

# Trinity News

## **Easter VI The Circle of Love and God's Children**

“When Israel was a child, I loved him. Out of Egypt I called my son” (Hosea 11:1). This is the love of children in the patriarchs of Israel reflected by Hosea who is also a prophet caught up in family concerns and matters of the heart.

Without love the Universe is empty. Without God love dissolves into transitory fancies of the heart. Without the Universe the Creator has nothing to shape and touch. There is a necessary connection between a rich and charged imagination and the pragmatics of love.

Giving love unselfishly creates a loving atmosphere that deflects manipulation. Love is like the Spirit, it flows of its own volition and it fashions its own moulds. Then it breaks out of them to re-create its own free-flowing energy.

**“This is the miracle that happens every time to those who really love: the more they give, the more they possess” – Maria Ranier Rilke.**

“Even after all this time, the sun never says to the earth, ‘You owe me.’ Look what happens to a love like that! It lights up the whole sky!”  
– Hafez

Today we are emphasizing the role of children and young people. Jesus of Nazareth demonstrated great care for children and young people. The young and the old came to him and they did not go away empty. He used children as a primary example for the transparency required in those who would enter the expanding sphere of the Reign of God. Children are not usually hollow, emptied of love by persistent wrong conduct and actions. They are full of excitement about what might happen, without knowing, waiting, expecting, fearful at times, and yet open to the future. The readings today from I John and the

Gospel of John speak about love and the anchor of love in God. The more love we pour into life and into all the opportunities that open out before us like flowers in the morning, the more we bless life and bring blessing to others and ourselves.

Love is often empowered by gratitude:

Gratitude for what has been rather than dwelling on the shadows of the past.

Gratitude for what is happening right now, even with its irritations and disappointments.

Gratitude for what is coming in anticipation of exciting things yet to happen.

We give thanks today for the children and young people of the world and vow to protect them, to nurture and guide them, to pick them up when they fall, and to run with them when they call us on to the party of life. **When we cease to listen to the voice of children, then we have lost the original spark of love that God put in our hands when we first reached out as little ones.**

**Bishop Arthur Jones**

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### **THIS WEEK:**

*Tuesday, 15th May.*

- Bible Study, 10am
- Group Discussion, 7:30pm @ the Tutton's, [#3 Sta. Potenciana, Urdaneta Village, Makati]

*Thursday, 17th May.* Midweek Eucharist, 10am, Chapel.

*Saturday, 19th May.*

**ECW Fundraising. Dinner Dance, 7pm, Savannah Moon, Libis, Quezon City. Tickets are sold at P1,000.00 each.**



## **TO PLAN:**

**May 21st, Vestry Mtg.**

**May 27th, Pentecost Sunday.  
Confirmation.**

**June 3rd, Trinity Sunday.**

A potluck will be held on this day following a joint service at 9am. All are welcome to attend! A sign up sheet is on the Notice Board just outside the Parish Office.

## **NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:**

**ACTS 1:15-26; PSALM 68 OR 47; 1 JOHN 5:9-15; JOHN 17:11B-19**