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# Trinity Tribune May 2018

## How Many Psalms?

By Fred L. Horton, Interim Rector

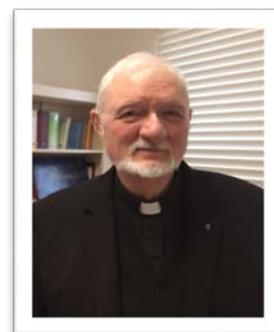
The Psalter of *The Book of Common Prayer* (BCP 581-808) contains 150 numbered psalms and comprises the largest single body of liturgical material in that book. The uniformity of the English language translation hides the fact that the Psalter puts together writings composed over more than half a millennium, most from the ancient Jerusalem, but some from exile in far-away Babylon and a few, perhaps, from the northern kingdom of Israel.

Thanks to a discovery in 1956 in the Desert of Judea, however, we know that in Jesus's day, the Psalter was much larger than the one we have today. Cave 11 at Qumran on the shores of the Dead Sea, produced a vellum scroll from the first century of our era that scholars colorlessly call the 11QPs<sup>a</sup>, containing many of our psalms, some of them in the order we have in our Psalter, but also containing passages from the Book of Ecclesiastes,

Hebrew poems that we had never seen before, and three of the five psalms the Syriac Bible has in addition to our 150, including Psalm 151 that also occurs in the Greek translation of the Hebrew Bible. That discovery would have been grand in itself, but the Qumran Psalms Scroll also contains a short prose composition that gives us the following information: David wrote a total of 4050 psalms!

That prose snippet in the 11QPs<sup>a</sup> we call "David's Compositions" suggests that Jesus and his disciples enjoyed a vastly larger repertoire of psalms than either modern Jews or modern Christians enjoy today. This piece leaves us with the impression that Jesus and the Judaism from which he came took part in a mighty chorus of song in praise of and in supplication to the God of Israel. And I'm left to wonder as we read the Psalms in our worship at Trinity (and in every other church with which I've been associated), whole verse by whole verse, whether we're joining fully in that mighty chorus or whether we are quietly reciting a few arcane words by rote.

Part of our problem may be that we're reading songs meant to be sung with joy and devotion as undifferentiated text and in translation to boot; and translated song lyrics sometimes feel just about as energizing as warmed-over toast. We need a third ear to hear Jesus and his disciples singing one of the 4050 before going out to Gethsemane or the passionate choral pleas of Jerusalemites in the temple begging God to save them from famine or from enemies or from their own sins. Listen, if you can, for the harps, drums, trumpets, and all the instruments the Bible tells us accompanied these songs. Perhaps we can learn to pray the 150 psalms we have left with our sisters and brothers across the ages even as we hope and expect to sing the songs of our salvation with them in God's heavenly kingdom.



**Lectionary Study Group**

Each Sunday there will be an adult group meeting in the parlor following the 8:30 service to discuss the Bible lessons for the day. Dr. Horton will lead this discussion.



**Prayer Shawl Ministry**

The members of the prayer shawl ministry continue to make shawls and lap robes for those on our prayer list.



We also have some other items such as scarves that we would love to share. If you have need of a blessed prayer item, please contact Denny Jennings ([drdjennings5952@gmail.com](mailto:drdjennings5952@gmail.com)) or Tobi in the church office. If you add someone's name to the "immediate need" prayer list, consider picking up a shawl or lap robe to take or send to them. We love to share prayers with others.

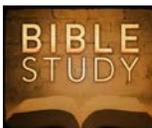
**Godly Play**

Our Godly Play meets each Sunday morning at 9:30 for a wonderful story experience. Contact Denny Jennings to volunteer or for questions.



**Bible Study**

The Bible Study on the Gospel of Mark meets Wednesday afternoons at 4:00 PM in the parish hall, Dr. Horton instructing. May 23<sup>rd</sup> will be the last meeting of the Bible Study.



**Grayson County Summer Stage**

Check out the flyer on page 6 submitted by Vicky Town. They are also taking donations to help support this wonderful new summer program for kids!

