

FROM THE SPIRE WITH GLAD TIDINGS!

ST. PAUL'S ON THE HILL AND TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCHES – OSSINING, NEW YORK

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“Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you ... not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished.” (Matthew 5:17-18)

Memorial Day, for me, is always a time of remembering and appreciating the past. I remember my own father, who took great pride in his service in WWII, which shaped his worldview and character in many significant ways. I think back on family gatherings, beloved friends, mentors, spiritual guides, teachers: all the people who have been gifts of God in my life. My sense is that many of us share in an experience of gratitude, along with a bit of nostalgia, on this day in our national life.

Jesus is often seen as a radical figure, and rightly so. This was true in his own day as well, of course; so, it is important to remember that he spoke with reverence for the tradition in which he stood. “The Law and the Prophets” was shorthand for the entirety of Hebrew Scripture. Every word of the law – or, in the language of the King James Version, “every jot and tittle” of it – was important and deserving of respect. Jesus came “not to abolish but to fulfill” the great Jewish tradition in which he was formed. He was, first and foremost, a Jewish man, and an observant one.

We Episcopalians are oriented in a similar way: our valuing of tradition is an important part of what makes us distinctive. At the same time, we are always in dialogue with tradition, not rejecting it, but seeking to keep its contributions fresh and vital. We are willing to challenge tradition in order to more fully uncover the expansiveness of God’s love which underlies it. In doing so, we are striving to make room for more of God’s children.

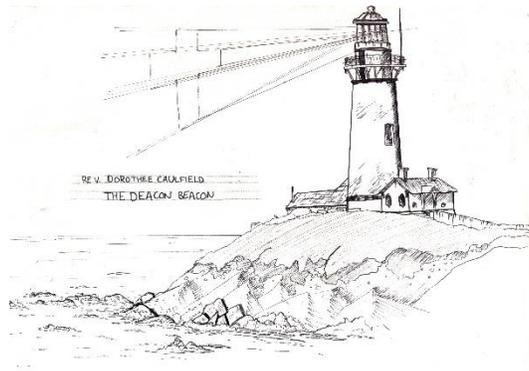
Beginning next Sunday, you will notice that the language of our main worship service of Morning Prayer will have some subtle changes that speak of God in ways that are not only masculine. “Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God,” for example, while preserving our Trinitarian language, will allow room for us to think of God as Father and Mother. There are many places in Scripture in which God clearly transcends gender entirely. Our tradition has acknowledged this, but not emphasized it. In dialogue with that tradition, we will worship for the summer months in a way that makes more room for it.

This new experience comes just as we come together more fully as one family. While our 12:30 services of Communion will continue to alternate between our two familiar liturgies, we will be sharing in the same innovative service each week on-line, using both of our locations.

In this way, we are beginning to experiment with becoming the new church God has called us to be in Ossining: one family with two homes, valuing tradition while transforming and expanding it in the service of the inclusive love of God.

May God bless us as we journey forward!

Charlie+



DEACON BEACON

The naming of a new creation!

In Genesis, we hear the marvelous story of God asking Adam and Eve to name all the animals! There is such power in naming something. I've had the privilege in my lifetime to name children, pets, and even plants and cars. I know I care deeply about all the things that I've had the joy to give name to.

This is what we at the Sister Parishes are facing in this step on our spiritual journey. There is great privilege and joy in bringing forth new life and giving name to it. But more important even than the name will be how this new spiritual entity will grow.

What is God calling us to be? What is God calling us to do? How is God calling us to change? We aren't going to be the old "us," we are going boldly into the future, and we must be prepared to be a new "us."

We are stronger together. No matter what name is chosen, it will reflect that God is not doing the same old thing. We are responding to something deep and new that God is creating. That we are co-creating with God.

See you in church!

Deacon Dorothée



OUR UPCOMING SERVICES

June 6	9:45 AM	Online Service of Morning Prayer	Proper 5
	12:30 PM	In-person Communion at St. Paul's (Rite II) In-person Coffee Hour and Trivia Event after the service	
June 13	9:45 AM	Online Service of Morning Prayer	Proper 6
	12:30 PM	In-person Communion at Trinity (Rite I)	
June 20	9:45 AM	Online Service of Morning Prayer	Proper 7
June 27	9:45 AM	Online Service of Morning Prayer	Proper 8

During the summer, as you read in Fr. Mayer's message, we will be using *Enriching Our Worship* as the text for our Morning Prayer service. The in-person Eucharists will alternate between Rite I and Rite II as has been our practice. (Since Fr. Mayer is away from June 20 through July 4, we are unable to have our in-person Eucharists.)

Weekly evening services are available at 7:00 PM.

On Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, we pray the service of Compline on our Facebook pages and our YouTube channel. Our leaders are Fr. Mayer, Carolyn Black, and Graham Gulian. Thank you all!

On Wednesdays, Deacon Dorothee offers a Zoom service of Evening Prayers at 7:00 PM. Here is the link for that service:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89842138521?pwd=TXN3ckJPM0N0N0JubEtJdk9FQXd6QT09>

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Our online services are delivered on our YouTube channel:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCP1qGAuJlIxWU8Z_ucCKEGA

And our YouTube services are all on our websites. Here are the links:

<http://trinityossining.org/>

<https://stpaulsonthehill.org/worship/virtual-church-services/>



WORSHIP IN OUR SANCTUARIES

Although we are planning to continue our in-person services of Communion outdoors at both churches, a protocol has been developed that will allow us to worship indoors in case of inclement weather. The committee who did this work consisted of Fr. Mayer, Chris Fasulo, Milton Kerr, Kate Pendzuk, and Melanie Rowe.

