



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 —October 9 & Beyond

"Faith That Translates into Faithfulness"



This Sunday's readings tell us about faithful people and our faithful God.

The book of Ruth tells the story of a daughter-in-law who refused to leave her mother-in-law alone after she had lost her husband and her two sons (one of whom was Ruth's husband). Although Ruth and her mother-in-law Naomi were from different lands and cultures, when Naomi decided to return to Judah, and even insisted that Ruth should leave her because there was no purpose for her in following her mother-in-law to a land which was not even her own, Ruth clung to her relentlessly, showing her gratefulness for all that Naomi had done for her, and a total faith and trust that by staying with her she was fulfilling God's will and God would somehow provide for them both. The end of the book shows how Ruth's faithfulness was not in vain, and she and Naomi were able to live a better life among God's people.

In his second letter to Timothy, the Apostle Paul encourages his disciple to be faithful, to share in Christ's sufferings when needed, and makes a comparison between the life of Christ's followers and those of soldiers, athletes, and farmers, stressing that it is only

disciplined hard work, dedication, and perseverance which brings the fruition of the salvation that is in Christ Jesus. Paul here uses a saying which he assures Timothy that can be trusted:

If we have died with Him, we will also live with Him;
If we endure, we will also reign with Him;
If we deny Him, He will also deny us;
If we are faithless, he remains faithful—
For he cannot deny Himself.

So what Paul is saying here is that our faith needs to be based on our true faithfulness to Christ's Way, even to the extent of making great sacrifices on His behalf, so that others who see our behavior may also come to believe.

But most importantly, Paul is highlighting here that our God and Savior is intrinsically faithful, even when we may fail to be so. God can simply not be unfaithful, because that is contrary to His very nature.

This is also hinted in a beautiful poetic way by the writer of Psalm 113:

“Who is like the Lord our God, who sits enthroned on high
But stoops to behold the heavens and the earth?”

“He takes up the weak out of the dust
And lifts up the poor from the ashes.”

Here God's transcendence is contrasted with His unfailing faithfulness to His people. They go hand in hand.

True faith implies complete trust in our Creator, His Son our Savior, and His comforting Spirit of Truth. It also means being grateful for all His constant blessings and showing forth this gratefulness through our faithfulness to His Way of Love.

In the Gospel reading for this Sunday, ten lepers who beg Jesus to heal them are healed as they are on their way to see the priests, as Jesus has commanded them to do. However, only one of them—a Samaritan—turns back immediately to praise God loudly and thank Jesus.

What Jesus says to this Samaritan contains a great lesson for us all: “your faith has made you well.”

It is clear that Jesus is not referring to his healing from leprosy. That had already happened before he decided to return and express his thankfulness and faithfulness.

It is his faithfulness expressed through his great gratitude that makes him really well. It makes him well because it brings him closer to God’s very nature. As Paul points out, God is faithful by nature, so when we are truly faithful we show forth His image in our lives.

The Rev. Carlos Expósito

Readings for The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Ruth 1:8-19 2 Timothy 2:3-15 Psalm 113 Luke 17:11-19

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 Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Noon. Topic: Communicating with God Rector’s Study

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 Chape

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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

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