TRINING MEWS

The Fifth Sunday of Pentecost

Turning

Turning to beauty finding compassion moulded in silhouettes

Turning to depths arising bearing soul configurations aloft

Turning in time grasping moments fleeting on the wind Turning to love holding close releasing for growth.

Sentences

Turning every hour into treasured moments of awareness of the presence of God. Turning every minute of awareness into a place of conversation with God. Turning life's difficulties into opportunities for learning more of the grace of God. Turning every success into an occasion of thankfulness for the opportunity to live and move and have our being. Turning the soil with a shovel in a garden with the same reverence as turning the sod for a beautifully crafted building to be erected on the spot. Loving life is like loving a woman or man who loves us in return without reservation. The highest moments contain the seeds of our destruction and the lowest moments contain the seeds of our humility and therefore our greatest attainments.

Moments of Turning in Luke 9:57-62

This passage highlights the importance of decisive choices for Jesus' followers in the midst of daily happenings which can hide other pressing issues. Jesus tells them that he cannot even offer them secure lodging for the night, but when one man wants to bury his father and another wants to attend to things at home he tells them to re-focus on the Reign of God. Jesus'

himself joined a funeral procession to raise a widow's son. Nothing was more important at that moment. Jesus shared a loving family life at Nazareth and he like to visit his friends, including the family of Lazarus. But the "innermost essence" of following Christ is to keep him in mind every day. Where he is present in our lives then the Reign of God is "near at hand". Being true to ourselves, loving and being loved and attaining the security of inner peace are all encouraged and supported by Christ himself. They are the essential for a secure and happy life. When Christ in IN everything then everything we do is IN the presence of Christ who ushers us into the presence of God. Being a Christian is about our awareness of Christ in our daily life and in our prayers.

Bishop Arthur Jones

THIS WEEK:

Wednesday.

- Bible study, 10:00am.
- Group Discussion, 7:00pm, Parish Office

Thursday.

Midweek Eucharist, 10:00am, Chapel.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

Ezekiel 2:1-7; Psalm 123; 2 Corinthians 12:2-10; Mark 6:1-6

COMING UP:

SEA SUNDAY, JULY 12, 9:30AM