

# Trinity News

November 22, 2009

## **Last Sunday after Pentecost + Christ the King + To Testify to the Truth**

The dialogue between Pilate the Governor of Judea and Jesus in John 18:33-38 is the most extensive reporting of any conversations by Jesus at his trial. It centres around two things. Firstly, the charge that Jesus had called himself the King of the Jews. He was executed on this charge according to a description placed over his head at the cross: "Jesus of Nazareth the King of the Jews". The words for "King" and "Kingdom" are very much alike in Hebrew. Jesus had proclaimed the reign or kingdom of God as the central matter in his teaching. The conversation tells us that Jesus himself suspected that others had twisted the truth about his teaching into a political charge. The kingdom that he proclaimed did not have a King, only a Heavenly Father. Pilate responds by saying that it is his own people who have handed him over and therefore they should know whether the charge is correct or not.

Pilate wants to know what Jesus himself has done. He wants it in his own words. Jesus replies by saying that his accusers are incorrect, that his kingdom is not of this world. This is very much in accord with his teaching about the kingdom of God. Pilate still does not get it, like most people who are intent on making a charge stick that is incorrect in its intent. "So you are a king?" Jesus response throws it back to Pilate, as if to say, "That may be your opinion, but I came into the world to tell people about the truth" Then in more specific biblical words, "Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." Pilate asks what may have been either a cynical or a searching question: "What is truth?" This the second issue that dominates his trial in this account: the question of truth itself.

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**Christ the King Sunday: November 22, 2009**  
**We are thankful to those who are**  
**ministering in the church this morning**

*Celebrant:* [7:30] The Rev. Canon Gabriel Dimanche  
 [9:30] The Rev. Barry Cumberland  
*Preacher:* The Rev. Canon Gabriel Dimanche  
*Eucharistic Ministers:* [7:30] Bernice Elaine Ong  
 [9:30] Richard Biteng / Cery Abad  
*Readers:* [7:30] Hazel Madamba [9:30] Daryl Longid  
*Ministers of Music:* Ferdinand Bautista /Domino Marcos  
*Ushers:* [7:30] Edwin Bangay / Melvin Ong  
 [9:30] Corinne Gohoc/ Heidi Frances Kawi  
*Acolytes:* Patrick Dagas/Alexis Dalmas/Dexter Fanged  
 Eric Gatulla/David Joaquin/Loren Ursua  
*The altar flowers are donated to the glory of God by:*  
 Francis & Cecilia Tan; Benjamin & Josephine Yao  
*Offering of the Bread and Wine & Hospitality:*  
 Inge & Maureen Friborg

**Collect:**

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

**Scripture Readings:**

First Reading: Daniel 7:9-14 page 1011-1012  
 Second Reading: Revelation 1:1-8 page 1377  
 Gospel: John 18:33-38 (NRSV)

**Sunday Hymns:**

[7:30] Gradual What a friend we have in Jesus  
 Recessional No. 494, Crown him with many crowns

[9:30] Processional No. 495, Hail thou once  
 Gradual What a friend we have in Jesus  
 Communion No. 435, At the Name of Jesus  
 Recessional No. 494, Crown him with many crowns

**Your prayers are asked for:**

Those who are celebrating their birthdays this week especially  
Cecile Casson (Nov. 22) Sarah Hawkins (Nov. 24)  
Yasmeen Carina Chan (Nov. 22) Josephine Yao (Nov. 24)  
Christian Martil (Nov. 22) Caleb Macli (Nov. 26)  
Delphina Ocquaye (Nov. 22) Maureen Friborg (Nov. 27)  
Cecilia Tan (Nov. 22) Minerva Joaquin (Nov. 27)  
Teddy Keng (Nov. 23) Veronica Leah Yu (Nov. 27)

Those celebrating their wedding anniversaries especially  
Bruce & Ching Purdue; Tina & Ross Grindal.

Those who travel especially Bishop Arthur Jones.

Those who are in need of healing especially Allan Waterfield, Beryl Tanner, Ron Jacob, Carlyn-Fern Manning, Rom Vildzius, Johnny Manning Jr, Audrey Lacson, Loy Solasco, Isabel Yu, Benjie Conzales, Jovel Llagas, Richard Kendall, Aris Paraman, JPeter, Ted Whale, Merly Quiapos, Susan Dalmas, Helen Irvine, Carrie Angus, Diana Croyston, Emerinciana Gatela, Valerie Jones, J-Anne Bartolome, Suzanne Jacobson.

The repose of the soul of Agosto Macli, Sr.

Rafael Hutchison, Joaquin So, Inocensio Postrado, Priscilla Roque on the occasion of their death anniversaries.

Every Christmas season of the year, our Church embarks on the benevolent Gift giving program for the less fortunate children of our aided parishes in the communities of Antipolo, Cainta, Taguig, Fairview and Palawan. At this context, the Christmas giving tree commences this Sunday, November 22, 2009. We encourage and welcome every member to participate through the following steps:

1. Get Christmas ornaments from the basket underneath the Christmas tree and read the label then choose and write your preference, hang the ornaments in the tree.
2. Voluntary donations in kind (food like, sardines, rice, noodles, candies, chocolates, cookies, etc.)
3. Old but still useful toys and children clothes (there will be designated boxes for this).

The Christmas ornaments will be handcrafted again by the Sunday School Pupils through the leadership of our Sunday School Art Director Ms Michelle Keng and all Sunday school teachers.

For volunteers, kindly coordinate with Ms. Cecile Katigbak, Elvie Noppers, Ms Washington.

Your choices of gifts:

1. Voluntary donations in cash (write the amount in the ornament, it will be collected from November 22 to December 13)

Our sincere gratitude to all!  
 Women of the Church / Christian Education / Outreach Committee

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The primary reason for the execution of Jesus of Nazareth was that he was a threat to the status quo and he had also said that the Temple would be destroyed in a prophetic utterance. Sometimes we are judged on something that we have said only once, but it is held against us for the rest of our lives. Jesus' statements about the destruction of the Temple were politically charged for his opponents in the Jewish state and they were used to fabricate the case against him before the Roman governor. Present day Jews are not guilty of the death of Jesus. That has caused tragic anti-Semitism in the past.

Jesus sought none of this world's honours. He coveted no place of power and his only authority was that which we had been given to him by God. He carried the truth in his own person and he revealed the truth of the heart and nature of God in a distinctive and unique way. That is a faith statement. Truth is not something that we can construct. Truth that has meaning for everyday life can never be abstract. Truth is only something that we can live. Truth is the love of a mother for a child. Truth is a father who weeps for his daughter or son. Truth is a young person who

grows up with a vision of changing the world. Truth is in the person and teaching of Jesus of Nazareth. Truth is a person dying and believing that God loves them and that they will live forever. Truth is a person falsely charged who has their charge-sheet wiped clean of the falsehood. Scientific truth about how we are made within the context of the universe is connected to the truth about why we are made within ourselves. Felipe Fernandez-Armesto said his book Truth: a History and Guide for the Perplexed that "Truth was buried in a graveyard of uncertainty at the end of the 20th century." Perhaps we can do better in the 21st-century. I see truth through the prism of the life and witness of Jesus of Nazareth. I have found no better guide than in the Scriptures, especially in the Gospels of the New Testament, the primary source of all his teaching.

**Bishop Arthur Jones**

**This week:**

Nov. 24 Tuesday	Bible Study, 10am
Nov. 28 Saturday	Christmas Pageant Rehearsal, 12:30
Nov. 29 Sunday	7:30/9:30 Regular Eucharist 9:15 Sunday School