

A Grace Note from the Rector
May 23, 2024

Dear Ones,

With the Feast of Pentecost last Sunday, the Easter season has come to a close. But, before we turn to the “green season” that will last until the First Sunday of Advent (this year, December 1), we have one more feast day, **Trinity Sunday**. It is a feast that celebrates “the one and equal glory” of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, “in Trinity of Persons and in Unity of Being” (BCP, p. 380).

The development of Trinity Sunday has a murky prehistory; its observance was established for the western church by Pope John XXII in 1334. On Sunday, we will sing what is, for many, THE hymn for Trinity Sunday, “Holy, Holy, Holy!” This treasured hymn was written by Reginald Heber (1783-1826), who was an English Anglican bishop, a man of letters, and hymn-writer. After 16 years as a country parson, he served as Bishop of Calcutta until his death at the age of 42. The son of a rich landowner and cleric, Heber gained fame at the University of Oxford as a poet. So, come and join in singing praise to the Triune God with gusto!

AND, SPEAKING OF GUSTO...

Robert McCormick Hymn Fest

Friday May 24, 2024 Time: 6:30 PM
Northminster Presbyterian Church
1660 Kessler Boulevard East Drive, Indianapolis

PRIDE IS AROUND THE CORNER

Indy Pride is Saturday, June 8! I will be in Minnesota that weekend, but I encourage anyone who is interested in helping the Episcopal Church’s public presence to do so. It’s a wonderful experience. Here is a link for lots of information about demonstrating God’s embracing love.

<https://myemail.constantcontact.com/2024-IndyPride.html?soid=1113914586377&aid=1qMgJEyXctA>

GATHERING GRACE

Gathering Grace served 103 meals on Sunday. This is Memorial Day weekend, and the menu is Chili Dogs (my personal favorite!). Come and join the fun, anytime between 12-4.

A BETTER WAY ~ JUNE NEEDS

Summer items to keep children busy (plastic balls and bats, sidewalk chalk, jump ropes, Frisbee’s, crayons, activity books, bubble wands, etc.), flip flops (kids, teens, and adults), African American hair products (shampoo and conditioner). Thank you for remembering A Better Way during June!

CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES ~ ONGOING NEEDS

Personal Care Items: Bar soap, shampoo, toothpaste, dish soap, laundry detergent, toilet paper, lg/med diapers, towels, washcloths, blankets. **Food Pantry:** Canned fruit, meats, and soup, crackers, cereal, pasta & sauce, mac & cheese.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Michael Galliher (May 25)

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

As we approach Sunday's celebration of God who is Three-In-One, I leave you with wonderful words to ponder from a British priest and poet of our own day, Malcolm Guite.


Trinity Sunday

In the Beginning, not in time or space,
But in the quick before both space and time,
In Life, in Love, in co-inherent Grace,
In three in one and one in three, in rhyme,
In music, in the whole creation story,
In His own image, His imagination,
The Triune Poet makes us for His glory,
And makes us each the other's inspiration.
He calls us out of darkness, chaos, chance,
To improvise a music of our own,
To sing the chord that calls us to the dance,
Three notes resounding from a single tone,
To sing the End in whom we all begin;
Our God beyond, beside us and within.

Monday is **Memorial Day**; here is a prayer for **heroic service** (*BCP, p. 839*).

O Judge of the nations, we remember before you with grateful hearts the men and women of our country who in the day of decision ventured much for the liberties we now enjoy. Grant that we may not rest until all the people of this land share the benefits of true freedom and gladly accept its disciplines. This we ask in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

God bless you in this days,



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