

Trinity Sunday - The Heart of God: the Mirror of the Heart of Humanity

The Trinity of God cannot be completely defined, but it can be 'shaped' by experience. It is sketched out in the history of our pilgrimage. We only get to make rough drawings of God's 'heart' gleaned from our experience, and then the Holy Spirit fills in the 'picture'. God does not have a history because God is history. God leaves fading 'footprints' but nothing that is fully measurable in precise historical terms. The heart of God is a mystery, but we are fascinated by that mystery. The Trinity is about God's heart. The sun sprays light and warmth into space, and God's heart sprays love and warmth into humanity. It is in human form that God shows us the access to the Heart of Love. Jesus of Nazareth was that love placarded in a human being so authentically that no one, no matter how holy, comes near him in the remembered history of human recollection. Others have risen to inspire and then found great religions, but he was a man attested to be God. God risked being 'measured' in human historical terms in Jesus of Nazareth. The New Testament tells that dynamic story.

Jesus showed the vast love of God so clearly that his visible connection with the heart of the Father's love linked him all the way into God for the first Christians. Jesus showed us that Abba is unlike any concept of an earthly Father. When he died and rose from the dead Jesus poured out the Holy Spirit to re-live his life amongst those who loved him. This triple connection between Father, Son and Holy Spirit was the basis of the original teaching about the unity and majesty of God expressed in Three Persons. These 'persons' were so interdependent that they were one. Nothing can fully explain or analyze that mystery, but its truth as a description of God has been authenticated endlessly by the Spirit in the souls of those who worship God in Trinity.

This is 'tight' language, but sloppy language makes for poor theology and eggshell experiences that shatter when touched by trials and temptations.

When I was a very young man I travelled from my hometown in the bush to worship in a beautiful stone church 80 miles away called Holy Trinity in the city of Dubbo, western New South Wales, Australia. I was ordained a priest in the spacious red-brick church of Holy Trinity in the city of Orange in Central New South Wales on December 16th 1967. I was the Rector of Holy Trinity Church Dubbo from 2003-2007. I had come back home to the church of my youth. Today I become the Rector of Holy Trinity Makati in Metro Manila. It could be said that the Holy Trinity is firmly stamped on my heart and in my pilgrimage. It has all been a wonderful privilege.

God is the ‘patron’ of the earth and indeed the universe. But here we bend the knee to pray, we hold out our hands for sacrament, and we hear the words of Scripture. We try to place our feet in the ‘fading footsteps’ of God, who gently puts them in place like a mother fitting a shoe on a little child. The Compassionate One, Christ, stands nearby, smiling, and the Holy Spirit fills all-in-all. Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

My love and thanks to all for the love that has been shown to me in other places and here in our Trinitarian Pilgrimage.

-Bishop Arthur Jones

Your prayers are asked in our healing ministry for Beryl Tanner, Diana Croyston, JPeter, Ron Thoburn, Suzanne Jacobson, Benjie Conzales, Ema Duhaylongsod, Merly Quiapos, Ron Jacob, Loy Solasco, Ted Whale, Bonnie SyCip, Fidelia Matthews, Jovel Llagas, Carlyn-Fern Manning, Johnny Manning Jr, Amy Gonzales, Emerinciana Gatela, Richard Kendall, Augusto Natividad, Janet Johnstone, Carrie Angus, Susan Dalmas, Reuben Longid, Avelina Collado, Gloria Domingo, Katsi Araneta, Sunny Cabanang, Christopher John Noppers, Jaqueline Acquiatan.

Next week’s readings:

1 Kings 17:17-24;
Psalm 30;
Galatians 1:11-24;
Luke 7:11-17

ED, NAMIKO, LENA & JULIA BURLESON LEAVE US TODAY FOR TOKYO. WE CAN ONLY BE GRATEFUL FOR WHAT THEY HAVE SHARED WITH US. GOOD PEOPLE. VAYA CON DIOS.

	Last Sunday	Year-to-date	Proportionate Budget	2010 Budget
Pledge	P89,733.20	P1,893,707.02	P1,575,000.00	P3,900,000.00
Loose Plate	P21,725.00	P392,447.85	P379,615.38	P940,000.00