

TRINITY NEWS

February 7, 2010

**The Last Sunday after Epiphany + The Power of Transformation
The Transfiguration (9:28-36; Matthew 17:1-8; Mark 9:2-13).**

The account in Matthew has Jesus' face shine "like the sun" (17:2) and the cloud that overshadows the scene is "bright" (17:5). These are Sinai-like touches associated with Moses and the Exodus. Moses and Elijah represent the law and the prophets, the whole range of Israelite prophecy and teaching. The risen Christ begins with "Moses and all the prophets" in the interpretation of his death and resurrection (Luke 24:27). The "exodus" that Christ is to accomplish in Jerusalem points both to his death and its outcome. That is, a new way to God out of the wilderness of non-meaning attaching to the fact of human death. It also indicates that the way of Christ moves on from the foundations laid by the great figures of Moses and Elijah.

The great Church of the Transfiguration on Mount Tabor in northern Israel marks a glorious moment in the journey of Jesus. It shows his *Yekara* glory, the glory of God expressed in a human being. The Rabbis used *Yekara* to describe their holy ones, the true of heart. The inner triad of Peter James and John had a glimpse of what the ancients described as *Shechinah*, the making-present of the glory of God. We too have our mountain-top experiences. Like Peter, we cannot stay there but we must come down into the midst of life. But such experiences are huge resources in the Christian pilgrimage. We after all cannot depend on the latest charismatic preacher and one more high after another. That soon ebbs away like a receding tide. We have to depend on the abiding presence of our Lord in our lives, imprinted and remembered through the work of the Holy Spirit.

I have never seen Jesus as a glory figure in a vision. But I did see him day at the end of a retreat which I had conducted. He had eyes like pools of love, with two lines in each of his cheeks and black hair to his shoulders; and a small but strong body bronzed by the sun. He walked lightly over the ground and then he was gone. He looked so vulnerable and yet unshakeable. The 'portrait' emerges at times when I close my eyes and I feel refreshed. As we come to Ash Wednesday and Lent may we all resolve that we shall pray for a clearer Vision of our Lord, a deeper Understanding of his Teaching, and a surer grasp of the Essential Teachings about him, drawn from Scripture and proclaimed in the Church.

Bishop Arthur Jones

This is to inform all ECW,CHT general membership , that nomination for the Executive board position is extended until Sunday , February 14 from 7:30am to 9:30am services. Election is rescheduled on February 20, 2010 at 9am , parish hall,CHT.

Kindly coordinate with Ms. Genette Pamplona and Ms.Parminter regarding nomination process and concern.

ECW,CHT Board



Pancake Supper tickets now available!

Next week's readings:

Deuteronomy
26:5-11;
Psalm 91:9-15
Romans 10:8b-
13; Luke 4:1-13

VESTRY MEMBERS:

Ruby Benitez, Linda Keng, Edison Yap, Vicky Yu

NEW VESTRY:

Danilo Chua, Juanito Dalmas, Dil Jacob,
Kenneth Keng, Terry Lynch, Lance Masters,
ECW President

Your prayers are asked in our healing ministry for Beryl Tanner, JPeter, Bonnie SyCip, Carlyn-Fern Manning, Rom Vildzius, Loy Solasco, Isabel Yu, Aris Paraman, Johnny Manning Jr, Emerinciana Gatela, Fr. Gabriel Dimanche, Benjie Conzales, Jovel Llagas, Ted Whale, Carol Garcia, Richard Kendall, Diana Croyston, Merly Quiapos, Susan Dalmas, Helen Irvine, Ron Jacob, Carrie Angus, Suzanne Jacobson, Janet Johnstone, Ema Duhaylongsod, Amy Gonzales, Ron & Vera Thoburn, Nikolai Gordevich, Harriet Campbell-Wilson.

THIS WEEK:

Feb. 15 Monday.

- Vestry Meeting, 6:30pm, Rectory

Feb. 16 Tuesday.

- Bible Study, 10am
- Pancake Supper, 5pm

Feb. 17 Wednesday.

- Ash Wednesday service, 10am & 6pm.

Feb. 21 Sunday.

- Regular Sunday Eucharist
- Sunday School, 9:13am

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Thank you.*