

FROM THE SPIRE WITH GLAD TIDINGS!

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

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“God saw everything that God had made, and indeed, it was very good.” (Genesis 1:31)

One week from today, my wife and I will drive up to the Adirondacks to pick up our daughter from camp (more about summer camp in Sunday’s sermon – stay tuned!). For me, as someone very much formed in summer church camps, the end of camp always pointed to a new beginning: the approach, albeit still a few weeks off, of a new school year. The feeling was of being on the edge of something – the time was pregnant, full of a sense of promise and possibility. Something new and exciting was coming, fully formed, just waiting to unfold. So it seems God felt as God surveyed the brand new Creation. It was complete, it was beautiful, and it was good. Now, God would rest for a day, after which all would be set into motion.

It strikes me that this captures precisely the moment we are in as a parish – one new parish! Almost all the logistical work has been done to complete our process of coming together. Soon, exactly in conjunction with the school year, the new life together that has been prayed over and planned and sought after for so long will begin to unfold. We will share our campuses, our new name, our ministries, our outreach: every aspect of what we do. We will be one new creation, bringing into being the good things God has planned for us.

Let’s take these next few weeks to do what God did on the evening of the sixth day: to survey the beauty of what has been created, feel gratitude for it, and rest. May our time of rest be one in which we prepare our hearts and minds to live out God’s purposes for us in our lives together as Episcopalians in the community we love and serve, who have experienced a grace-filled process and chosen to name ourselves accordingly. Then may we, as the Grace Episcopal Church of Ossining, “sing to the Lord a new song!” (Hymn 412, 1982 Hymnal):

“He has done marvelous things. I, too, will praise him with a new song!”

May our new song be the one that God intends. May it give pleasure to God, and nourishment to our souls. May it revive our spirits and be a blessing to those we serve. And may we find joy as we live out the promise and potential of what lies before us.

Summer blessings to you,

Charlie+



DEACON BEACON

As clergy we usually look forward to the quiet days of summer. Once the program year is over in June and the 'ordinary' time sets in for the long haul, we expect vacations and long seasonal days to take over. This summer has proven to be like the year and a half that preceded it—an anomaly.

For the first time in 15 years of ordained life, I had the opportunity to preach and lead 3 Sundays in a row! Thankfully, Fr. Charlie returned in time to deal with the grisly murder of John the Baptist! Thank you, Charlie! What a treat to spend extended quality time with the congregation that I have loved since my beginning in this crazy ordained life.

Now I want to share some exciting news. I have been invited to mentor a postulant to the diaconate. Let me back up to introduce her to you. In 2019, I was invited to speak to a woman discerning a call to the priesthood about my call and life in the diaconate. Now, some 3 years later, that very woman is about to enter her 2nd year in the Diocese's Diaconate program. When I received the invitation to mentor her, I was honored and thrilled for our church. I met with her recently to talk about our congregation and the wonderful opportunity that serving among you all will be. I think it's safe to say that she's as excited about this as I am! You will all get to meet her in September, and I know you will give her the same gracious welcome you give to all who come to you seeking to draw closer to God.

What does it mean to mentor a postulant? You all just need to continue being the wonderful people that you already are! I will serve as her mentor, teaching her everything I can about being a deacon.

I will let her introduce herself in the September newsletter, and of course you'll meet her in person when we return to fulltime in person services, but for now please keep Lainie in your prayers as she prepares to join us.

See you on Zoom or in Church!

Deacon Dorothée



OUR UPCOMING SERVICES

July 4	9:45 AM	Online Service of Morning Prayer	Proper 9
July 11	9:45 AM	Online Service of Morning Prayer	Proper 10
	12:30 PM	In-person Communion at Trinity (Rite I)	
July 18	9:45 AM	Online Service of Morning Prayer	Proper 11
	12:30 PM	In-person Communion at St. Paul's (Rite II)	
July 25	9:45 AM	Online Service of Morning Prayer	Proper 12
August 1	9:45 AM	Online Service of Morning Prayer	Proper 13
	12:30 PM	In-person Communion at St. Paul's (Rite II)	
		Coffee Hour following the service	
August 8	9:45 AM	Online Service of Morning Prayer	Proper 14
	12:30 PM	In-person Communion at Trinity (Rite I)	
August 15	9:45 AM	Online Service of Morning Prayer	St. Mary the Virgin
August 22	9:45 AM	Online Service of Morning Prayer	Proper 16
	12:30 PM	In-person Communion at Trinity (Rite I)	
August 29	9:45 AM	Online Service of Morning Prayer	Proper 17

During the summer, we are 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. 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 leads a Zoom service of Evening Prayers at 7:00 PM. The Zoom link is sent at 5:00 that day.

