



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 7 & BEYOND

GOD'S TRINITARIAN LOVING DANCE IN OUR LIVES



Trinity Sunday is around the corner and we are all living amid two pandemics, one caused by a virus and the other one caused by hatred and injustice. This is a time when our theological reflections in relation to the great mystery of the Holy Trinity might not be so appropriate unless we find a very concrete way of linking this reflection to the pressing demands of the present situation.

What is going on in our country and in other parts of the world?

First there is this virus which has caused a great loss in terms of lives, jobs, housing and psychological stability. We have had to deal with very distressing situations that have also affected the way we worship and think about keeping our communion with God and our neighbor. This has been a time of trial for our faith, for our way of

expressing our love towards our neighbors. And we have all been under a lot of stress.

But even when the pandemic has affected everyone, it is evident that not all sectors of society have been equally affected. The poorest and destitute have not been able to work from home, and they have had to expose themselves to the virus. As a result, a greater percentage of those affected are among the sectors of the population with the lowest incomes. Blacks and Latinos are prevalent among these. Homeless people and those in elderly care institutions have greatly been affected too.

How fair is this? Our Baptismal Covenant has it that we promise to strive for justice and peace among all people and respect the dignity of every human being. But there is no way we can accomplish this promise unless we defend the rights of those who are not given the possibility to live dignified lives.

Recently police brutality in Minnesota took the life of George Floyd, a black citizen. A video showing the very act of taking his life went viral in our country and in all the world. This has sparked a wave of national and worldwide demonstrations demanding justice in this case, and a change that will prevent similar violations from taking place in the future. The fact is that this is not an isolated one-time event. This kind of violence against black citizens by the police has been recurrent for decades now.

Unfortunately, those who ally with the dark forces have taken advantage of the situation and have looted stores and other businesses, have set police cars on fire and have even shot a policeman. None of this can be approved by authentic Christians. We are in favor of the demands for justice, but in a peaceful way. Above all, we believe in the need for a change in the unjust ways our society is structured so that God's loving governance is better reflected in our nation, in the whole world.

Trinity Sunday reminds us, above all, that God Himself is not self-centered. God is family. God is loving relatedness. The Trinity reminds us all of this constant loving dance among the three persons, in which the distinctiveness of each is respected and cherished but is subordinated to the intrinsic unity.

There is a crucial lesson for us all here. Unless we learn to imitate The Holy Trinity's way of interrelatedness in our relationships with the rest of humanity. God and the world could not care less how many pages we try to write about the mystery of One God in Three Persons. The real mystery lies in being able to show God's Trinitarian Love in our own lives. That will make us advocates for justice and peace, and for a

greatly needed change in the whole world, a change that will show forth The Trinity's Loving Dance in our own lives.

Fr. Carlos E. Expósito, Rector

Readings for this Sunday – Trinity Sunday

Genesis 1:1-2:3 Psalm 150 2 Corinthians 13:5-14 Matthew 28:16-20

CALENDAR

SUNDAY: Trinity Sunday – The First Sunday after Pentecost

All Saints' Sunday 9am Service

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

7:00pm Little Apple Group (Parish Hall)

TUESDAY Noon Service

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

FRIDAY Christian Formation Study at noon

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AA Meetings

8:00p Ladies' Group (Fireside Room)

8:15p Men's Group (Parish Hall)

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