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JESUS IS LORD TO THE GLORY OF THE FATHER



**CONCEIVED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT
BORN OF THE VIRGIN MARY,
GOD IN THE FLESH.**

WE WERE SEPARATED BY MILES.....

....but our hearts beat as one as we praised & worshipped our Creator & beseeched Him for help in preserving & protecting our families. We came with a spirit of repentance for being so caught up in the world in its demands that good quality time with our family was the victim. The Father certainly sent us a paternal correction by having us all locked down in our homes with our family. Hopefully we discovered the richness & uniqueness of each person He has brought into our lives & we got to even have meals together which should be a daily tradition & play together & yes, even work together on computers as onerous as that might be in the sanctity of our homes. Hopefully we got a whole new perspective on life...His perspective...with His ultimate destination for us in mind...heaven with Him. But tested we must be as are all His creatures & how we fare depends on how much time & attention we spend on Him & with Him.

Real Love Ministries sponsored this event & gathered people from the world over via live-stream. The host was in Texas, our own beloved Martin Ohiro & his family. And the speakers were other St. A's people including the former pastor, Fr. Bill, & Fr. Boniface who resided here as well. Br. Uwakwe Chukwu completed the teaching team & we were presented with the dangers to the family today, ways to counteract them & lots of prayer to set us once again on the right path for family life as God intends. Fr. Boniface was the main celebrant for the beautiful liturgy where his love for the Lord in

Eucharist was beautifully manifest. Anyone doubting the Real Presence would have been moved to the truth.

The effort put forth by Dr. Adaora Madubuko in organizing this event was heroic. So much to do with limited time & so few to help in these days of shut down & curfew; that didn't stop her determination to get it all done & done well. Her whole family pitched in in whatever ways they could.

The praise & worship really carried the day in putting us in the transcendent. You had to be there to really appreciate it & hopefully we can do that soon. They were few in number but very powerful. Oluchi drove for 5 hours all the way from central PA where they now reside & led the group in magnificent praise & worship. They were so good, others wanted them to come to their church to minister to them there. Hopefully we can do that to build bridges of solidarity to keep what is becoming the holy remnant connected.

THE SAINTS CAME MARCHING IN

Despite the lock-down & the social distancing, a good crew of masked saints couldn't be kept away from the annual Harvest celebration. Joy & Lawrence An-



yanwu were the Father & Mother of the day & they contributed mightily on-line at the Harvest Feast on Zoom & will continue to host this ongoing endeavor to thank God & help provide the means to continue to minister the gift of the Holy Spirit here at St. A's. The generosity at the Mass & on-line was overwhelming despite the few who tuned in on-line. We encourage you to have others watch the video or any upcoming live appeals so people can get a taste of what God is doing here. Send it out to friends across the world. Many make charitable donations at this time of the year for tax reduction purposes & why not encourage them to contribute to God's work in the inner city?



THE Matriarch HAS FINISHED THE RACE....

...& what a tribute it was that so many came out despite all the virus warnings, to come & pay their respects to a magnificent witness of the faith...humble & holy...& always seeking to draw closer to Our Lord. She poured out love all her life & so many of us were recipients of that love & on the day of her funeral that love was poured back to her. It was hard for her family members to put into words the effect this holy mother, grandmother & great grandmother had on their lives. The priests who knew her in the early days came to witness to the holiness of this servant of God. Fr. John Gordon, Fr. Brendan Murray joined Fr. Bill Halbing & Fr. Albert Nze, Fr. Louis & Fr. Joseph to pay their respects & pray for the repose of the soul of Mama Carey as she was affectionately known to so many. Mark Mattheis provided the excellent music for the Mass & Jules Ngambo stunned everyone by the Ave Maria he sang to Our Lady a capella in a magnificent stentorian voice that filled the very eaves of the church & moved every heart in the place. God was glorified. His mother was invoked & honored & our beloved Mama Carey was taken to the place of rest down the street & she is



free, free, free at last from all the vicissitudes of this life as she waits to see the Father face to face when the bodies of all the deceased will rise & His chosen sons & daughters who were faithful to Him will see Him as He is.

WARNING!

Those who have the faith had better keep in the state of grace & those who have neither had better find out what they mean, for in the coming age, there will be only one way to stop trembling knees & that will be to get down on them & PRAY. (Archbishop Fulton Sheen)

WHAT GOOD COMPANY SHE HAD IN ASCENDING TO THE FATHER.

Do you remember the more than 10 years of intense teaching & ministry we experienced here when Fr. John Hampsch, CFM came very year in May to take us deeper into the



faith & exercise his gift of healing for any & all who requested it? Extremely knowledgeable in the faith, every year people sat for hours just drinking in all he had to say & he could have gone for hours more on every topic. He literally poured himself out every time he came hardly taking time out to eat. He passed away peacefully in his sleep in a nursing home in CA & his funeral was the exact same time as Eleanor Carey's. What an interesting encounter that must have been as they made their way back home overwhelmed at the instantaneous awareness of all at the same time...totally free from the tyranny & ties of time.

ANOTHER HOLY SAGE SAW IT COMING...FOR IT WAS ALREADY THERE.

In the midst of all his (Antichrist's) seeming love for humanity & his glib talk of freedom & equality, he will have one great secret which he will tell no one: he will not believe in God. Because his religion will be brotherhood without the fatherhood of God, he will deceive even the elect. He will set up a counter-church which will be the ape of the Church, because he, the devil, is the ape of God. It will have all the notes & characteristics of the Church, but in reverse & emptied of its divine content. It will be a mystical body of the Antichrist that will in all externals resemble the Mystical body of Christ.

(Archbishop Fulton Sheen, Communism)

Sound familiar? It is no longer hidden. We are living it. The lines of demarcation are clearly delineated & one must decide for there is no middle ground. You are part of the Mystical Body of Christ.

SUCH A BEAUTIFUL LEGACY SHE LEFT!

At the Harvest Festival on Zoom, people wanted to remember Eleanor in a special way & made donations in her honor. What a beautiful way to pay tribute to one of the pillars of this parish who loved this place so much. It was also beautiful to see young people step up to the plate & match donations their parents or friends made. And it was the young people who helped with all the technology to get the word out on ZOOM. So the baton is being passed & we thank God there are youth willing & even eager to take it up & run with it.

Though the world we are living in is currently unpalatable & the immediate future looks foreboding as well, the ultimate eternal future for which He is preparing us is glorious. We are following Our Savior through the cross. The Bridegroom embraced it to open up the gates of heaven to us & we, the Bride, are called to follow, so use the suffering of the day to purify our souls & rescue more souls for the Kingdom for that is really what St. Antoninus & every church is supposed to be about...the salvation of souls. So great is the Father's love that He ransomed us with the blood of His Son as His justice which is perfect had to be satisfied. As we travel on the road of life, let us not tarry on the road & its distractions & forget the destination. We are on our way...home.

IT WAS A HOLY HARVEST!