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://trinityyossining.org/>

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

A PRAYER FOR THE WORLD

by Rabbi Harold Kushner

(Especially for *Parade Magazine*, 2003)

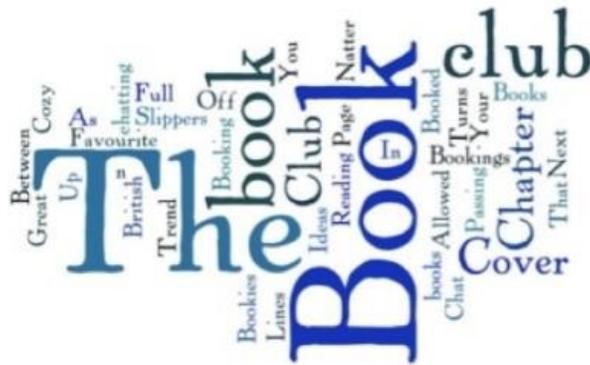
Let the rain come and wash away
the ancient grudges, the bitter hatreds
held and nurtured over generations.
Let the rain wash away the memory
of the hurt, the neglect.

Then let the sun come out and
fill the sky with rainbows.
Let the warmth of the sun heal us
wherever we are broken.
Let it burn away the fog so that
we can see each other clearly.
So that we can see beyond labels,
beyond accents, gender or skin color.

Let the warmth and brightness
of the sun melt our selfishness.
So that we can share the joys and
feel the sorrows of our neighbors.
And let the light of the sun
be so strong that we will see all
people as our neighbors.

Let the earth, nourished by rain,
bring forth flowers
to surround us with beauty.
And let the mountains teach our hearts
to reach upward to heaven.
Amen.



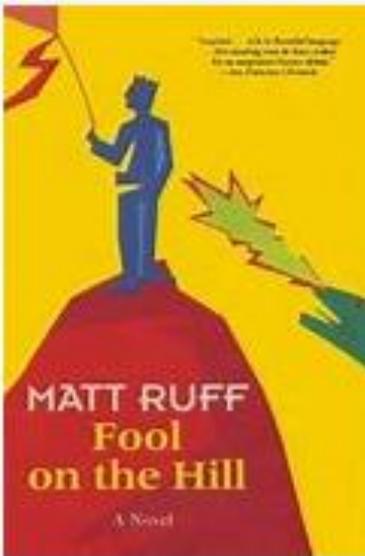


ENJOY YOUR SUMMER! WE'LL SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER!

OUR RESCHEDULED DATE IS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH

ALEXIS & JIM WILL BE LEADING OUR DISCUSSION OF

FOOL ON THE HILL



Rescheduling our summer book event to early September made a lot of sense. Thankfully, this year people can now plan reunions, vacations, and fun events; and we also want as many folks as possible to attend TBC once we can gather again.

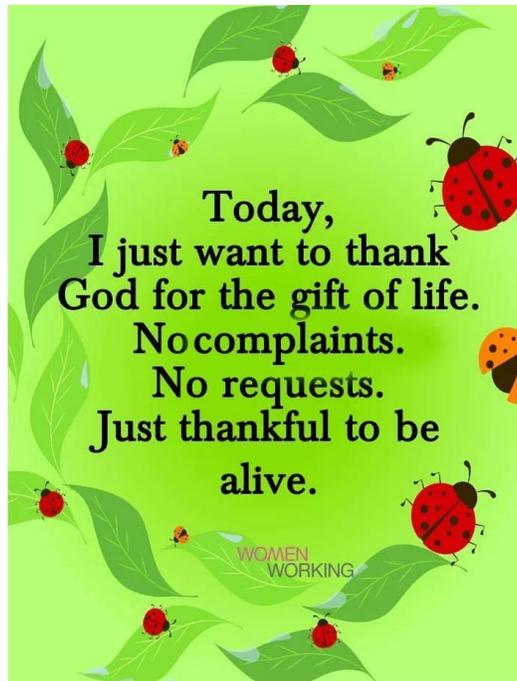
For more information about our selected book, here is the author's website:

