



Welcome

to Trinity Church

The Fifteenth Sunday
after Pentecost

September 12 & 13, 2020

"Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left." (Exodus 14:21-22)

This is from the Book of Exodus, when God parts the Red Sea so that the Israelites can escape Pharaoh's army. The Israelites had been enslaved in Egypt, and God sent Moses to Pharaoh, the ruler of Egypt, to demand his people's freedom. "Let my people go!" When Pharaoh said no, and in fact, they're going to have even more work, God sent 10 plagues to afflict Pharaoh and the Egyptian people. Pharaoh agrees to let the people go various times, but then changes his mind, until the tenth plague, when he finally relents and tells Moses to leave and take his people with him--but interestingly, he also asks Moses for a blessing. The Egyptian people are so terrified that they ask the Israelites to hurry, and they give them gifts of silver, gold, and clothing. But Pharaoh, realizing the economic fallout of letting his slaves go, changed his mind again--even after he and his people had suffered terrible losses, even after he had recognized the power of Moses' God enough to ask for a blessing--and took his army to pursue the Israelites. The Israelites saw the sea in front of them and the army behind them and had no hope of escape. They said it would have been better to serve the Egyptians than die in the wilderness. But Moses encouraged them to have faith. "The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to keep still." And then God parted the sea, so that they could cross over the dry ground.

As a global human family, we have been experiencing both plagues and entrapment through the coronavirus crisis. Some might look for God's judgment amidst Covid, but we were not sent a virus because of humanity's sins. If anything has been judged and found lacking, it is systems that keep people under-resourced, in overcrowded housing, and without access to healthcare. And though we are not slaves, we have felt imprisoned by quarantines and our inability to connect with one another. In the face of this, God has parted the sea. While we are not out of the crisis yet, here in New Jersey and in many places around the world, we have been enjoying many freedoms again this summer. The one I give greatest thanks for is the ability to worship together. And even though we cannot sing together, members of our music ministries have been working hard to lift up our hearts in praise. I'll highlight our Saturday 5 pm service next week, but this week I will focus on our 10 am service. Under the capable leadership of Jim Balmer, our Interim Director of Music, members of the choir have been recording individual tracks as they listen to a recording of Jim playing the organ. Jim then combines these individual recordings to create a virtual choir. As such, he is not only performing the work of an organist and choirmaster, but also a sound engineer! Please join me in giving thanks for Jim's leadership during this challenging time. And please also thank our wonderful choir members! I hope some of you might also even consider joining their ranks.

Members of the choir have a special experience of worship. As Linda Stormes says, "Music, the liturgy and prayer draws me into the worship experience. I love the way singing and the liturgy are intertwined." Ann Fallon writes, "I find when we sing together in the choir, the words and music lift my spirits to a higher level where I experience profound moments of grace and spiritual connection with God. The music, the words, and the blending of voices honors the glory and omniscient presence of God that we all share at Trinity when we come together in worship." And beyond the mass, the choir is also a way to get connected within the Trinity community

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Providing **healing**, proclaiming **hope** & practicing **God's unconditional love.**

Worship at Trinity

Powerful, joyful and Spirit-filled worship that is reverent, warm and inviting, with uplifting music and preaching!

Sundays:

- 8 AM Holy Eucharist in the Church**
A gentle, said service (no music)
- 10 AM Holy Eucharist in the Church**
Joyous, recorded music
- 5 PM Santa Eucaristia**

Monday-Friday:

7:30 AM Morning Prayer said in the home

Wednesdays:

6:00 PM Evening Prayer via Zoom

Please see the notes section for information on each service!

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PASTORAL SERVICES AND SACRAMENTS: Contact Jill Osis in the parish office for all non-emergency pastoral needs: Baptisms, the rite of Reconciliation of a Penitent (personal confession & counsel), Blessing of Marriage & Unions, communion for the sick and homebound, or visits to the hospital.

