



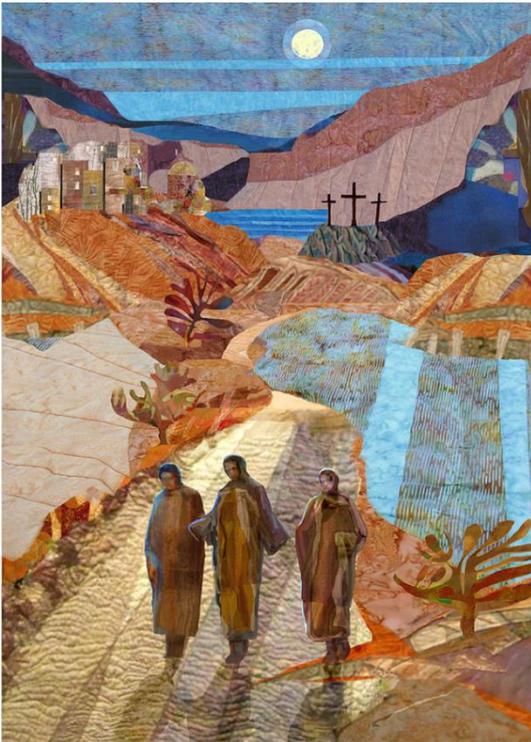
ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

"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 20 & Beyond

The New Reconciled Creation



In Chapter 5 of the Second Letter to the Corinthians, the Apostle Paul urges his readers to embrace the reconciliatory ministry that Christ has entrusted us with, as the core mission of the church.

In his appeal, Paul makes some statements that may seem too radical or daring for his contemporary readers and even for us now, but they contain deep truths we must consider and reflect on.

Paul boldly states that Christ died for all, and therefore, all have died. This may sound mystifying, but it can be interpreted that he is referring to Christ's sacrifice on the cross on behalf of the world, and how that sacrifice naturally leads everyone to put to death the old self and let the reconciled new creature be born in their lives.

He insists with his readers that they need to shift their point of view from the human to the divine, if they are to grasp what Christ's message of reconciliation means for the life of the new communities shaped after His Way of Love.

To be reconciled essentially means to be aligned with God's will for us in the world. It does not mean that we all think or act alike. God created a wonderfully diverse world and saw that it was good. Therefore, the idea that He wants a uniform world made up of people who think, and act alike is out of the question. That may be some tyrant's ideal in this world, but certainly not God's or Christ's ideal of a reconciled new creation.

Reconciliation is firmly based on the power of love. And love implies forgiveness. In our relationships as fragile human beings, it is inevitable that we trespass against one another at times. From the strictly human point of view, we aspire for others to agree with us, to conform to our desires or what we conceive as "right", or to admit that we are right, and they are wrong. But divine reconciliation cannot be based on those premises.

Divine reconciliation puts love in the first place. Love means caring for the other, doing what is good for the other, even if that implies sacrifice – even if that other is one who has trespassed against us.

Our Lord Jesus has given us the greatest example of the true meaning of reconciliation. He lovingly gave Himself for the ones who trespassed against the Creator, so that we may all have life, and have it abundantly.

By working as Christ's reconciling agents in this world, by putting our petty self-interests and claims for retaliation aside, we can greatly contribute to the coming of a fully reconciled new world, where harmony in diversity prevails, and all peoples can live together in peace, procuring one another's greatest good, and living a love-filled life in true joy.

Fr. Carlos E. Expósito, Rector

Readings for this Sunday – The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Job 38:1-11, 16-18 Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32 2 Corinthians 5:14-21 Mark 4:35-41

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' courtyard or in St. Mary's Chapel if the weather is too hot.

SUNDAY The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00am Mass in All Saints' Church

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

TUESDAY Noon Mass in All Saints' Courtyard or St. Mary's Chapel

FRIDAY 10:00am Morning Prayer in All Saints' Courtyard or St. Mary's Chapel

SUNDAY The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00am Mass in All Saints' Church

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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 Gifts