



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."*

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER April 18 & Beyond

Walking in the True Light



Eastertide is the season of the Christian calendar that constantly reminds us that we, as Jesus' followers, have the greatest and most wonderful of certain hopes—a new life lived in communion with our Go., It is a renewed self-giving life that has no end because it transcends space and time constraints, the resurrected life of which Jesus Christ makes us all partakers through His self-giving sacrifice and His victory over the dark powers of sin and death.

In 1 John, chapter 1, the writer declares the truth of what he has not only heard but seen and even touched with his own hands--Jesus as the Word of Life, the Life that was revealed to him and the other disciples in a person-to-person fashion through the mystery of Incarnation, and whose glory they have witnessed through the even greater mystery of Resurrection.

Revealed truth has always been likened to the true Light. Light is what dispels the darkness and enables us to see the way clearly. When someone is honest and truthful in their ways, that person is said to be *of the light*; conversely, those who live in pretense and lie are said to be *of the darkness*.

Our loving Heavenly Father is the author of Light, and He Himself is Light, because He is the author of all truth. So is His only-begotten Son Jesus Christ our Lord, and we who would like to live in communion with them, need to walk in the true Light to make that communion possible.

Walking in the Light does not mean that we are all perfect and sinless all of a sudden. That is not a realistic goal. The Church, as Christ's Body on earth, recognizes itself as imperfect and sinful. We all sin because our human nature, even though it reflects our Creator's nature as an image, is not without its dark spots. The more we walk in the true Light, the closer we get to reflecting His pure Light in fullness.

The first thing we need to do, then, is recognize our dark spots, be honest about them, and stop living in pretense. As the writer of 1 John states, "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

If we try to show forth light by trying to hide our dark spots, we will only get the opposite result. The Light has to shine from within, from our real selves, and the first step in the process of transformation is the honest recognition of our sinful lives, and the deep and true desire to be cleansed by Christ's redeeming power. After all, this is the reason why Jesus came to the world, to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and through His glorious resurrection He has shown us His power to make us anew in His ineffable Light.

Fr. Carlos E. Expósito, Rector

Readings for this Sunday – The Third Sunday after Easter

Acts 4:5-12 Psalm 98:1-5 1 John 1:1-2:2 Luke 24:36b-48

CALENDAR

Note: We are worshipping in our historic church. The service will also be on Zoom.
The service time is 10am.

SUNDAY Third Sunday of Easter 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

TUESDAY Noon Mass in All Saints' courtyard

FRIDAY Morning Prayer in All Saints' courtyard 10:00am

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