CHOIRS: Find out about our dynamic and growing choirs, contact the office for information

PANTRY & SATURDAY SOUP KITCHEN: During this State of Emergency, The Trinity Food Pantry is open Tuesdays from 11 AM-1 PM and On Saturday, a hot meal is served at Noon. Questions? Contact Derek at Derek@TrinityNJ.com.

PARISH LEADERSHIP (Vestry):

Dell O'Hara (warden) Lesley Castellini (warden)
Russell Bennett, Daniella Cundiff, Patty Forbes, Tim Lush,
Bill Presutti, Carol Scollay, Jerry Spanarkel, Denise Surman,
and Adrienne Wert You may contact the vestry at: vestry-wardens@trinitynj.com

Parish Prayers

Please keep the following people in your prayers this week:

Erika Hogan	Marie Annunziata	Oksana Bajko	John Asfour
Andrew	Faye Hudson	Mary Kate Cooper Moses	Emily Jaeger
Yvonne	Bradley Mott	Sadie	

If you would like to be added to the prayer list or would like to add someone else (*please get their permission first*), please email prayer@trinitynj.com or call Wendy Jaghab at 732-616-8568 by the Tuesday before you would like the name to appear in the bulletin. Names will remain on the prayer list for 4 weeks, and can be readded upon request.

Trinity Cycle of Prayer During Morning Prayer this week, we will be praying for the following Trinity Parishioners and Friends:

9/7	9/8	9/9	9/10	9/11 Kristina, Bridget,
Barbara Armbruster	Charlotte Artis	John Asfour	Jennifer and Olivia Bagdanov	Jane, Oliver, and Caroline Smith-Bannon

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and to learn more about our Anglican/Episcopal spiritual heritage, since music is such an integral component in it. Jan Thomas, who grew up in the Moravian Church before coming to Trinity, shares, "What drew me to Trinity 13 years ago was the vibrant music ministry. As a Moravian, music is an essential part of my worship experience and faith journey. On one of the Sundays I visited, there happened to be a choir gathering after church and I asked if I could come along. I was welcomed into a wonderful community. Over the years, I've grown in my musicianship, developed greater confidence in soloing, and had an amazing opportunity to sing with Trinity Choir in England. I'm still learning the Anglican musical tradition and enjoying every aspect. I'm grateful that I have the opportunity to contribute to Trinity's ministries through my voice."

We all look forward to singing again in church, especially the choir, but until then, I give thanks that we can pray through their musical recordings. (And, I'm excited to report that we will soon have one live soloist joining us at the 10 am service, who will probably be singing from the chapel).

This has been a big weekend at Trinity. On Friday, Deacon Carolyn, Derek Minno-Bloom, and I delivered care packages of personal protective equipment to the Asbury Park post office in appreciation for the service our postal workers give to our community. Then Saturday we had the Jersey Shore Ride for Food Justice. I'm pleased to report that, as of Wednesday, we had already exceeded our fundraising goal from last year and had 60 riders signed up! That truly feels like a parting of the sea, too. Alongside the ride, we also offered our usual Saturday Soup program. Later that evening, we resumed the Saturday 5 pm mass, while today at the 10 am service, we will have our first baptisms since reopening.

We are still in the middle of a global crisis, but there is so much life and health--indeed, salvation (which means "saving health")--here at Trinity.

Peace,
Father Chase

5pm Outdoor Bible Sharing ~ Wednesdays at 5pm

Welcome one and all! On Wednesday nights this fall we will undertake Bible Sharing together outside at the church! Come gather at 5pm in the open air. Wearing masks, we will unfold our lawn chairs and we shall sit study and discuss the Fruits of the Spirit for four Wednesdays! Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend! Questions? Call Joanie McCoy @908-216-5529

The Racial Justice Project at Trinity Presents: *Reparations: The What, How and Why AP Now* ~ September 16

