

# *The Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity welcomes you!*



A reading from *Life together* by Dietrich Bonhoeffer

In the Christian community thankfulness is just what it is anywhere else in the Christian life. Only they who give thanks for little things receive the big things. We prevent God from giving us the great spiritual gifts he has in store for us, because we do not give thanks for daily gifts. We think we dare not be satisfied with the small measure of spiritual knowledge, experience, and love that has been given to us, and that we must constantly be looking forward eagerly for the highest good. Then we deplore the fact that we lack the deep certainty, the strong faith, and the rich experience that God has given to others, and we consider this lament to be pious. We pray for the big things and forget to give thanks for the ordinary, small (and yet really not small) gifts. How can God entrust great things to one who will not thankfully receive from him the little things? If we do not give thanks daily for the Christian fellowship in which we have been placed, even where there is no great experience, no discoverable riches, but much weakness, small faith, and difficulty; if, on the contrary, we only keep complaining to God that everything is so paltry and petty, so far from what we expected, then we hinder God from letting our fellowship grow according to the measure and riches which are there for us all in Jesus Christ.

Christian community is like the Christian's sanctification. It is a gift of God which we cannot claim. Only God know the real state of our fellowship, of our sanctification. What may appear weak and trifling to us may appear great and glorious to God. Just as Christians should not be constantly feeling their spiritual pulse, so too, the Christian community has not been given to us by God for us to be constantly taking its temperature. The more thankfully we daily receive what is given to us, the more surely and steadily will fellowship increase and grow from day to day as God pleases.

Christian brotherhood is not an ideal which we must realise: it is rather a reality created by God in Christ in which we may participate. The more clearly we learn to recognize that the ground and strength and promise of all our fellowship is in Jesus Christ alone, the more serenely shall we think of our fellowship and pray and hope for it. [Source: Celebrating the Seasons]

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## HAPPENING @ CHT:

**MORNING PRAYER:** 8:00a.m., Chapel. (Tues, Wed; Fri & Sat)

**MIDWEEK EUCHARIST:** Thurs. 9:00a.m., Chapel.

### OCTOBER:

- ◆ Oct. 12, Saturday. Wedding, 2:00p.m.
- ◆ Oct. 13, Sunday, 9:30a.m. Visit of the delegates from the Council of Churches in East Asia. Meet the guests from the Diocese of Eastern Kowloon, Anglican Church of Australia & Episcopal Diocese of Northern Phils. during coffee hour after the service. Wedding, 3:00p.m.
- ◆ Oct. 14, CCEA Closing ceremony, 5:00p.m.
- ◆ Oct. 19, Saturday. OPEN HOUSE, Rectory, 4:30p.m.-7:30p.m., to celebrate the 1st wedding anniversary of Fr Joe & Suzy.
- ◆ Oct. 20, IP Sunday. **8:30a.m. JOINT EUCHARIST.** Potluck follows the service. [sign-up on the board by the Parish office]
- ◆ Oct. 24, Thursday. Healing mass, 3:00p.m.
- ◆ Oct. 26, Saturday. ECW Meeting, 2:00p.m., Rectory.
- ◆ Oct. 27, Sunday. Vestry meeting, 11:00a.m.

### NOVEMBER:

- ◆ Nov. 1, All Saint's Day (will be observed on Sunday, Nov. 3)
- ◆ Nov. 2, All Souls Day service, 10:00a.m., Chapel.
- ◆ Nov. 10, Remembrance Sunday, 9:30; wedding, 3:00p.m.
- ◆ Nov. 16, Saturday. Wedding, 2:30p.m.
- ◆ Nov. 17, Sunday. Wedding, 3:00p.m.

### **SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT:**

*Fr. Lendhel Sallidao has been appointed as our Rector and will be installed by Bp. James Boliget on January 5, 2025 at the 9:30 service.*

## SAINTS:

**William Tyndale, Translator of the Scriptures, 6 October.** Born in Gloucestershire in about the year 1494, William Tyndale studied first at Magdalen Hall, Oxford, and then at Cambridge. He became determined to translate the Scriptures from the Greek directly into contemporary English but was thwarted in this by the Bishop of London. So William settled in Hamburg in 1524, never returning to England. When the first copies of his translation arrived in England in 1526, it was bitterly attacked as subversive by the ecclesial authorities. He spent much of the rest of his life making revisions to his work, but also writing many theological works. His life's-work proved good enough to be the basic working text for those who, at the beginning of the following century, were to produce what became known as the Authorised Version of the Bible. He was eventually arrested in 1535 and imprisoned in Brussels on charges of heresy. He was first strangled and then burnt at the stake on this day in 1536. His last words were, "Lord, open the King of England's eyes."

**Wilfrid of Ripon, Bishop of York, 12 October.** Wilfrid, or Wilfrith, was born of a noble family in Northumbria in about the year 633. He was educated at the monastery of Lindisfarne, but disapproved of what he judged to be their Celtic insularity. He journeyed to Canterbury and then to Rome. He spent three years at Lyons and was there admitted as a monk. He was appointed Abbot of Ripon and took with him the Roman monastic system and Benedictine Rule, which he immediately introduced. At the Synod of Whitby, his dominance was largely responsible for the victory of the Roman party over the Celts and, when he was elected Bishop of York, he went to Compiègne to be consecrated by twelve Frankish bishops rather than risk any doubt of schism by being ordained by Celtic bishops. There were upsets first with Chad and then with Archbishop Theodore of Canterbury, but the Roman authorities took his side and he was eventually restored to his See. After further disputes, he resigned the See of York and became Bishop of Hexham, spending his remaining years in the monastery at Ripon. His gift to the English church was to make it more clearly a part of the Church universal, but his manner and methods were not such as to draw people close to him at a personal level. He died on this day at Ripon in the year 709.