

TRINITY NEWS

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Two Poems for Pentecost

God's Grandeur

Gerard Manley Hopkins - 1844-1889

The world is charged with the
grandeur of God.
It will flame out, like shining
from shook foil;
It gathers to a greatness, like the
ooze of oil
Crushed. Why do men then now
not reckon his rod?
Generations have trod, have
trod, have trod;
And all is seared with trade;
bleared, smeared with toil;
And wears man's smudge and
shares man's smell: the soil
Is bare now, nor can foot feel,
being shod.

And for all this, nature is never
spent;
There lives the dearest freshness
deep down things;
And though the last lights off the
black West went
Oh, morning, at the brown brink
eastward, springs--
Because the Holy Ghost over the
bent
World broods with warm breast
and with ah! bright wings.

Pentecost

Malcolm Guite - 1957 -

Today we feel the wind beneath
our wings
Today the hidden fountain flows
and plays
Today the church draws breath
at last and sings
As every flame becomes a
Tongue of praise.
This is the feast of fire, air,
and water
Poured out and breathed and
kindled into earth.
The earth herself awakens to
her maker
And is translated out of death
to birth.
The right words come today in
their right order
And every word spells freedom
and release
Today the gospel crosses
every border
All tongues are loosened by the
Prince of Peace
Today the lost are found in His
translation.
Whose mother tongue is Love in
every nation.

SAINTS:

Boniface of Crediton, Apostle of Germany. 5 June .

Born at Crediton in Devon in about the year 675, Winfrith took the name Boniface when he entered the monastery in Exeter as a young man. He became a Latin scholar and poet and was ordained when he was thirty years old. He rejected a safe ecclesiastical career in England and became a missionary in the year 716 to Frisia, following in the steps of Willibrord. He eventually was commissioned by the pope to work in Hesse and Bavaria where he went after consecration as bishop in the year 722. He courageously felled a sacred oak at Geismar and, since the pagan gods did not come to the rescue, widespread conversion followed. He was the founder of a string of monasteries across southern Germany and made sure that they were places of learning, so that evangelising could continue. He was made Archbishop of Mainz in the year 732, where he consecrated many missionary bishops. He worked assiduously for the reform of the Church in France and managed to ensure that the more stable Rule of St Benedict was adhered to in her monasteries. He crowned Pepin as the Frankish king in 751 but was already very old. While waiting for some new Christians to arrive for confirmation, he was murdered by a band of pagans on this day in the year 754. He has been judged as having a deeper influence on European history than any other Englishman.

Ini Kopuria, Founder of the Melanesian Brotherhood. 6 June.

As a native policeman, Ini Kopuria's job took him all over Guadalcanal in the Solomon Islands, but a vision of Jesus, calling him to do different work for his people, led him to a life of evangelism in which he aimed to take and live the gospel in the remotest villages and islands in Melanesia. He began a Brotherhood for Melanesians in 1925 and, with help from his bishop, prepared a Rule and made vows himself in which he dedicated his life and his land to God. Men were asked to make only a five-year commitment to service within the community and many came to join him and stayed for much longer. It quickly grew into one of the largest religious communities in the Anglican Communion and its method of evangelism proved highly effective. Ini died on this day in 1945, revered throughout the Pacific Islands and Papua New Guinea.

June 5. Pentecost. Psalm 104: 25-42

Response: Send forth thy Spirit O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

O LORD, how manifold are thy works! * in wisdom hast thou made them all; the earth is full of thy riches. So is the great and wide sea also; * wherein are things creeping innumerable, both small and great beasts.

Response: Send forth thy Spirit O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

There go the ships, and there is that leviathan, * whom thou hast made to take his pastime therein. These wait all upon thee, * that thou mayest give them meat in due season. When thou givest it them, they gather it; * and when thou openest thy hand, they are filled with good.

Response: Send forth thy Spirit O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

When thou hidest thy face, they are troubled: * when thou takest away their breath, they die, and are turned again to their dust. When thou lettest thy breath go forth, they shall be made; * and thou shalt renew the face of the earth.

Response: Send forth thy Spirit O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

The glorious majesty of the LORD shall endure for ever; * the LORD shall rejoice in his works. The earth shall tremble at the look of him; * if he do but touch the hills, they shall smoke. I will sing unto the LORD as long as I live; * I will praise my God while I have my being. And so shall my words please him: * my joy shall be in the LORD.

Response: Send forth thy Spirit O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

TO ALL PARISHIONERS, FRIENDS & COLUMBARIUM/CHAPEL USERS: Please note that repairs are still on-going. The interior works will start this week. May we request that all flowers & adornments of the niches be removed before June 10th. Work will be carried out Monday to Friday & during this time, no access will be provided. Access will be provided on Sat. & Sun. only. Thank you.