

# TRINITY NEWS

## Pentecost XVI Galilean Mystery and luminous Humanity

### *Galilean Transcendent Light and Human Shadow*

*Galilean walking the road sandals dust spurring steps urgent*

*Disciples question identity clinging for answers hope awaits.*

*Galilean offers mute response self-identity never convinces*

*Disciples respond in their words Messiah alive transcendent. **AM***

The gospel today is a brief one. It encapsulates a watershed experience in Mark's Gospel. The opening line of the gospel says that it is "the gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of God." God speaks at his baptism and at the Transfiguration, calling him the Beloved Son in words of Scripture. The demons recognize his divinity. But only here in the primary gospel does someone say that he is the Messiah. Messiah is not sent. Messiah comes. Messiah appears in the midst. Messiah is the Christos the anointed one. Messiah comes from God and goes to God. There is no agenda and no definitive role for Messiah. Jesus has to use the role of a prophet in Israel to enter the mystery of Messiah. Messiah connects us to God and God to our humanity.

I saw God as a child. Later I saw the one who emerges in the pages of the New Testament. The Creeds are shorthand about him, and the terms are more definitive than the Gospels. Those who wish to dilute his divinity point to his matchless teaching and away from the doctrines and dogmas about him. Fundamentalists point to the doctrines and dogmas and look for the prescriptions of the teaching rather than to the loving heart of it. The mystery that hangs around him is both light and shadow. Sometimes it gives us glimpses of his glory and sometimes it is a shadow that hides the mystery of his person and being in the world. The Creeds are love songs about his person and the mystery of his being rather than precise definitions. Those who think they can define him precisely should bow in humility before him, before the mystery of God that enshrouds his person. Those who want to take away from his uniqueness in the concourse of humanity should not look only at his wonderful teaching. That teaching revolves around the mystery of his person. All of his teaching is set within a mystery that attaches to his person and no one has yet been able to fully explain that mystery. The Apostle Paul and other New Testament writers define his divinity and extol his humanity. The

Gospel writers invite us to look at him and decide for ourselves. The Gospel of John enters the mystery of Christ in adoration and offers an interpretation of the person of Christ in the Gospels that helps us to “know him more clearly, love him more dearly and follow him more nearly” (Richard of Chichester). We will never get to the bottom of John’s Gospel until we see the face of Christ bathed in glory. Long live the orthodoxa, “the clear view of the glory of God” in Christ Jesus our Lord!

Bishop Arthur Jones

## **NEXT WEEK’S READINGS:**

Wisdom 1:16-2:1,12-22; Psalm 54; James 3:16-4:6; Mark 9:30-37

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## **THIS WEEK:**

### ***Monday, Sept. 17.***

- Finance Meeting, 5:30pm
- Vestry Meeting, 6:30pm, Rectory.

### ***Tuesday, Sept. 18***

- Bible Study, 10:00am
- Group Discussion @ the Tutton’s, 7:30pm

### ***Thursday, Sept. 20.***

- Midweek Eucharist, 10:00am, Chapel

### ***Saturday, Sept. 22.***

- ECW General Membership Meeting, 2pm-4pm, Parish Hall. All women who worship at CHT are welcome.

## **REMINDERS:**

### ***Sunday, Sept 23.***

- Last day of registration for *CHT Youth Camaraderie Weekend*. Sign-up sheet for donations (cash, perishable & non-perishable) is on the bulletin board. Donations will be received until **9am on Saturday, Sept. 29**. For more inquiry, please speak with Skeeter Dagas or Diane Katigbak.

### ***Saturday, Sept. 29.***

- Memorial Service for James Hodge, 9:30am

## **WIN PRIZES:**

**HAVE FUN ON FFF DAY!** A raffle for fantastic prizes donated by generous individuals and companies shall be held on

**FFF Day, Nov. 24.**

Low priced tickets are available from Elisa Thoburn or from any ECW Officer. **Grab a batch of tickets TODAY!**