[Fool on the Hill | bymattruff.com](http://bymattruff.com)

While this book is difficult to find in bookstores, it is available on Amazon. Please note that it is 400 pages so it might be prudent to begin reading it sometime this month so you will not have to cram later (like I did all through college :-).

Looking forward to seeing you all again and to welcoming our new members!

(If you have questions or to receive the link to our Zoom discussion, please reply to this newsletter email or email Cecilia at cquintero1506@gmail.com)



TRIVIA 2021

Here is a timely question from our recent June Trivia event:

Who officially declared that the 3rd Sunday in July would hereby be known as National Ice cream day?



Answer:

Ronald Reagan

In 1984, Ronald Reagan declared July National Ice Cream Month and the 3rd Sunday as Ice Cream Day via Presidential Proclamation.

This year we had more prizes, more categories for people to win, and some new participants joining us. In case you missed it, we hope you can join us for the next event, during cooler fall weather. Stay tuned.....

SHE SAID, "HOW DO YOU KNOW WHEN YOU ARE HEARING FROM GOD?"

by Amena Brown

She said, "How do you know when you are hearing from God?"

I didn't know how to explain

It is to explain the butter grit of cornbread to a mouth that just discovered it has a tongue

The sound of jazz to ears that only ever thought they'd be lobes of flesh

The sight of sunsets to blinded eyes that in an instant can see

To fail at the ability to give words to how the scent of baked bread can make the mind recall a
memory

Every detail

Of a house, a room, a kitchen, a conversation

Like explaining to a newborn baby this is what it feels like to be held

My words never felt so small, so useless, so incapable.

I wanted to say

Put your hand in the middle of your chest

Feel the rhythm there

I wanted to say you will find the holy text in so many places

On crinkly pages of scripture

In dusty hymnals

In the creases of a grandmother's smile

The way she clasps her hands

The way she prays familiar, with reverence as if to dignitary and friend

The way she sings a simple song from her spirit and porches turn to cathedrals

I learned from my great-grandmother how to pray

how to talk to God

How to listen

Watching her and the other silver-haired church mothers gather in her living room

Worn wrinkled hands on top of leather bibles well traveled

They prayed living room prayers because you don't have to be inside the four walls of a church to
cry out to the God who made you

Because no matter where you sing or scream or whisper God's ears can hear you

And despite what the laws say or what our human flaws say

God's ears don't play favorites

God's ears don't assess bank accounts or social status before they attune themselves to the story
your tears or your fears are telling.

Gods' ears are here for the babies

For the immigrant, for the refugee

For the depressed, for the lonely

For the dreamers

The widow, the orphan

The oppressed and the helpless
Those about to make a mess or caught in the middle of cleaning one up
Dirt don't scare God's ears
God is a gardener
God know things can't grow without sun, rain, and soil

I want to tell her to hear God
You have to be willing to experience what's holy
in places many people don't deem to be sacred
That sometimes God sits next to you on a barstool
Spilling truth to you like too many beers
That God knows very well the dance we'll do
When we love ourselves so little that just about anyone will do

That God cares about the moments we find ourselves
On the edge of a cliff
On the edge of sanity
On the edge of society
Even when we have less than an inch left of the thread that's been holding us together

I try to explain how God is pleading with us
To trust
To love
To listen
That God's voice is melody and bass lines and whisper and thunder and grace.

How so many of us just like her
Just like me
Just like you
Are still searching
Still questioning, still doubting
I know I don't have all the answers
I know I never will
That sometimes the best thing we can do is put our hands in the middle of our chest
Feel the rhythm there
Turn down the noise in our minds, in our lives
And whisper,
God
Whatever you want to say
I'm here
I'm listening.

Amena Brown is a spoken word poet, performing artist, and event host whose work interweaves keep-it-real storytelling, rhyme and humor.



