

Trinity News

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St. Luke's Day. Luke 4:14-21 Jesus Returns to Nazareth

Today we celebrate St. Luke's Day. I well recall walking into the magnificent St. Paul's Cathedral in Melbourne on October 18th 1994 to be made a Bishop. It was strange wearing the purple cassock for the first time. It was a long walk down the aisle. Before going to the Cathedral I said Morning Prayer with the then Archbishop of Melbourne, Archbishop Keith Rayner, in his chapel at Bishops court. He said, "How do you feel about all of this that's about to happen to you?" I replied: "I am grateful for the opportunity". I saw my Aunt Eva in the congregation and she looked so much like my late mother, her sister, that it gave me a shock. It would have been wonderful to have my mother present. It would have been great to thank her for all that she had done for me, but she had died in 1975. Thankfulness and appreciation are twin

gifts, intertwined. We can never live up to other people's expectations or even our own. But we can cultivate the gift of thankfulness. I have never met a person with the gift of thankfulness who wanted to manipulate other people's lives. Thankfulness is the gateway to serenity, and Carl Jung said that every moment of serenity is a miracle. Perhaps it is only in those moments that we see the world as it is, rather than "the imaginary world that we live in" (Thomas Merton).

The gospel passage from Luke 4:14-21 paints a picture of Jesus' visit to his home town of Nazareth. It is a reality check to go back to our home town. Our littleness is there, our early struggles for identity, and the residual reminders of our first blunders. We can live to a big age, but someone in our hometown still has a story or two

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about us, and they are always keen to remind us! Jesus rose from the dead and appeared to those who walked with him at the end of his ministry. But at the beginning of his ministry he has a charter to declare in the synagogue at Nazareth. He declares it amongst the people who knew him, “where he had been brought up”. He did not do it in his own words, but in scriptural words from Isaiah 61:1-2: “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind; to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour”.

The following words are both descriptive and startling. “And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, ‘Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing’”. They are amazed at this statement. They ask, “Is not this Joseph’s son?” They are unable to comprehend what is going on before them. We are no different when

we are confronted with the awe-inspiring Christ. The revelation of Jesus as the bearer of the charter of salvation drives us to think outside the square. Jesus as the Christ fits no definitions and is contained in no squares. Responding to this challenge requires the three things that make a mindful person (Ellen J. Langer):

1. The capacity and the willingness to create new categories of meaning.
2. Openness to new information and the ability to apply it.
3. Awareness of more than one perspective and excited by independent thought.

Luke the Beloved Physician gives us a Gospel full of literary artistry. His portrait of Christ fits no frame and is rich with the colours and contours drawn by the Spirit. The same Spirit that painted the colours of creation also gives light and colour at the Birth of Jesus, at the Transfiguration and at the Empty Tomb. But the richest colours of all are reserved for the Christ as he walks amongst the people and stands in a synagogue to announce his ministry of wholeness, healing and salvation.

Bishop Arthur Jones

**TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST:
OCTOBER 18, 2009
WE ARE THANKFUL TO THOSE WHO ARE
MINISTERING IN THE CHURCH THIS MORNING**

Celebrant: [7:30] The Rev. Barry Cumberland

[9:30] The Rt. Rev. Arthur Jones

Preacher: The Rt. Rev. Arthur Jones

Eucharistic Ministers: [7:30] Vicky Yu

[9:30] Ed Burleson / Andrew Malpass

Lectors: [7:30] Mary Bangay

[9:30] Juanito Dalmas

Ministers of Music: Ferdinand Bautista / Domino Marcos

Ushers: [7:30] Benjamin Yao/Emily Joan Yu

[9:30] Heidi Frances Kawi / Tiffany Rachelle Shau

Acolytes: Patrick Dagas/Alexis Dalmas/Dexter Fanged

Eric Gatulla/David Joaquin/Loren Ursua

Offering of the Bread and Wine & Hospitality:

James & Marylou Parminter

The altar flowers are donated to the glory of God by:

Victoria Zaldivar

COLLECT: Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession 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: Ecclesiasticus 38:1-4,6-10,12-14

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 4:5-13, page 1342 (NIV)

Gospel: Luke 4:14-21 (NRSV)

HYMNS FOR THIS SUNDAY:

[7:30] Gradual

No. 285, What thanks and praise

Recessional

No. 416, For the beauty of the earth

[9:30] Processional

No. 285, What thanks and praise

Gradual

Amazing love (insert)

Communion

No. 315, Thou, who at thy first Eucharist

No. 416, For the beauty of the earth

Recessional

No. 287, For all the saints (**verses 1-6**)

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:

Those who are celebrating their birthdays this week especially

Jacques Dimanche (Oct. 18)

Hazel Rose Madamba (Oct. 19)

Sofia Solomon (Oct. 19)

Amherstia Doctor (Oct. 20)

Hans Clifford Yao (Oct. 20)

Victoria Georgette Zaldivar (Oct. 21)

Christian David Huang (Oct. 22)

Charlene Yao (Oct. 23)

Those who travel especially Bruce, Rose and Grace Campbell.

Those who are in need of healing especially Allan Waterfield, Beryl Tanner, Ron Jacob, Agosto Macli Sr, Carlyn-Fern Manning, Johnny Manning Jr, Rom Vildzius, Audrey Lacson, Loy Solasco, Benjie Conzales, Jovel Llagas, Richard Kendall, Aris Paraman, JPeter, Isabel Yu, Ted Whale, Merly Quiapos, Susan Dalmas, Helen Irvine, Carrie Angus, Diana Croyston, Nori Ongsiako.

Tomas Benitez, Frank Gooding, Celestina Portus, Fr. Brian Allan, Vicente Chua, Agnes Martin, Eunice Yui on the occasion of their death anniversaries.

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	Last Sunday	Year-to-Date	2009 Budget
Pledge	P22,750.00	P2,866,967.50	P3,900,000.00
Loose Plate	P17,350.00	P861,533.60	P940,000.00
Pasasalamat/ UTO	P4,015.00		

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