

The Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity welcomes you!



ALL SAINTS SUNDAY. NOVEMBER 03, 2024

Not so here, of course, and I think that might, in part at least, be what accounts for these feasts not being solemn in this country. Indeed, what here seems to be emphasized, as was the case also where I was brought up in South America, is our continued fellowship with those who have gone before and therefore an affirmation of the fact we Christians believe, that death is in no way the final word and that the love that binds us transcends death, because the God who created everything is that love.

I leave you with a well-known sonnet from the Anglican priest and poet, John Donne. Read it carefully, ponder and enjoy.

Death, be not proud, though some have called thee
Mighty and dreadful, for thou art not so;
For those whom thou think'st thou dost overthrow
Die not, poor Death, nor yet canst thou kill me.
From rest and sleep, which but thy pictures be,
Much pleasure; then from thee much more must flow,
And soonest our best men with thee do go,
Rest of their bones, and soul's delivery.
Thou art slave to fate, chance, kings, and desperate men,
And dost with poison, war, and sickness dwell,
And poppy or charms can make us sleep as well
And better than thy stroke; why swell'st thou then?
One short sleep past, we wake eternally
And death shall be no more; Death, thou shalt die.

-Fr. Charles

HAPPENING @ CHT:

MORNING PRAYER:

8:00a.m., Chapel.

(Tues, Wed; Fri & Sat)

MIDWEEK EUCHARIST: Thurs.

9:00a.m., Chapel.

NOVEMBER:

♦*Nov. 10, Remembrance Sunday, 9:30; Wedding, 3:00p.m.*

♦*Nov. 16, Saturday. Wedding, 2:30p.m.*

♦*Nov. 17, Sunday. Wedding, 3:00p.m.*

♦*Nov. 23, Saturday, ECW Meeting, 2:00p.m., Rectory.*

♦*Nov. 24, Sunday. French Service, 11:30a.m.; Joint Thanksgiving Service, 6:30p.m., Union Church of Manila.*

DECEMBER:

♦*Dec. 8, Sunday. Norway Advent*

♦*Service, 5:00p.m.*

♦*Dec. 14, Saturday. Wedding, 1:00p.m.*

♦*Dec. 15, Sunday. Wedding, 2:00p.m.*

♦*Dec. 21, Saturday. Wedding, 2:00p.m.*

♦*Dec. 29, Sunday. Wedding, 2:00p.m.*

SAINTS:

All Saints Sunday.

The two feasts we celebrate on the first (All Saints) and second days (All Souls) of November share a common theme: Death. As grim as that may sound, they are nonetheless, joyful feasts, especially All Saints of course, that celebrates our triumph over death in Jesus Christ, but also All Souls, which gives us an opportunity to acknowledge our grief and to express our continuing love for the departed in our prayers, and our confidence in God's mercy. These themes then focus on something that is central to our lives, and we should take the opportunity to reflect on our own mortality and to rejoice in our hope.

In northern climes of course, it's late fall and winter is around the corner. It's a time when things appear to be dying all around us: the last leaves are falling from the trees, the days are getting shorter, the dark nights longer, the sun itself seems at time to be on its last legs.

The meaning of these feasts, in other words, is reflected in the weather.

JOB VACANCY:

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