

TRINITY NEWS

WEEK 31
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Lambeth 2022

Have you been at NAIA last weekend, you might have encountered a bunch of men in purple shirts and pectoral crosses hurrying to catch a flight to London – the bishops of the Episcopal Church in the Philippines, among them Bishop Rex, our diocesan bishop, on their way to the Lambeth Conference, 2022.

The Lambeth Conference, which is convened every ten years or so by the Archbishop of Canterbury, is “a gathering of bishops from across the Anglican Communion for prayer and reflection, fellowship and dialogue on church and world affairs”.

With the theme of ‘God’s Church for God’s World - walking, listening and witnessing together,’ the conference will explore what it means for the Anglican Communion to be responsive to the needs of a 21st Century world.”

Please pray for the Conference and all the bishops in attendance. These are troubled, polarized times, and the bishops have a lot to talk and pray about.

O God, by your grace and Spirit you have raised up witnesses and servants in many lands and cultures: Pour out your blessing upon the churches and provinces of the Anglican Communion, and upon their leaders as they gather for fellowship in the Lambeth Conference, that their diversity may enrich their common witness and service to the honor and glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ST. BENEDICT’S RULE (Part 2)

If you are harmed by anyone, never repay it by returning the harm. In fact you should never inflict any injury on another but bear patiently whatever you have to suffer. Love your enemies, then; refrain from speaking evil but rather call a blessing on those who speak evil of you; if you are persecuted for favoring a just cause, then bear it patiently.

Avoid all pride and self-importance. Don't drink to excess nor over-eat. Don't be lazy nor give way to excessive sleep. Don't be a murderer and never in speaking take away the good name of another.

Your hope of fulfilment should be centered in God alone. When you see any good in yourself, then, don't take it to be your very own, but acknowledge it as a gift from God. On the other hand you may be sure that any evil you do is always your own and you may safely acknowledge your responsibility.

You should recognize that there will be a day of reckoning and judgement for all of us, which should make us afraid of how we stand between good and evil. But, while you should have a just fear of the loss of everything in hell, you should above all cultivate a longing for eternal life with a desire of great spiritual intensity. Keep the reality of death always before your eyes, have a care about how you act every hour of your life and be sure that God is present everywhere and that he certainly sees and understands what you are about. *To be continued...*

Psalm 49.

Response: *For the ransom of our life is so great, * that we should never have enough to pay it.*

O HEAR ye this, all ye people; * ponder it with your ears, all ye that dwell in the world; High and low, rich and poor, * one with another. My mouth shall speak of wisdom, * and my heart shall muse of understanding.

Response: *For the ransom of our life is so great, * that we should never have enough to pay it.*

Wherefore should I fear in the days of evil, * when wickedness at my heels compasseth me round about? There be some that put their trust in their goods, * and boast themselves in the multitude of their riches.

Response: *For the ransom of our life is so great, * that we should never have enough to pay it.*

But no man may deliver his brother, * nor give a ransom unto God for him, For the ransom of our life is so great, * that we should never have enough to pay it. That we may live forever, * and not see the grave.

Response: *For the ransom of our life is so great, * that we should never have enough to pay it.*

For he seeth that wise men also die and perish together, * as well as the ignorant and foolish, and leave their riches for others. And yet they think that their houses shall continue for ever, and that their dwelling-places shall endure from one generation to another; * and call the lands after their own names. Nevertheless, man being in honour abideth not, * seeing he may be compared unto the beasts that perish;

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SAINTS:

Oswald of Northumbria. 5 August,

Martyr. Born around the year 605, the son of King Ælfrith of Northumbria, Oswald was forced to leave home after his father's death and move to Iona where, influenced by the monks of St Columba, he was baptised. Returning to Northumbria in 634, Oswald defeated the British king, setting up a cross as his standard and gathering his men around it to pray the night before the battle. A man of humility and generosity, Oswald worked closely with his friend St Aidan, travelling with him on his missionary journeys and acting as his interpreter. He died in battle on this day in 642 defending his kingdom from the Mercians.

The Transfiguration of our Lord.

6 August. The story of the Transfiguration of Jesus on the mount is told in the gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke, and Peter refers to it in his Second Epistle. Each time, it is made clear that that is not only the messenger but also the message: God's salvation is for all and Christ is that Saviour. The testimony of the law and the prophets to Jesus are given by the presence of Moses and Elijah and the event also pre-figures the resurrection, giving a foretaste of the life of glory.

REMINDER: RECTOR SEARCH CONGREGATIONAL SURVEY will end today. If you haven't submitted your answers yet, please do. Your opinion is much appreciated. The survey form can be accessed and answered through a link that was emailed last month. A hard copy is also available at the parish