

TRINITY NEWS

Pentecost XVI The Way, the Truth and the Life

Jesus was the Divine love enfleshed in a human being. The more precise term is Love Incarnate, God's love expressed in a human life. The Rabbis used the term Yekara to describe such love in human conduct that is luminous with the glory of God.

Jesus said of himself, "I am the way, the truth and the life." The Way that he talked about required a deep search for Truth and Life. We do that best when we invest up to 80% of our time to the search for Truth and Life. This does not mean setting aside all of our daily tasks and our dedication to work and family and friends.

Jesus told his followers that he wanted them to have an abundant life. He clearly rejected the notion that an abundant life can be measured by our possessions or our achievements, though both are important. But he was very focused and dedicated to his inner-world relationship with God and its connection with his vocation and ministry. He said that the focus of God's revealing of his Presence "is within you." He clearly wanted to open up the Way into God for us and for God to relate to us in a more mutual way than before his time.

The Institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper was not only to recall Christ as a person in his teaching and ministry, but also for us to be remembered before God in his name.

The abundant life is not restricted to the confines of human thought or the dimensions of human aspirations. Jesus is speaking of an unspeakable joy, a sense of freedom that brings excitement and exhilaration; and it persists.

What are the key elements in our formation in the Way of Jesus? One of the first names for Christianity was "the Way" (Acts 9:2)

1. We were taught love of God and Neighbor as key elements of the Way to God through Jesus by his word and example. This was honored by loving teachers and parents. Loving relationships grow from kindness, listening with care, attention to the needs of the 'other', spending time together, and in accepting one another's strengths and flaws.
2. Our conversation with others nurtures both parties when it has overtones of empathy and compassion to alleviate some inevitable differences of opinion.
3. Our conversations with God need awareness of his compassion for us as it flows to us from Christ through the warmth and guiding assurance of the Holy Spirit. Prayer is conversation with God with diligence and attention as well as rendering quiet the soul so that it can hear "the still small voice".

With love on the Way of the Beloved One

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:

Exodus 32:1,7-14; Psalm 51; 1 Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-10

ON SALE!

Copies of a book entitled "With Bigger Eyes and Heart in Head: Being Anglican in Post-Windsor Time" are now available from Bishop Joel Pachao at the Diocesan Office in Baguio City, or through the Prime Bishop's Office in Quezon City. This is written by The Rt. Rev. Artemio Zabala, who currently serves as a retired bishop in residence in the Diocese of Los Angeles.

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