<https://www.gofundme.com/graysoncountysummerstage>

**ECW**

We are continuing to collect food items for the Back Pack Food Program at Gentry Middle School. Thank you so much to everyone that has donated! Please keep the donations coming. The list of suggested items is posted on the collection box.



**Coffee Hour**

We have many openings to host Coffee Hour. Please check the sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall for available dates. The church provides coffee, cream, sugar and juice. Linda Light is our new Coffee Hour Committee Chair. You can reach her at 276-251-1023.



**Altar Flowers**

The 2018 Altar Flower Chart has been posted for those wishing to provide flowers in honor or in memory of a loved one. There are a few Sundays still available.



**Help us recycle!** For ongoing recycling of the bulletins we are asking church members to drop their bulletin in the recycle box by the water cooler as you make your way down for coffee. Tobi recycles the used bulletins each week. Thank you.



**Lock before you leave...**

As an added safety precaution we are asking that Coffee Hour hosts lock the back door before going upstairs for the 10:30 service.

The ushers have also been asked to make sure that the front door is locked after everyone leaves or goes downstairs for Coffee Hour. Please be mindful and lock doors as you leave throughout the week. Many times doors have been left unlocked overnight.



## Trinity Rector Search

Our parish gets closer everyday to finding a permanent shepherd for our flock. Vestry will meet on May 8<sup>th</sup> with Catherine Massey, Diocesan Canon for Transition and Pastoral Ministries.

The Diocese has names of candidates who are interested in Trinity. Bishop Rodman is currently reading those resumes and will send us candidates this month. At that point your Vestry will interview those priests and decide if we want to call someone from this list. Let's all pray that we soon find a match!

On Vestry are three members of our past Search Committee – Beckie Derrick, Mike Wilson and Brenda Goings. With Canon Catherine's help, the Vestry will prepare to conduct our search. And with God's help and your prayers, we will find our shepherd.

*Brenda Goings, Senior Warden*

Trinity Church Calendar, Godly Play, Holidays in United States							May 2018 (Eastern Time)	
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	1	2
29	30	1	2	3	4	5		
			10am - Prayer Shawl Ministry 4pm - Bible Study: The Gospel of 5:30pm - Evening Prayer & Holy 6:30pm - Choir Rehearsal	8:30am - Staples Program		Cinco de Mayo		
8:30am - Holy Eucharist, Rite II 9:30am - Adult Education: 9:30am - Godly Play 10:30am - Holy Eucharist, Rite II	7	6pm - Vestry Meeting	4pm - Bible Study: The Gospel of 5:30pm - Evening Prayer & Holy 6:30pm - Choir Rehearsal	8:30am - Staples Program	11	12		
Mothers Day 8:30am - Holy Eucharist, Rite II 9:30am - Adult Education: 9:30am - Godly Play 10:30am - Holy Eucharist, Rite II	14	15	4pm - Bible Study: The Gospel of 5:30pm - Evening Prayer & Holy 6:30pm - Choir Rehearsal	8:30am - Staples Program	18	19		
8:30am - Holy Eucharist, Rite II 9:30am - Adult Education: 9:30am - Godly Play 10:30am - Holy Eucharist, Rite II	21	22	4pm - Bible Study: The Gospel of 5:30pm - Evening Prayer & Holy 6:30pm - Choir Rehearsal	8:30am - Staples Program	25	26		
8:30am - Holy Eucharist, Rite II 9:30am - Adult Education: 9:30am - Godly Play 10:30am - Holy Eucharist, Rite II 12pm - Trinity Sunday Picnic &	28	29	5:30pm - Evening Prayer & Holy 6:30pm - Choir Rehearsal	8:30am - Staples Program	31	2		
	Memorial Day Office Closed							