Join us on September 16th at 7PM for a free Racial Justice Project event: "Reparations: The What, How and Why AP Now", an evening of learning and discussion on the seminal topic of reparations. Speakers include: Aaron Greene, JD, associate counsel at the New Jersey Institute for Social Justice in Newark, NJ, and Kerwin Webb, M. Div., Youth and Young Adult Pastor at Second Baptist Church of Asbury Park and also the President of the Greater Red Bank Area NAACP. The event will be followed with community Q&A so you leave with answers and resources to take the next step. The event will open in prayer with the Rev. Dr. William Ndishabandi, Rector of St. Augustine's Church, and close in prayer with our priest-in-charge, the Rev. Chase Danford. Go to <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/reparations-the-what-how-and-why-ap-now-tickets-116313052471> to register for free! And please spread the word!

NEW Adult Education Series Begins on Tuesday, September 22

For the fall, our adult education series will be held on Zoom on Tuesdays at 7pm. We will be using The Foundations of Faith series offered on the Diocesan YouTube channel. The series provides a basic outline of Christian theology through eight, 20 minute video presentations of prominent Christian thinkers, pastors and teachers from the Episcopal Church and other traditions. The series is moderated by Diocesan priests, The Rev. Kije Mugisha-Rwamasirabo and the Rev. Canon Dr. Kara Slade. We invite you to watch the video at your convenience and then join us from 7pm to 8pm for a discussion. For more information or to sign up for the series, please contact Deacon Carolyn at cbmswphd@gmail.com or at 732-768-5781

Author Talk and Discussion on White Supremacy and Violence: September 27 at Noon

Trinity Church invites you to join us for an online presentation, with Q&A, by J. Chester Johnson, author of *Damaged Heritage: The Elaine Race Massacre and a Story of Reconciliation* on Sunday, September 27 at noon, via Zoom. The Elaine Race Massacre, possibly the most significant racial attack against African-Americans in our country's history, occurred in the early fall of 1919 along the Mississippi River Delta in rural Phillips County, Arkansas. This Massacre serves as the backdrop for Johnson's memoir that recounts the effects of having grown up in southeast Arkansas. A large part of the book reflects Johnson's own views on the causation of generational repetition of American white racism. In addition, the book, as recounted by Johnson, describes a journey of racial reconciliation between himself and Sheila L. Walker, who wrote the Foreword to *Damaged Heritage* and who had several ancestors that were victims of the Massacre. You can order a copy of the book through the Asbury Book Cooperative by going to <https://asbury-bookcoop.indielite.org/book/9781643134666> (mention in the comment section that you are participating in Trinity's book club and get a 10% discount)) or your preferred bookseller.

Here is the Zoom Information: Meeting ID: 837 9724 2780 Passcode: 421642 Dial in: +1 646 558 8656 US (NY)

Blessing of the Animals ~ Sunday, October 4, 3pm-4:30pm

Bring your furry, scaly, feathery, slithering friends for a socially distant Blessing of the Animals! We cannot welcome our pets into worship with us this year but we can invite "All creatures of our God and King" to join us outside of the church for a blessing from the Trinity clergy! Blessings will be given on Sunday, October 4 from 3pm-4:30pm. You may arrive at any time during those hours. We ask that all humans that attend wear a mask and maintain 6-foot social distancing. All animal friends ought to be brought on a leash or otherwise appropriately controlled.

Weekday Evening Prayer and Holy Eucharist Changes

Our Wednesday Evening Holy Eucharist at 6:30pm will resume on September 23rd. Our Evening Prayer Service will move to Tuesdays that same week, beginning on September 22. We hope that you will join us in person or online!

Trinity Morning Prayer: In-Person 2 Days a Week

We will now gather Tuesdays and Thursdays outside on the Trinity Church grounds at 7:30 am for Morning Prayer. Please bring your own chair or mat and a printout of the liturgy (link in our Friday eblast) or pull it up on a device. On Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, we will continue to pray individually from our homes.