

# THE CHIMES

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Dear Trinity Community,

“Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace! Streams of mercy never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above. Praise the mount! Oh, fix me on it, mount of God’s unchanging love.”

This is the first verse to, what some would say, is a Top Forty hymn.

I woke up singing it this morning and it made me think about those lyrics more deeply. Words have power and when we think and speak we bring that into reality. We can think and speak words of blessing or words of woe and curse.

“Come thou fount of every blessing” makes me think of a massive fountain that shoots water 100 feet high from within a huge water source. Then I looked it up in the dictionary to find that that is the second option, the primary definition of fount is ‘a source of a desirable quantity.’

Robert Robinson (1735-1790), who wrote these words, knew that Jesus is the source of every blessing and that it is God’s abundant grace that we ought to be singing out to the world.

Have you ever been to a production that had a live orchestra? Prior to the opening they tune their instruments. Each individual warms up and then one note is given and each section at a time tunes their instruments so that the note on their instrument matches all the others. It takes an intentional ear to listen to the sound and then it takes adjustments to get one’s instrument tuned to just the right note. “Tune my heart to sing thy grace” reminds me that it is always important for us to be listening and

paying attention to God’s grace in order that we may tune our hearts to sing it.

Musical instruments get out of tune regularly in the use or non-use of the instrument but the surroundings and atmosphere also play a part. If it is humid or arid, hot or cold or warm, windy or calm, the instruments are affected and need to be tuned again and again. Even during a production, the orchestra must tune at each intermission.

So, too, must we continue to tune our attention, lives and voices to God’s grace. The surroundings and atmosphere of our lives may be full of joy or sadness or anger, concern or care, upheaval or peace. In all situations there is room for us to tune our hearts in order to sing God’s grace.

In an orchestra each instrument tunes itself to the one note so that the music made is cohesive and in harmony. It occurs to me that when we tune our hearts to God’s grace we are creating music of praise that is cohesive and in harmony with all other Christians in the world. This makes our ‘singing’ all the more a blessing to God and to the world.

It also is not lost on me that when our hearts are in tune with God’s grace we are more and more aligned with the reality of God’s abundant, never-ending, unchanging love for us. And isn’t *that* something about which to sing!

In Christ’s love,  
*Rev. Sue*

## **THANK YOU**

to the Vestry for hosting Nicholas Schmelter's recital and to Jett Whitehead, Shelley Whitehead and Mickie Leibrand for setting up, serving and cleaning up for the recital on August 19.

to Ed Benisz for cleaning the floors in the second floor women's bathroom and the music office.

to Dave and Pat Maxim for all the work cleaning, painting and getting kitchen ready for the new stove.

to Gail and George McPeak for hosting coffee hour in September.

to all who helped make the picnic a success: Mickie Leibrand, Cathy Leibrand, Matthew Smith, Pat and Dave Maxim, Michelle and Tony Hunsberger, our Band made up of Pat and Anne Trahan and Bruce Sherbeck, Martin Nelson, Sean and Madden Brady and Marc and Dee Mulholland. I love the way everyone just pitches in, THANK YOU!!

## **SYMPATHIES**

to Don and Mary K Freel in the death of Don's younger brother Paul.

to Jackie Rule in the death of her mother Janet Fisher.

to Lon Rule in the death of his sister Linda Jo Bellottie.

to Rachel Snell on the death of her husband David Snell.

to the family of Noel Hart who died September 24.

## **WELCOME BACK**

Welcome back to the choir, Sunday School and teachers!

## **DIOCESAN TRAINING**

If you are in a leadership role in the church it is required that you have training in Dismantling Racism and Safeguarding God's Children and Safeguarding God's People (prevention of sexual harassment). These classes are being offered on Friday, October 26 at Holiday Inn Gateway in Flint as a part of our diocesan convention. Trinity will pay for these classes. You may register online at [www.eastmich.org/convention/workshops-trainings/](http://www.eastmich.org/convention/workshops-trainings/) or call the office and we will register you. Deadline for registration is October 11.

## **ACOLYTE AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTER TRAINING**

Training for new and seasoned Acolytes and Eucharistic Ministers is being planned with St. Alban's. We will begin with those new to the ministries and then bring everyone together. Please contact Rev. Sue if you would like to become an Acolyte or Eucharistic Minister.

## **NEWCOMER AND CONFIRMATION/RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS/RECEPTION INTO THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH CLASSES**

Newcomer classes will begin soon and include information about The Episcopal Church and our congregation. These will be Part One of the classes for those desiring to be confirmed or renew their baptismal vows or to be received into The Episcopal Church from another faith tradition. Part Two will consist of an overview of The Old and New Testaments including primary characters and themes, a basic timeline of major events and the life and ministry of Jesus.

Both parts will also include the practice of reason in studying the world around us, ways we gain insight and different approaches to prayer. We will be joining with St. Alban's to offer a more dynamic experience. Please contact the office to sign up.

### **NEW JUNIOR WARDEN**

Congratulations to Amy Salazar who was elected our new Junior Warden.