UPCOMING EVENTS

JULY

- 12 Trinity Vestry Meeting
- 16 Staff Meeting
- 20 St. Paul's Vestry Meeting
- 28 Re-Gathering Committee
- 30 Altar Guild Brown Bag Dinner @
St. Paul's

AUGUST

- 1 Coffee Hour
- 2 Joint Vestry Meeting
- 20 Staff Meeting
- 23 Re-Gathering Committee

TRINITY'S JULY BIRTHDAYS

John Crawford	1
Julian Allen	2
Donna Chadeayne Harvey	2
John Deuel	4
Bill Cruse	10
Robert Belcher	13
Joe Scappaticci	16
Cameron Beaudreault	17
Edward Aryee	21
The Rev. Dr. Charles D. Mayer	23
Alexa Shaw	24
Dennis Parker	26

TRINITY'S JULY ANNIVERSARIES

Tamsen and Miguel Hernández	12
Dhalya and Adam Wagner	17

TRINITY'S AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Rebecca Ray Barceló	6
Sara Olivia DeOliveira-Scappaticci	7
Jack Kouloheris	11
Sally Evans	13
Luis Barceló	15
Julia Elizabeth DeOliveira-Scappaticci	18

TRINITY'S AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

Thea and Randall Moeller	18
Jean and Chris Boswell	19
Jack Kouloheris and Ken Shepard	23

ST. PAUL'S JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 William R. Losee
- 2 George Holsten
- 4 Brian William Plank
- 9 Cheryl Pauline
- 11 Joan DiLoreto
- 12 John Houghtaling
- 17 Eugene Mahlau
Roland Rose
- 20 John Farrell, Sr.
- 21 Kathryn Howard
Peter Flihan
Catherine Kamp
- 23 Karen Kamp
Bob Oswald
- 24 Wendy Ann Plank
- 30 Stephanie Kip

ST. PAUL'S JULY ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Sam and Barbara Bethea
- 3 Jim and Elaine Blair
- 20 Jan and Tom Greene
- 23 Ian and Janet Robertson

ST. PAUL'S JULY BAPTISMS

- 24 Melanie Rowe

ST. PAUL'S JULY DEATHS

- 9 Tony Pauline
- 15 Tom Hunt

ST. PAUL'S AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Emma Flihan
Laura Vookles
- 2 Lisa Gibson
- 3 John Muth
Juliet Blair
- 5 Derek Pasieka
- 6 Richard Chesnut

ST. PAUL'S AUGUST BIRTHDAYS (CONT.)

- 7 Christopher Noye
- 10 Alison Mahlau
- 12 Jim Blair
- 13 Susan Monroe
Timothy Noye
Barbara Olivier
Marian Schneckner
Tina Farrell
- 14 Gene Micklas
- 17 Barbara Hunt
- 19 Ann Skidgell Farrell
- 20 Trevor Pasieka
Alexander Frederick Kip
Robert Rosenbloom
- 23 Barbara Mahlau
- 25 Victoria Pollack
- 28 Kari Ann DiLoreto
- 29 Maribeth Barnes Osgood
- 30 Barbara Bethea
James Michael Liberti
John William Liberti

ST. PAUL'S AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

- 4 Kara (Pauline) and Neil Prahue
- 14 Karen and Robert Pauline
- 22 Beth and Grant Pollack

ST. PAUL'S AUGUST BAPTISMS

- 21 Christine Holsten
- 26 Scott Roger Rowe
- 27 Susan Rothrock
- 31 John Rothrock

ST. PAUL'S AUGUST DEATHS

- 1 Margaret Barnes (Asa's Mother)
- 2 Ellie Foin (Cha's Mother)
- 22 Margaret McGibbon



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

TRINITY'S OFFICE

Christopher Fasulo, Minister of Music
Tam Hernández, Parish Administrator
Katherine Pendzuk, Treasurer and Verger
Pablo Montoya, Sexton

ST. PAUL'S 2021 VESTRY

Sue Monroe, Warden
Margery Barnes, Clerk
Julie DiLoreto
Milton Kerr
Darryl Moy
Lisa Rosenbloom
Roger Rowe

TRINITY'S 2021 VESTRY

Tam Hernández, Warden
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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