



ALL SAINTS'

CHURCH

"Our mission is to bring the good news of Jesus Christ's love to our entire community through traditional Anglo-Catholic worship, fellowship, outreach, and Christian formation."

Our Vision: *"We strive to be a haven of healing, reconciliation, joy and peace in service to our wider community and beyond, so that our example in prayer and practice may reflect Christ's love for us all."*

THIS SUNDAY — June 12 & Beyond

"Cleansed and Empowered for His Mission by the One God"



Trinity Sunday, the Sunday in which the church universal reaffirms its faith in the One Triune and Almighty God, brings us in Year C a reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah in Chapter 6, verses 1-8.

This reading tells us about one of Isaiah's visions of the Godhead, the Almighty God. It is a vision of God's heavenly throne in which seraphs, the highest beings in the angelic hierarchy, are seen attending the Supreme Lord.

The description Isaiah gives of these heavenly beings is not detailed or exhaustive, but he mentions they have three pairs of wings, and that they call to one another saying:

**"Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;
The whole earth is full of His glory."**

Without any attempts to imply that there is some kind of distinct Trinitarian overtones here, it is interesting to notice the presence of the triads, both in the pairs of wings in the Seraphs and in the triple use of the word *holy* to refer to the Almighty God.

The prophet is filled with awe before these beings and the very presence of God, which makes the whole place shake and smoke, as signs of the power of the Almighty.

Isaiah considers himself unworthy of being in the divine presence, and fears for his life, because in the conception of the Old Testament, no ordinary sinful mortal could see God's face and live.

He describes his condition and that of the people he belongs to as of "unclean lips". We here notice that the prophet's main concern is what he and his people declare with their mouths.

It would be rather superficial to think that he was thinking about the use or non-use of curse words. What distinguishes true prophets from false ones is not whether they use educated or coarse vocabulary, but if their words (and corresponding actions, if they are to be consistent with what they speak) correspond to God's will or not.

At this point Isaiah recognizes that he and his people do not always speak and act according to God's unconditional love. He acknowledges the fact that his words and actions and those of his people do not often reflect compassion, justice, and truth; on the contrary, they often tend to be selfish, corrupt, and cruel; devoid of mercy and love.

His close encounter with the divine realm and its pure majestic glory, full of truth, justice and love, makes the prophet recognize his deep inadequacy before Him that is all Truth, and this triggers repentance in the depths of his soul.

This is not overlooked by the angelic beings, who seem to have the capacity to sense what really happens in the human soul, and one of the seraphs takes a living coal from God's altar and touches Isaiah's lips with it.

In strictly physical terms, we know this is extremely painful. In spiritual terms, it may also be painful, in the sense that it initiates a hard purifying process that will enable the prophet to speak and act according to God's will, no matter how well-acclaimed or rejected he may be by others.

Speaking and acting according to God's will; in other words, carrying out His mission in the world, may be extremely hard and painful when so many others try to oppose His will.

But when you feel totally forgiven, cleansed and being born anew by God's grace, and He asks whom He can send to fulfill His reconciling mission in the world, there is no

other way to respond to God but by repeating Isaiah's words:

“Here am I; send me!”

Father Carlos E. Expósito

Readings for Trinity Sunday

Isaiah 6:1-8 Revelation 4:1-11 Canticle 13 John 16:5-15

CALENDAR

Note: We are worshipping in our historic church. The service will also be on Zoom. The service time is 10am. Tuesday Noon Mass and Friday Morning Prayer are held in All Saints' St. Mary Chapel.

SUNDAY The First Sunday after Pentecost -- Trinity Sunday

10:00am Mass in All Saints' Church

Join Zoom Meeting from our web site at www.allsaintschurch.org

Recording of Mass available before noon at www.allsaintschurch.org

Christian Formation and First Communion Instruction for Children

Ages 5-12 in the Parish Hall from 10:00am-10:45am

Christian Formation every second and fourth Sunday of the month at

11:30am Studying *Sacred Earth, Sacred Soul* by John Philip Newell

Rector's Study

A Spanish Mass will be held on the first, second, fourth (and fifth)

Sundays each month at 1pm. Everyone is welcome.

TUESDAY Noon Mass in St. Mary Chapel

THURSDAY Spanish Class 1:00pm to 3:00pm in the Flower Room. Taught by Fr.

Carlos

FRIDAY 10:00am Morning Prayer in St. Mary Chapel

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OUR CORE VALUES:

- Welcoming strangers like old friends
- Embracing the Anglo-Catholic tradition
- Being dependable members of a caring community
- Respecting each other's differences
- Being faithful stewards of God's gift
- Remembering that God loves everyone unconditionally