### **DIOCESAN TRANSITION**

On Sunday, September 16, a presentation was made on our diocesan transition. It was very informative and is available for you to view online. **The Standing Committee** presented a report including the responses from the Transition Reflection Survey. **The Rt. Rev. Sean Rowe** joined us from Northwest Pennsylvania where he just finished four years of being diocesan bishop and also provisional bishop in another diocese. He is now nominated to be provisional bishop of another diocese. Their process, termed "[\*Rust Belt Episcopal\*](#)", is comparable to our Transition Scenario #3. **This gathering was live-streamed** on our diocesan [\*Facebook Page\*](#) and archived on the transition section of our website for those unable to attend in-person.

### **NOISY OFFERING**

On October 14, the Noisy Offering will be going to UNICEF. Noisy Offering is the second Sunday when the children collect change (and paper money) to go toward the cause of their choosing.

### **BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS**

We will have a Blessing of the Animals service on Thursday, October 4, the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi at 6:00pm on the grass on N. Grant Street (in the Parish Hall if raining). Please come, bring your pet or a

picture of your pet if they don't travel well. Invite your friends and their pets!

Our **Harvest Dinner** will be Tuesday evening, October 16<sup>th</sup>, from 5:00 to 7:00pm. The meal will be the traditional pot roast dinner with all of the sides. Tickets will be sold in the office or after church on October 8<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> for just \$8.00 if you buy it prior to the dinner. They will be \$10.00 if you wait to buy it at the door. Children from 5 to 12 will be \$5.00 and those 4 and under will be free. This is one of our main fund raisers of the year and it would be great if you could support it. Take out is available and Trinity's band will be playing for your entertainment.

### **FRIENDS OF MUSIC**

Evensong in October will feature the music of Healey Willan in remembrance of the 50th anniversary of the composer's death. The canticles will be the "Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in E-flat" and the anthem is "O What Their Joy". The service will observe the Feast of St. Simon and St. Jude, Apostles.

The Psalm is Psalm 119:89-96, sung to Tone II.1

Hymns for the service are:

"Christ is Made the Sure Foundation" (Westminster Abbey),  
"Blessed feasts of Blessed Martyr" (*Alta Trinita beata*), and  
"Hearken To the Anthem Glorious" (*Laus Deo*).

Organ music "Prelude and Fughetta," "Soliloquy," and "At the Close of the Day" (Slane) by Healey Willan.

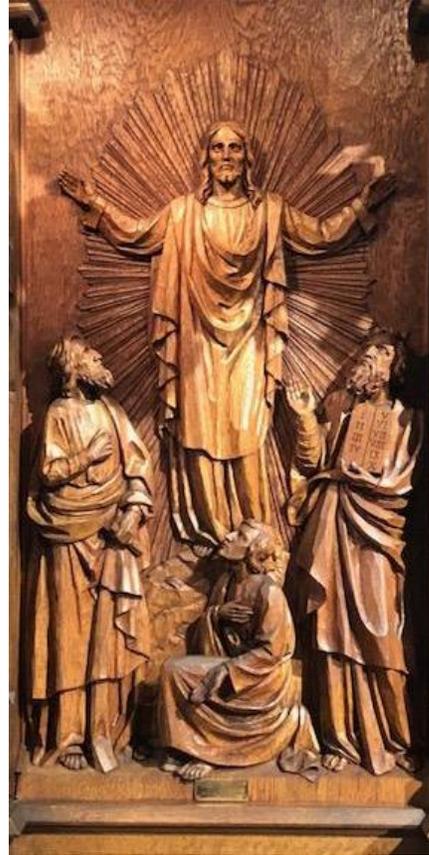
Friends of Music will host a reception in the parish hall following the service.

**Trinity Church  
Her People, Her Building  
Then and Now**

**The Aureole**

The aureole is the radiance or luminous cloud surrounding a sacred personage and is represented as surrounding the whole figure. In the earliest periods of Christian art this splendor was confined to the figures of the Godhead (Father, Son and Holy Spirit), but it was afterwards extended to the Virgin Mary and to several of the saints. The aureole (or aureola) when enveloping the whole body, is generally oval or elliptical in form, but is occasionally circular or quatrefoil. When it is simply a luminous disk round the head, it is specifically called a nimbus or halo, while the combination of nimbus/halo and aureole is called a glory. The strict distinction between nimbus/halo and aureole is not commonly maintained. When the aureole surrounds Christ's entire body, the emphasis is on His deity (Jesus having two natures: truly God and truly human in every way except sin).

In the Transfiguration the aureole surrounds Christ as He is transfigured, and Moses and Elijah appear with Him. The kneeling figure is the disciple John, one of the three disciples (the other two being Peter and James not portrayed here) who witness this event. In the Transfiguration Jesus' entire being radiates light and even "His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them" (NIV, Mark 9:3). The aureole shows the holiness of Jesus and the light emanates from within His very being.



Detail: The Transfiguration, High Altar, Trinity Church; sculpted in high relief by Alois Lang, Bavarian-born woodcarver; 1924.

The aureole is carved in relief and projects around Christ's entire being emphasizing that He is truly God. The Transfiguration event foreshadows the glory of Jesus in His Resurrection and also in His Second Coming at the end of time.

