

# Trinity News

## Harvest Thanksgiving Sunday Luke 8:4-8 The Parable of the Sower

This parable carries its own interpretation from the teller of the story. Jesus speaks words of wisdom from the heart of Abba to all people. An ancient liturgy in the book of Deuteronomy at 26:1-11 tells of the offering of the first fruits of the harvest at the sanctuary. It is one of the deepest felt needs of humanity to make such an offering.



At Luke 8:11-15 in the following interpretation of the parable at Luke 8:4-8, Jesus speaks about the offering or non-offering of the first fruits in responses his own words and teaching. The words of Jesus always refer back in some way to the written Scriptures of his people. Therefore his words are a mixture of spoken words and recalled written words. When he spoke he was conscious of those words from the Hebrew text. He was always translating between the Hebrew text and his own words in Aramaic. The languages are different enough to require some translation. We should be as familiar with his words as he was familiar with the Hebrew Scriptures. We also have to translate from his words into our own languages and into our own daily situations.

One of the main reasons to come to worship is to keep ourselves in touch with the biblical and liturgical words that shape our liturgy. We also bring an offering when we come to worship through the liturgy. This offering is of all that we are, both from the past and now. We bend our knees to worship and we bend our ears to listen to the wisdom of God. We know that we are often unwise, unable to choose between this or that, fearing to hurt others or to be hurt ourselves.

Today we have an offertory procession from the North. When I first saw a procession like it at St Mary's in Sagada in 2002, I was so moved by it. It was draped with a tapestry of colour, with traditional costumes and heart-toil in erect bodies and the rich and tasty fruit of the land. It was really an offering procession from the heart of the people. There was something deeply authentic about it.

We all have something to offer to God and to those near and far. But we are often held back by our own prejudices and fears of what others might say about our efforts or non-efforts.

Let us take heart and be of good courage and offer what we can while we can on our earthly efforts: **WEDNESDAY**.

- Midweek Eucharist, 10:00am, Chapel.

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

Jeremiah 14:7-10,19-22; Psalm 84; 2 Timothy 4:6-8

**Readings:**

18:9-14

### ***LOOKING UP:***

#### **November 10.**

- Holy Eucharist (7:30am)
- Remembrance Sunday (9:30 service)

#### **November 17.**

- Holy Eucharist (7:30am)
- NCCP Sunday (9:30 service)

#### **November 24. Christ the King.**

- Stewardship Sunday (7:30 & 9:30)
- Joint Ecumenical Thanksgiving service @ Union Church Manila, 6:30pm

### **CHRISTMAS PAGEANT:**

Christmas is fast approaching and with that comes our Annual Christmas Pageant. Children & teens are welcome to participate. A sign up form is posted on the board by the Parish Office. Rehearsals will start on **November 16** and every weekend thereafter until 24th December.