

# Trinity Times

A newsletter for the members and friends of Trinity Episcopal Church

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## Pentecost Season - July - August 2023

*[Editor's note: At Trinity, we have lots of music, but not all of us sing. Here's a column from one of our former bishops about singing. I hope you'll take it to heart.]*

### **Rusty Baritone Bishop Says: Sing Anyway**

Bishop Paul V. Marshall,  
*Diocesan Life*, October 1999

Neither of my children ever had a singing class in public school -- that's in two states, one school district rich, the other poor. They had computer classes and other practical studies, all of which is very good, but the basic human skill of singing was left out. That they can sing (better than their father, I assure you) is a result of their going to church and of their joining voluntary singing groups at school and in the community. Keep those junior choirs going? I say this for more reasons than one.

There has been a steady disconnect with singing in our country throughout the second half of this century. People are more withdrawn than ever. From the Christian point of view, this is regrettable because even the most shy, quiet, and private person finds his or her soul drawn out when we sing the praises of God together. When I look out over a congregation and see the people who not only do not sing, but aren't even following along, I wonder what other means they use to express or discover the depth of their joy in the Lord God.

My reason for bringing this up is not to make non-singers feel guilty, but to introduce a fact that amazes me. A hundred years ago, even in the Episcopal Church, people would write about the "social use of hymns."

When I first encountered the phrase I had to do time in the library to find out what it meant. Many of what we would call gospel, folk, or informal hymns, as well as the old standards, were routinely sung in families or after dinner with friends, and so on. People praised God and sang about their religion for fun - without being members of the choir. Normal people just sang.

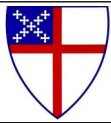
Singing connects us to God. You may also be surprised by how much singing connects us to other people as well. It's natural: breathing together, making the same sounds, matching each other's pitches, all seem to create a sense of unity. In this country we might think of "cadences" sung by recruits marching or running in the dawn light.

One thing that makes Japanese industry so effective is that factories start the day with everyone, from the CEO to the newest line-worker, together singing the company song. The videos I have seen of this ritual are fascinating. I just cannot imagine the same thing at a large American plant. But I can imagine it in Church. This cannot be entirely explained by pointing out that singing produces chemicals that make us feel good, although that certainly is the case. Those who have ever taken part in contemplative singing, such as the chant we do when the names of the dead are read at Convention, know that there is more here: singing can be a tool of the Holy Spirit.

The earliest secular references to Christianity for the most part mention the Christians as singing. It comes with the territory, as the Psalms say many times over. Until our own time, I know of very few Christian groups that did not sing, whether in or outside of the liturgy. There simply has to be something essential here -- if not part of the essence of the faith, certainly part of the complete experience of the faith. Ours is in some ways a troubled church. I was astounded recently by the perception of one well-intentioned group seemingly firing olive branches from howitzers without discussion. When all that starts to get me, I find that about the only effective medicine is song. Singing to the Lord and in the Lord.



Words are usually about information. Music by itself is usually about feeling. A hymn or song of praise brings these two powerful aspect of the human experience together in a way that has to be experienced to be believed.

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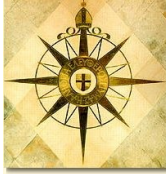