# May 2018 Schedule

<i>Date</i>	<i>Coffee Hour</i>	<i>Usher</i>	<i>Lector</i>	<i>Chalice Bearer</i>	<i>Flowers</i>	<i>Altar Guild</i>	<i>Godly Play</i>
<b>May 6</b> 8:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Jill Borders	Beckie Derrick	Ann Cochrane Linda Light	Mike Wilson Janet Herman	Ann Cochrane	Mary Fawcett	Brenda Goings
<b>May 13</b> 8:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Janet Herman	Denny/Mac	Vicky Town Ann Vaughn	Mike Wilson Wendy Tatman	Malmö Family	Margie Martin	Kate Appler
<b>May 20</b> 8:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Gloria Lawrence	Bill Noble	Ann Cochrane Kale King	Mike Wilson Linda Light	Pam Harrill	Linda Michaels & Vicky Town	Vicky Town
<b>May 27</b> 8:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Trinity Sunday	Wendy Tatman	Vicky Town Gloria Lawrence	Mike Wilson Janet Sosnowski	Vicky Town	Martha Marcum	No Godly Play

## A Retired Old Fool's Ruminations, Kale Francis King, Priest, Tssf

It hurts to be in the congregation on a Sunday when our numbers are reduced by some who find their senses affected by something with which they object. My history goes back to an era when just about death alone kept us from our "Sunday duty." Like good soldiers we "fell into formation" despite anything around with which we might take exception.

Episcopalians for ages have believed that their first duty was not only to their worshiping companions (com=with; panis= bread) but to the congregation as a whole. Our congregation's effectiveness is diminished when only part of it appears at the one moment when we can be fed by Holy Food from the Holy Table. A local Body of Christ needs the nourishment of Holy Communion weekly to fulfil the practice of loving service to which we have been called.

I know, I am just a retired old fool, unable any longer to stand at the Altar anywhere, from one of those jurisdictions most will never see out West. But "my Church" will ever be an important part of my life. It would be that important even if I had never had the Bishop of Wyoming lay hands on me for the priesthood. My Church became important as a teenager at 18 when the Bishop of Colorado lay hands on me in Confirmation. For a year I attended Holy Communion, unable to receive that Holy Food because I had not yet been confirmed. I learned commitment long before I knew all the ins-and-outs of the Church. From the pew I mean to share in that commitment yet.; and it hurts to worship when so many of those whom I have come to know are AWOL i.e. absent without leave.

## Ann Cochrane's Biography

I was born in Braddock, PA.

I attended undergrad school in Indiana, PA (home of Jimmy Stewart and yes, I met him.) During my junior year at Indiana State Teachers College, I was entrusted with running the college library during Easter break. During the Model UN assembly I was privileged to meet and share dinner with the guest speaker, Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt.

I then went on to teach 2 years in Bemus Point, NY, 1 year on Long Island working as a nurse's aid in a Salvation Army hospital and 5 years teaching in Pittsburgh. I received a double masters degree at University of Pittsburgh-3 years at Radford College (when it was a girls college) and the rest in Hillsville.

I worked with Showtimers 3 summers doing stage set painting, props, dresser and actress. We had a lot of fun! I've directed 3 musicals at CCHS. After 30 years, I finally "graduated from high school" and retired.

I currently belong to the Women's Club of Hillsville, Retired Teachers (President 2 years) and the Lions Club (15 years).

# Trinity Prayer Concerns

## Immediate Needs:

Edith Mills Brown	Adam Hewko
Donna Fargo	Melva Houston
Michael Follett	Kelly Jarvis
Dyrk Garrison	Allen Johnson
Linda Hicks	James Johnson
Geroge Huizinga	Kale King
Gary Kniskern	David Kroupa
James Kemp	Butch Lancaster
Charles Light	Angelia Lawrence
Renee Morgan	Dan MacIntosh
Hugh Nance	Bill Nichol
Susan Olchak	Wade Nichols
Bill Rogers	Rocks-Anne Paul
Maria Scales	Betty Ridolfi
Suzanne Settle	Ed Ritter
Brooke Springthorpe	Theresa Rizzo
Ellie Strohl	Dave Robbins
Lyn Stabler-Tippett	Sheila Robbins
Robert Tippett	Haley Selby
Vicky Town	Stan Smith
Jerry Varn	Sid Spencer, Jr.
Kim Whitaker	Barbara Summerlin
Cassidy Willard	Marie Taylor
John Zebrowski	Malik Torrence

## Long Term Needs:

Melissa Belcher	Tom Wilmoth
Kristi Calton	Wise Family
Joe Caravello	Jack Woltz
Theresa Caravello	Hope Zimmerman
Ron Doerschug	
Linda Doerschug	
Richard Elliott	
Rosa Elliott	
John Foltz	
Gatewood Family	
Chandra Harmon	

### Pastoral Care at Trinity

We should all continue to be aware of pastoral needs of each other, and communicate these to Fred or Tobi at the church office or to any vestry member so that they can be addressed.

