
TRINITY NEWS

Pentecost 21 What Shall I render Unto the Lord?

What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits towards me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord

I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people
– Psalm 116:12-13

This was the text of the first Anglican sermon preached in Australia. It was preached by Chaplain Richard Johnson in Sydney on February 3rd 1788. We don't have the contents of the sermon. Only the text remains as a permanent gift to us.

Have you ever tried to buy a gift for someone who seems to have everything? For someone who has nothing, even a small gift is a tiny miracle. But when someone has so much in terms of possessions and standing and access to privileges, we

start asking around to see what might be suitable. It is like trying to buy a suitable card for an anniversary, a wedding, a birthday or even as a sympathy card. The design is not really important, though it does play some part in our choice. The important thing is the words and how they apply to the particular person to whom we are sending a card. It can take hours to find the right card. But if we are wise in our choice, then we will receive a response that is full of gratitude. This applies to any card that we might buy for anyone, whatever their standing in life. In every case, the words are so important. Children like colourful cards, and some adults like wacky ones!

The Psalmist asks the question about what we can render to God for of his benefits towards us.

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The primary benefit that we have received from God is life itself. No one on earth will ever live our unique life. No one can ever make our contribution. No one can dream our dreams. We are all walking and talking miracles. Our hold on life is as tenuous as a snowball rolling towards a fire, but we are incredibly tenacious in avoiding an ever-present reality posed by our own fragile humanity. I remember some theological students in Montevideo, Uruguay, sitting huddled in a corner. I asked them what was wrong, and they said, "We are fighting for life every day." They lived from meal to meal and day to day. I was invited to their home for a meal. The building was a disgrace, but their Christian love lit up a dinghy abode. So we give thanks for what we have and we seek where possible to change structures that crush and demoralise people. Most of us have been fortunate enough to be in a place where we could work hard and find some security in life. I suspect that most of our people have had to work hard for anything that they have and this only makes us more thankful.

Stewardship is a soft-sell in this Church. We obviously need funds on a regular basis to run the enterprise in Christian Mission called Holy Trinity Makati. Those funds have come from generous hearts. God sees the heart. Money is offered to God for the Church, but a generous and loving heart steeped in faith is a gift that God seems to desire most of all. When we align a generous heart to passionate belief and the offering of praise to God in joyous worship, then we have a gift worthy of offering to Someone who has everything. "God's love has been poured into our hearts though the Holy Spirit who has been given to us" (Romans 5:5). Send a postcard in loving prayer today and you won't need a post office box!

Bishop Arthur Jones

TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY AFER PENTECOST

October 25, 2009

We are thankful to those who are ministering in the church this morning

Celebrant: [7:30] The Rt. Rev. Arthur L. Jones

[9:30] The Rev. Marc R. Jacobson

Preacher: The Rt. Rev. Arthur L. Jones

Eucharistic Ministers: [7:30] Bernice Elaine Ong

[9:30] Bertie Ezra/Richard Biteng

Lectors: [7:30] Christopher Yu [9:30] Elisa Thoburn

Ministers of Music: Ferdinand Bautista /Domino Marcos

Ushers: [7:30] Melvin Ong / Ruth Yu

[9:30] Vicky Lee / Darlene Teodoro

Acolytes: Patrick Dagas/Alexis Dalmas/Dexter Fanged

Eric Gatulla/David Joaquin/Loren Ursua

Offering of the Bread and Wine & Hospitality:

Werner & Carmela Geisert

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

Mike & Melissa Manchan Chua

Collect: Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; 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: Isaiah 59:9-19 page 844-845

Second Reading: Hebrews 5:12-6:1,9-12 page 1349

Gospel: Mark 10: 46-52 (NRSV)

Hymns for this Sunday:

[7:30] Gradual We love the place, O God (*insert*)

Recessional No. 561, Stand up, stand up for Jesus

[9:30] Processional We love the place, O God (*insert*)

Gradual No. 404, We will extol you

Communion No. 497, How bright appears the Morning

No. 488, Be thou my vision

Recessional No. 561, Stand up, stand up for Jesus

Your prayers are asked for:

Those who are celebrating their birthdays this week especially
Divina Florendo (Oct. 26) James Patrick Hutchison (Oct. 28)
John Hawkins (Oct. 26) Jhon Ryan Hutchison (Oct. 28)
Madelaine Deirdre Chua (Oct. 28) Louie Mertyn (Oct. 28)

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,
Emerinciana Gatela, Valerie Jones.

Jeanie Fang, Sih Lay on the occasion of their death anniversaries.

This week:

- Oct 27 • Bible Study, 10am Parish Hall
- Tuesday
- Oct 29 • Midweek Eucharist, 10am, Chapel
- Thursday • Bible Study, 7pm, Rectory
- Nov 1 • Eucharist 7:30am & 9:30am
- Sunday • Sunday School, 9:15am, Parish Hall

TO PLAN:

November 8
Remembrance
Sunday
Special Service
9:30am.

	Last Sunday	Year-to-Date	2009 Budget
Pledge	P73,000.00	P2,939,967.50	P3,900,000.00
Loose Plate	P21,696.25	P883,229.85	P940,000.00
Pasasalamat/UTO	P1,100.00	P5,115.00	