

# Trinity News

August 29, 2010

## Pentecost 14 The Eternal Heart of Christ

“Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you, consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever” (Hebrews 13:7-8).

There is no doubt that the Christian Faith depends a great deal on the “Imitation of Christ”. It is everywhere: in the way in which we worship, the use of Christ symbols and particularly the cross, and in the constant repetition of his teachings. Jesus as the Christ had outstanding traits as a leader. He was a great encourager, a nurturer of people’s talents, and above all he did not ask anyone to do something that he was not prepared to model in himself. His role was unique and hugely distinctive, but this did not hinder his capacity to include others on his own journey. Like all of us, he did not want to walk alone.

Jesus shaped his own identity and the outcome of his life in such a way that it had a lasting impact on those who followed him on the Way. He was affected by the circumstances of his life as we are in our own pilgrimages. But, residually, he was himself in every mode of his being and self-presentation. There is little evidence that he was particularly concerned about other’s opinions of him. But he was concerned when adverse opinions threatened his role, his effectiveness, and his destiny. He wanted to be extraordinarily effective in implementing the Reign of God on earth in a startling and fresh way, but little concerned usually about his own personal well-being and reputation.

The life of Christ, the example of Christ, affects every Christian life. That affect, or lack of it, is placarded in the manner of conduct in Christian leaders, whether they are lay or ordained. I advise ‘my’ theological students never to seek the office of Bishop especially if they are interested in the *kudos*, so called. I tell them that no one can live up to the expectations of such a role. I certainly have not.

Behind it all stands this mysterious and provocative figure, Jesus of Nazareth. When speaking of his example, and especially the ‘imitation of Christ’, I prefer his historical title, “Jesus of Nazareth”. There stands the universal human, modelling the face of God on one hand and the face of a luminous humanity on the other. He was tied by family and friends to his home town of Nazareth, yet living an historical life that transcended local and national boundaries in its effect, still warming the cold places and giving light in the shadows far afield. He walks down the road towards us, and behind him trails a countless line of those who have followed him. Here and there among them we will see glory lights, the souls of those who loved him most. They became like him and entered his eternal heart.

Only one person stands in history with a striking incandescent banner waved aloft by those who love him: **Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.**

**Bishop Arthur Jones**

**Next Sunday's Readings:** Deuteronomy 30:15-20 ; Psalm 1;  
Philemon 1-20; Luke 14:25-33

**PLEASE NOTE:**

**Today, Aug. 29.**

- Confirmation classes takes place after the 9:30 service. [or by arrangement by the Rector]
- CHT Youth Acquaintance Party, 1pm, Parish Hall

**Monday, Aug. 30.**

- Legal non-working holiday. Office closed.

**Tuesday, Aug. 31.**

- Bible Study, 10am
- Urdaneta Bible Study *not on* this week.

**Thursday, Sept. 2.**

- FREE CONCERT, University of the East Chorale, 8:00pm.

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

|                    | <b>Last Sunday</b> | <b>Year-to-date</b> | <b>Proportionate Budget</b> | <b>2010 Budget</b> |
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| <b>Pledge</b>      | P33,950.00         | P2,607,858.48       | P2,550,000.00               | P3,900,000.00      |
| <b>Loose Plate</b> | P18,923.00         | P588,639.03         | P614,615.38                 | P940,000.00        |

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