The usual safety measures will still be in place: sign in, masks, and six-foot physical distancing are required. Seating will be in alternate pews, and Fr. Mayer will move between the pews to distribute wafers. Bathroom use - one person at a time. Diagrams with instructions specific to each sanctuary will be available for parishioners.

TRIVIA 2021

SUNDAY, JUNE 6TH, AT ST. PAUL'S IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING COFFEE HOUR



SO GET READY TO:

- * Pray for a nice sunny and comfortable day
- * Start watching Jeopardy and surrender to your inner nerd
- * Think about who will be on your team and your team's name
- * Giggle, argue with Dennis & me
- * Settle in and have a fun time

THE BEGINNING

IT IS I WHO MUST BEGIN

It is I who must begin.
Once I begin, once I try —
here and now,
right where I am,
not excusing myself
by saying things
would be easier elsewhere,
without grand speeches and
ostentatious gestures,
but all the more persistently
— to live in harmony
with the “voice of Being,” as I
understand it within myself
— as soon as I begin that,
I suddenly discover,
to my surprise, that
I am neither the only one,
nor the first,
nor the most important one
to have set out
upon that road.

Whether all is really lost
or not depends entirely on
whether or not I am lost.

— Vaclav Havel

YOU ARE AWESOME

by Neil Pasricha

Introduction: You Need to Be More Resilient

There's an old Taoist fable about a farmer with one horse. Have you heard it? It goes like this:

A farmer had only one horse. One day, his horse ran away.

His neighbors said, "I'm so sorry. This is such bad news. You must be so upset." The man just said, "We'll see."

A few days later, his horse came back with twenty wild horses following. The man and his son corralled all twenty-one horses.

His neighbors said, "Congratulations! This is such good news. You must be so happy!" The man just said, "We'll see."

One of the horses kicked the man's only son, breaking both his legs. His neighbors said, "I'm so sorry. This is such bad news. You must be so upset." The man just said, "We'll see."

The country went to war, and every able-bodied young man was drafted to fight. The war was terrible and killed every young man, but the farmer's son was spared since his broken legs prevented him from being drafted. His neighbors said, "Congratulations! This is such good news. You must be so happy!"

The man just said, "We'll see..."

What was up with this crazy farmer, right?

Well, what's up with this crazy farmer is that he has truly developed resilience. He has built up his resilience. He is resilient! He's steady, he's ready, and whatever the future brings, we all know he's going to stare it straight in the face with eyes that scream, "Bring it on."

The farmer has come to understand that every skyrocketing pleasure or stomach-churning defeat defines not who he is, but simply where he is. The farmer knows that what happens in life only serves to help him see where he is and decide which way to go next. The farmer knows every end is a beginning.

Resilience.

Whenever I read the fable of the farmer with one horse, I sort of picture one of those inflatable clown punching bags that stands in the corner at a five-year-old's birthday party. Do you know the one I mean? Pop him in the nose! He goes down, He gets back up. Knock him to the ground with a violent bear bang! He goes down. He gets back up. Deliver a dirty karate kick to the side of his head? He goes down. And he gets back up.

Resilience.



UPCOMING EVENTS IN JUNE

- 1 Joint Vestry Meeting
- 6 Coffee Hour and Trivia Party
- 8 St. Paul's Buildings & Grounds
- 13 Joint Vestry Meeting
- 16 REPAIR meets
- 18 Staff Meeting
- 23 Re-Gathering Committee



TRINITY'S JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- Theodora Moeller 8
- Leah Barceló 12
- Jan Barrows 14
- Joe Crute 16
- Betty Barrows 21

TRINITY'S JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

- Arlene and Ronald Lazaro 23

ST. PAUL'S JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Joseph Orfino
Isabella Catherine Gentile
- 2 Arthur Hightower
- 6 Sarah Davis
Beth Pollack
- 8 Dina Flihan
Rick Shedden
- 13 Lori Liberti
- 15 Kim Lee Howard
- 16 Georgie Docker
- 23 Cha Moy
Catherine Rosenbloom
- 24 Asa Barnes
Scott Rowe
- 26 Alex Pasiaka
- 27 Nunzio Liberti

ST. PAUL'S JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Peter and Dina Flihan
- 5 John and Brenda Dias
- 6 William and Aileen Hunt
- 7 Darryl and Cha Moy
- 16 David and Karen Kamp
- 17 Glenn and Joanne Prince
- 24 Frank and Marian Schneckner

ST. PAUL'S JUNE BAPTISMS

- 22 Anthony Paul Sharps (Ann Visconti's grandchild)
- 26 James Frank
- 27 Alexander Mahlau (The Mahlau's grandchild)
- 30 Dawn Mahlau

St. Paul's June Deaths

- 2 Helen Lynda Shedden
- 10 Andrew Hamshire
- 11 Gary T. Barnes
- 15 Hilda Bonavist (Ann Visconti's Mother)
- 26 Vince Pankovic
- 27 Rocco DelBene



CLERGY

The Rev. Dr. Charles D. Mayer, Acting Priest-in-Charge
The Rev. Dorothee R. Caulfield, Deacon

ST. PAUL'S OFFICE

Carolyn R. Black, Music Director
Tina Farrell, Church Administrator
Beth Pollack, Treasurer

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Tam Hernández, Parish Administrator
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Margery Barnes, Clerk
Julie DiLoreto
Milton Kerr
Darryl Moy
Lisa Rosenbloom
Roger Rowe

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Sally Evans, Clerk
Charles Baker
Alexis Cullen
Kellie Ishmael
Kate Pendzuk
Cecilia Quintero

Trinity Episcopal Church

MISSION STATEMENT

Trinity's mission is to nourish our community in body, mind, and spirit through worship, music, spiritual formation, and outreach activities.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Trinity Episcopal Church is a diverse and inclusive group, dedicated to providing beauty and welcome to all who seek a place of peace and prayer.

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