global home, earth, we see the hand of the Creator who also shaped us. Wonderful!**



	Loose Plate	Pledge
<b>Last Sunday</b>	P16,760.00	P84,400.00
<b>Year -to- date</b>	P718,036.00	P2,436,297.50
<b>2009 Budget</b>	P940,000.00	P3,900,000.00

*Celebrant/Preacher:* The Rt. Rev. Arthur Jones  
*Eucharistic Ministers:* [7:30] Edison Yap  
 [9:30] Ed Burleson / Philip Thoburn  
*Lectors:* [7:30] Danilo Chua [9:30] Lance Masters  
*Ministers of Music:* Ferdinand Bautista / Domino Marcos  
*Ushers:* [7:30] Emily Joan Yu / Lilia Yu  
 [9:30] Josephine Co/Sybille Ann Kawi  
*Acolytes:* Patrick Dagas/ Alexis Dalmas/ Loren Ursua  
 Eric Gatulla/Dexter Fanged/David Joaquin

*Offering of the Bread and Wine & Hospitality:* Inge & Maureen Friborg  
*The altar flowers are donated to the glory of God by:* Janet Clemo

**Collect:** Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**Scripture Readings:**

First Reading: Joshua 24:1-2a,14-25 page 267-268  
 Second Reading: Ephesians 5:21-33 page 1321  
 Gospel: John 6: 60-69 (NRSV)

**Hymns for this Sunday:**

[7:30] Gradual No. 400, All creatures of our God and King  
*(verses 1, 4, 5 & 7)*  
 Recessional No. 657, Love divine, all love’s excelling

[9:30] Processional No. 398, I sing the almighty power of God  
 Gradual No. 400, All creatures of our God and King  
*(verses 1, 4, 5 & 7)*  
 Communion No. 336, Come with us O Blessed Jesus  
 No. 314, Humbly I adore thee  
 Recessional No. 657, Love divine, all love’s excelling

## Your prayers are asked for:

Those who are celebrating their birthdays this week especially  
Sandra Hutchison (Aug. 23) Julia Netta Vildzius-Pena (Aug. 24)  
Peter Kennedy (Aug. 23) Albert Siy (Aug. 24)  
Philippa Mandry (Aug. 23) Elaine Carmela Bolina (Aug. 27)  
Bonifacia Yu (Aug. 23) Tessie Shau (Aug. 29)

Those who are celebrating their wedding anniversary especially  
Agosto & Marjorie Macli; Robert & Hydie Ursua.

Those who travel especially Lettie Murry.

Those who are in need of healing especially Beryl Tanner,  
Agosto Macli Sr, Rom Vildzius, Audrey Lacson, Ron Jacob,  
Benjie Conzales, Loy Solasco, Allan Waterfield, Jovel Llagas,  
Richard Kendall, Ted Whale, Merly Quiapos, Isabel Yu,  
Marilyn Jackson, Aris Paraman, Johnny Manning Jr,  
Carlyn-Fern Manning.

The repose of the soul of Rey Yparraguirre.

Maya Acharjee, Dave Harvey, Patrick Hutchison, Charles Foster,  
Aniceto Portus, Adele Victoria Navasero on the occasion of their  
death anniversaries.

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
24	25 10am Bible Study, Parish Hall	26	27 *10am Midweek Eucha- rist, Chapel.  *7pm Bible Study, Rectory	28	29	30 7:30am & 9:30am Eucharist