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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>Trinity</i> 7/2 Anna Markevitch, Helen McNeal. 7/9 Daye, Loyd, and Katie Moreno. 7/16 Jon, Wendy, Kim, and Kate Murray. 7/23 Kelly Murray and McKenzie Elliott. 7/30 Gene Osmun, Ray Parker, Cathy Patterson.</p>				<p><i>Anglicans Around the World</i> 7/2 The Episcopal Anglican Church of Brazil, Bishop Marinez Rosa Dos Santos Bassotto. 7/9 The Anglican Church of Burundi, Archbishop Sixbert Macumi. 7/16 The Anglican Church of Canada, Bishop Linda Nicholls. 7/23 The Church of the Province of Central Africa, Archbishop Albert Chama. 7/30 The Episcopal Anglican Church of Central America, Bishop Juan David Alvarado Melgar.</p>		<p><b>1</b></p> <p><i>Tim Cama, Paul Kelley Dan &amp; Margaret Gerhart</i></p>
<p><b>2 Pentecost 5 P-8</b> 10:00 Holy Eucharist II 11:00 Coffee Hour</p> <p><i>Bruce Barton</i></p>	<p><b>3</b> AA 7 and 8:00 pm</p>	<p><b>4</b></p>	<p><b>5</b> AA Intergroup 5 pm AA 7:30 pm</p>	<p><b>6</b> AA 7 pm</p>	<p><b>7</b></p>	<p><b>8</b></p>
<p>-----Episcopal Youth Event - University of Maryland - July 3 through 8 -----</p>						
<p><b>9 Pentecost 6 P-9</b> 10:00 Holy Eucharist II 11:00 Coffee Hour</p>	<p><b>10</b> AA 7 and 8:00 pm</p>	<p><b>11</b></p>	<p><b>12</b> AA 7:30 pm</p>	<p><b>13</b> AA 7 pm</p>	<p><b>14</b></p>	<p><b>15</b></p>
<p><b>16 Pentecost 7 P-10</b> 10:00 Holy Eucharist II 11:00 Coffee Hour</p>	<p><b>17</b> AA 7 and 8:00 pm</p>	<p><b>18</b></p>	<p><b>19</b> AA 7:30 pm</p>	<p><b>20</b> AA 7 pm</p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p><i>Sean Bubniak</i></p>	<p><b>22 St. Mary Magdalene</b></p> <p><i>Blake Bivins</i></p>
<p><b>23 Pentecost 8 P-11</b> 10:00 Holy Eucharist II 11:00 Coffee Hour</p> <p><i>Justin Bailey</i></p>	<p><b>24</b> AA 7 and 8:00 pm</p>	<p><b>25 St. James</b></p>	<p><b>26</b> AA 7:30 pm</p>	<p><b>27</b> AA 7 pm</p>	<p><b>28</b></p>	<p><b>29</b></p>
<p><b>30 Pentecost 9 P-12</b> 10:00 Morning Prayer 11:00 Coffee Hour</p> <p><i>Ron Hunt</i></p>	<p><b>31</b> AA 7 and 8:00 pm</p> <p><i>Andy Patterson</i></p>	<p><i>Kajo-Keji (Our Sister Diocese)</i> 7/2 St. John Litaba Parish. 7/9 St. Paul Pamoju Parish. 7/16 Sera Jale Parish; Dwani-Star of Bethlehem Primary School. 7/23 Emmanuel Parish Kiri. 7/30 Koiba Parish.</p>		<p>We welcome flowers from your garden for the altar on Sundays.</p>	<p><i>Bethlehem</i> 7/2 St. Luke's, Lebanon, The Rev. Dr. David Zwifka; Episcopal Youth Event. 7/9 All Saints, Lehighton. 7/16 Good Shepherd, Milford, The Rev. Van A. Bankston, Rector. 7/23 St. Paul's, Montrose, The Rev. Elizabeth Grohowski. 7/30 St. Thomas, Morgantown, The Rev. Millard Cook.</p>	