If you are unable to attend due to an illness or infirmity and would like to receive communion, please contact the church office.

### Pastoral Care Committee

The new Pastoral Care Committee participated in a training with The Rev Canon Earnest Graham. Committee members are: Jill and Ross Borders, Denny Jennings, Amory and Father Kale King, Janet Noble, Wendy Tatman and Brenda Goings. Like to know more? Ask anyone on the team!

### Please pray for our Trinity family in the Armed Services of our country:

Kyle Crump, Kevin Hill, Corbin Humphrey, Matt Kroupa, Glenn Lynch, Gordon Lynch, John Nichols, Nathaniel Phillips, Robert Poole, Terry Stone

### Healing Rites Offered

Laying on of hands and anointing will be offered at the altar at each service. To participate please remain at the altar rail after receiving Holy Communion.



**How to let us know of your prayer concerns:**

Call the church office at 336-786-6067 or email us at [info@trinitymtairy.com](mailto:info@trinitymtairy.com)





**Open invitation to youth of Grayson  
and the surrounding counties.**

**Sign up now for this exciting new program!**

Come sing, dance, act  
make the props and costumes, paint the set  
run the lights.....  
and have a lot of fun putting on a musical!

**No Experience Necessary!**

**Who:** Rising fourth graders through 16 year olds.

**Meets:** July 2-27 (closed July 4)

**Times:** 9 AM-3:30 PM (Monday to Friday)

**Where:** The 1908 Courthouse in Independence, VA

**Fees:** Sliding scale available \$100 or \$90 or \$75 per child

Get your application at the Grayson 4-H office today!

122 Davis Street Suite Independence, VA



**Questions?** Call the 4-H office at 276-773-2491 or Vicky Town at 276-398-3466

*Grayson County Summer Stage is a partnership of Grayson County 4-H and the County Administrators*

*If the participant is a person with a disability and desires any assistive devices, services or other accommodations to participate in this activity, please contact your local Cooperative Extension office during business hours at least 7 days prior to the event to discuss accommodations.*

# May Birthdays & Anniversaries

## Birthdays

1<sup>st</sup> Amory King  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Elizabeth Fawcett Smith  
 4<sup>th</sup> Rosa Elliott  
 5<sup>th</sup> Susan Robbins  
 6<sup>th</sup> Ann Cochrane  
 9<sup>th</sup> Denny Jennings  
 9<sup>th</sup> Macon Sammons  
 15<sup>th</sup> Sharon Hines  
 15<sup>th</sup> Scott Green  
 17<sup>th</sup> Sid Spencer  
 18<sup>th</sup> Richard Elliott  
 22<sup>nd</sup> Evan Wagner  
 25<sup>th</sup> Wesley Frye  
 26<sup>th</sup> Marilyn Lamm

## Anniversaries

16<sup>th</sup> Luncinda & Gray Fallin  
 17<sup>th</sup> Ted & Faith Ashby  
 20<sup>th</sup> Steve & Sharon Hines  
 24<sup>th</sup> Charles & Linda Light  
 27<sup>th</sup> Ross & Jill Borders  
 29<sup>th</sup> Bruce & Ellie Strohl  
 31<sup>st</sup> Vicky Town & Stephen Pottorff  
 31<sup>st</sup> Hunter & Abigail Appler



## Birthday Blessings

You may come forward for a birthday blessing during any of our services. It is our custom to put one penny (-or dollar!) in the birthday bank for each year of your life.

The funds go to support our Staples Food Ministry.



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