

TRINITY NEWS

Pentecost IX

Savior of the World

Jesus Savior of the World

come to us in your mercy:

we look to you to you save and help us.

By your cross and your life laid down

you set your people free:

we look to you to save and help us.

When they were ready to perish

you saved your disciples:

we look to you to come to our help.

In the greatness of your mercy

loose us from our chains:

forgive the sins of all your people.

Make yourself known as our Savior

and mighty Deliverer:

save and help us that we may praise you.

Come now and dwell with us Lord Christ Jesus.

hear our prayer and be with us always.

And when you come in your glory:

make us to be one with you

and to share the life of your kingdom.

The author of the above lyrics is unknown. They resonate with us because they say simply and clearly how much we need the Lord in our lives. They are included in Prayer Books of the Anglican Communion. One of the great treasures of English spirituality, *The Cloud of Unknowing*, is also anonymous.

Some ideas about the Saviour of the World:

God turns our stutters into stunning speech and original prayers. The Devil loves false masks, but Jesus does not wear masks, even an identifiable one made of skin. We know him by assimilating some of his identity borne to us by the Spirit of Jesus. Scripture and Eucharist are primary means of this assimilation. We know someone not by their autobiography but by everything that we perceive in their person. The miracles of Jesus are not miracles as we would define them; they are encounters with God clothed in human descriptions. Like every human we meet they are partly hidden in mystery. Jesus saw more than most, but he was largely silent about his perceptions. The insights from him that we have received are goblets of spiritual gold. There is much to learn from every life. We assess too much and observe too little. Humble acceptance sees more than hasty judgement. The Saviour is tormented at the Cross because he cannot save himself. Instead, Jesus was totally focused on saving us and that led into his Resurrection because without it he could not complete his mission as the Saviour of all.

With love trusting in the Saviour,

Bishop Arthur Jones

THIS WEEK:

Wednesday.

- Bible Study, 10:00am
- Group discussion, 7:30pm,
Parish office

Thursday.

- Midweek Eucharist, 10:00am,
Chapel

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

Ecclesiasticus 10:12-18; Psalm 112
Hebrews 13:1-8; Luke 14:1,7-14



*SUNDAY SCHOOL will begin on
Sept 4, 9:15 a.m. Parents are asked to
register their children starting today.
Forms are already available at the
church entrance.*