Faithfully submitted by the Historical Guild



**Birthdays**

- David Maxim
- Randall Brown
- Rev Sue Rich
- Andrew Denay
- Madden Brady
- Carole See
- David York
- Brennan Denay
- Jacob Suchodolski-Denham
- Linda Ryder
- John Reynolds
- Charles Frantz
- Lauren Denay
- Terry Oliver

**Anniversaries**

- Steve and Susan Beckert
- Rodney and Faith Culler

**The Altar Guild** is looking for new members. You can try it out for a few times to see if you would like to be a part of this ministry. If interested, speak with Rev. Sue.

**St. Elizabeth's Guild** will meet for lunch on October 9<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 at Wanigan's . All are welcome and hope to see you there.

If you would like to contribute to the **altar flowers** we have openings on October 7 and 21<sup>st</sup>. Please call the office or tell Elisabeth Campbell.

*From the heart*

We all need people who share godly wisdom with us.

*Directions: First, unscramble the bold letters to spell another word for "pal." Write that word in the first empty row. Then move the words under each bold letter to that letter's new column. The result will be Proverbs 27:9, NIV.*

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| to              | bring | Perfume  | incense | and     | joy          |
| <b>Perfume</b>  |       |          |         |         |              |
| of              | the   | the      | and     | heart,  | pleasantness |
| <b>the</b>      |       |          |         |         |              |
| advice.         | their | a friend | from    | springs | heartfelt    |
| <b>A friend</b> |       |          |         |         |              |

Answer: F R I E N D; Perfume and incense bring joy to the heart, and the pleasantness of a friend springs from their heartfelt advice. Proverbs 27:9, NIV

Trinity Episcopal Church, Christian Holidays

Oct 2018 (Eastern Time - New York)

| Sun   | Mon  | Tue  | Wed   | Thu  | Fri  | Sat                       |
|---|--|--|---|--|--|---------------------------|
| 30<br>10am - Worship - HE<br>2:30pm - Food of Faith<br>4pm - Evensong                                 | 1<br>10am - Over-Eaters<br>7pm - N. A. Meeting                       | 2<br>4:30pm - Choristers   | 3<br>10am - A Course In<br>11:30am - Worship - HE<br>6pm - Bell Choir<br>6pm - Trinity Band   | 4<br>Feast of St Francis of<br>6pm - Blessing of the<br>7pm - Choir rehearsal<br>7pm - Over-Eaters | 5<br>8pm - N.A. Meeting  | 6                         |
| 7<br>10am - Worship - HE<br>2:30pm - Food of Faith  | 8<br>10am - Over-Eaters<br>4pm - Vestry mtg @<br>7pm - N. A. Meeting | 9<br>4:30pm - Choristers   | 10<br>10am - A Course In<br>11:30am - Worship - HE<br>4pm - Endowment<br>5:30pm - Finance<br>5:30pm - Food of Faith<br>6pm - Bell Choir<br>6pm - Trinity Band | 11<br>7pm - Choir rehearsal<br>7pm - Over-Eaters   | 12<br>8pm - N.A. Meeting   | 13                        |
| 14<br>10am - Worship - HE<br>11am - Blood Pressure<br>11am - Nolsy Offering<br>2:30pm - Food of Faith | 15<br>10am - Over-Eaters<br>7pm - N. A. Meeting                      | 16<br>9:30am - Historical<br>4:30pm - Choristers<br>5pm - Harvest Dinner | 17<br>10am - A Course In<br>11:30am - Worship - HE<br>6pm - Bell Choir  | 18<br>7pm - Choir rehearsal<br>7pm - Over-Eaters   | 19<br>8pm - Perceptions<br>8pm - N.A. Meeting                                      | 20<br>7pm - Seginaw River |
| 21<br>10am - Worship - HE<br>2:30pm - Food of Faith   | 22<br>10am - Over-Eaters<br>7pm - N. A. Meeting                      | 23<br>8:30am - Historical<br>4:30pm - Choristers                         | 24<br>10am - A Course In<br>11:30am - Worship - HE<br>6pm - Bell Choir  | 25<br>7pm - Choir rehearsal<br>7pm - Over-Eaters   | 26<br>Diocesan Convention @ Gateway Center, Flint, MI<br>8pm - N.A. Meeting        | 27                        |
| 28<br>10am - Worship - HE<br>2:30pm - Food of Faith<br>4pm - Evensong                                 | 29<br>10am - Over-Eaters<br>7pm - N. A. Meeting                      | 30<br>4:30pm - Choristers  | 31<br>10am - A Course In<br>11:30am - Worship - HE<br>6pm - Bell Choir  | 1<br>All Saints' Day<br>7pm - Choir rehearsal<br>7pm - Over-Eaters                                 | 2<br>All Souls' Day<br>Hohwert/Ward wedding<br>6pm - wedding<br>8pm - N.A. Meeting | 3<br>Wedding - Josh       |



**WORSHIP**

Sunday – 10:00 AM - With Music  
Wednesday – 11:30 AM - Without Music

**FOOD OF FAITH** 2:30 P.M. on Sundays

**OFFICE HOURS**

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