# Trinity Episcopal Church - August 2023

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Trinity Cycle of Prayer:</b> 8/6 Mary and Andrew Patterson. 8/13 Martha Pierce, Fanna Proper. 8/20 Doug, Rosemary and Sarah Plank. 8/27 John Strange, Carla Ross.		<b>Bethlehem</b> 8/6 St. Mark's, Moscow, The Rev. Tyler Perry. Mission and Resource Committee. 8/13 St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, Mountaintop, The Rev. Charles Warwick. 8/20 Trinity, Mt. Pocono, The Rev. Susan Treanor. Audit Committee. 8/27 St. Brigid's, Nazareth, The Rev. John Marcantonio.		 <b>Anglicans Around the World</b> 8/6 The Church of the Province of the Congo, Archbishop Titre Ande Georges 8/13 the Anglican Church of Chile, Bishop Hector Zavala. 8/20 The Church of England, Archbishop Justin Welby. 8/27 The Church of Hong Kong, Archbishop Andrew Chan.		
<b>Kajo-Kaji</b> 8/6 Diocesan Office; St. Matthew Wurta. 8/13 St. Philip Andasire Parish. 8/20 St. Joseph Jalimo Parish. 8/27 Ajira Parish, Gaderu-Victoria Leach Primary School.		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> AA Intergroup 5 pm AA 7:30 pm	<b>3</b> AA 7 pm  <i>Emmerson Forbes</i>	<b>4</b>  <i>Wendy Murray</i>	<b>5</b>  <i>Kathe Maneval</i>
<b>6 The Transfiguration</b> 10:00 Morning Prayer 11:00 Coffee Hour	<b>7</b> AA 7 and 8:00 pm	<b>8</b>  <i>Dave &amp; Chela Bubniak</i>	<b>9</b> AA 7:30 pm	<b>10</b> AA 7 pm	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13 Pentecost 11 P-14</b> 10:00 Holy Eucharist II 11:00 Coffee Hour  <i>Doug Plank</i>	<b>14</b> AA 7 and 8:00 pm	<b>15 St. Mary the Virgin</b>	<b>16</b> AA 7:30 pm	<b>17</b> AA 7 pm	<b>18</b>  <i>Charles &amp; Ginny Ford</i>	<b>19</b>
<b>20 Pentecost 12 P-15</b> 10:00 Holy Eucharist II 11:00 Coffee Hour  <i>Josie Thomas</i>	<b>21</b> AA 7 and 8:00 pm	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> AA 7:30 pm  <i>James Caum</i> <i>Michael Maneval</i>	<b>24 St. Bartholomew</b> AA 7 pm  <i>Jake Parshall</i>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27 Pentecost 13 P-16</b> 10:00 Holy Eucharist II 11:00 Coffee Hour	<b>28</b> AA 7 and 8:00 pm	<b>29</b>  <i>Steve Kormanik</i>	<b>30</b> AA 7:30 pm	<b>31</b> AA 7 pm	 <b>UTO Ingathering is October 8</b> <i>Every day, in every way, Give Thanks.</i>	

## Summer at Trinity

Worship is Sundays at 10 a.m. followed by coffee hour in the parish hall, which is located across South Main Street.

Our services are Holy Eucharist II. Our worship is enriched by Fr. Ben's exceptional sermons as well as a variety of music and musicians.

**Sunday, July 30 and Sunday, August 6 - Morning Prayer.** Fr. Ben will be on vacation in Maine, where he will concentrate on seafood for the most part.

**Vestry will not meet for the summer.** If situations arise that require vestry approval, members will be polled or a special meeting may be called. The next scheduled meeting is September 24.

### Be part of the life of our parish:

- **Coordinate our Outreach ministry:** Organize food pantry deliveries, be in touch with The Bridge about what is needed for seniors and the marginalized in our area.
- **Sign up to host a coffee hour.** You'll have help with making coffee; your job will be to provide snacks. We'll be grateful for anything, from crackers to cake and anything in between.
- **Become a lector.** You can be scheduled to read the Old Testament lesson. Since we have resumed offering the chalice, you can be trained as a **Chalice Bearer**. To become a **Worship Leader** (Lay Reader) further training and licensing is required to lead public worship. That training is available; to learn more, speak to Fr. Ben, or Barbara Caum,

Doug Plank, Marny Gerhart, or Dan Gerhart.

- **Join the Altar Guild.** Those who take part in this quiet ministry set up and/or take down the altar for worship, prepare linens, polish brass (although that's usually a group event), order flowers, or arrange offerings from their own gardens, and make certain all is ready for worship. Training is provided.
- **Gardening.** Our resident gardener would love some help. Talk to Barbara.

If you're interested in any of these areas or in something not on this list, speak to a member of the vestry or to Barbara, our parish administrator.

**Prayer List** — Please add or subtract names; the list is on the back table in the church.

**Birthday/Anniversary List** — make sure you and your family members are listed. It is regularly updated, so please check it for accuracy.

**Food Pantry items** - non-perishable foods in unbreakable containers please.

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Please sing with your children. You will give them treasures that will pay dividends all their lives. If one or two people who do not sing now, but try it after reading this, and discover a new dimension of joy, this will be ink well-spilt.

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*To seek and serve Christ in all people*