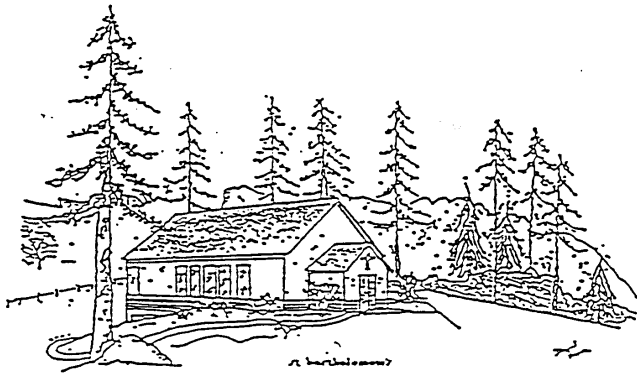


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## TRINITY SEASON 2008

*Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty,  
which was, and is, and is to come. Rev. IV. 8*

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**T**rinity Season accounts for fully half of the Church Year and is an extended time for the Church to teach us lessons about life in the Kingdom of God, drawn from Holy Scripture. After the two great cycles of Advent/Christmas and Lent/Easter, we've learned a lot about "Who" God is; now it's time to learn "who WE should be", as God's people. This year we will have an unusually long Trinity season. The reason for this was the early date of Easter (you may recall that we actually had snow *after* Easter this year). The early date of Easter of course moved everything else up on the calendar as well. Trinity Season will be so long this year, that we will run out of material in the prayer book for the 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> Sundays after Trinity, around the end of November! Fortunately our Book of Common Prayer allows us to go back to Epiphany and borrow a couple of Sundays' worth of proper Collects, Epistles & Gospels to fill in those Sundays. Today in some Christian churches, the custom is to call Trinity Season by the name "Ordinary Time". This is their way of distinguishing the lengthy Summer/Fall cycle from the rest of the Church Year. However, I love the fact that we Anglicans have retained the traditional name for the season. It is a wonderful time to grow: to grow in devotion to the most Holy Trinity, one God, our Maker, Redeemer and Sanctifier; and, to grow in community as Christian people who show Love to one another. Through this time we are gently caught up in the movement of redeemed humanity to God the Father, through God the Son, by and with God the Holy Spirit. That is why I can't think of a better name for this season than simply, wonderfully, "Trinity". *Fr. Daniel*

## Parish Calendar

June - September

**June 1, Trinity II** 8:30 Matins 9:00 Bible Study

10:00 Holy Communion 3:30 Evensong

**June 5, Summer Series** 6:30 Evensong, Supper & Class

**June 8, Trinity III** 8:30 Matins 9:00 Bible Study  
10:00 Holy Communion 3:30 Evensong

**June 11, St. Barnabas' Day & Summer Series**  
10:00 Matins 6:30 Communion, Supper, Class & Evensong

**June 15, Trinity IV** 8:30 Matins 9:00 *Choir Rehearsal*  
10:00 Holy Communion 3:30 Evensong

**June 18, Summer Series** 6:30 Evensong, Supper & Class

**June 22, Trinity V** 8:30 Matins 9:00 *Bible Study*  
10:00 Holy Communion 3:30 Evensong

**June 25, Nativity of John the Baptist (transferred)**  
10:00 Matins & Communion 6:30 Evensong, Supper & Class

**June 29, St. Peter's Day** 8:30 Matins 9:00 *Bible Study*  
10:00 Holy Communion 3:30 Evensong

**July 6, Trinity VII** 8:30 Matins 9:00 *Bible Study*  
10:00 Holy Communion 3:30 Evensong

**July 4, Independence Day**, 10:00 Matins & Litany (only)

**July 13, Trinity VIII** 8:30 Matins 9:00 *Bible Study*  
10:00 Holy Communion 3:30 Evensong

**July 20, Trinity IX** 8:30 Matins 9:00 *Schola Cantorum*  
10:00 Holy Communion 3:30 Evensong

**July 25, St. James' Day** 10:00 Matins  
6:30 Evensong, Communion, Light Supper

**July 27, Trinity X** 8:30 Matins 9:00 *Bible Study*  
10:00 Holy Communion 3:30 Evensong

**August 3, Trinity XI** 8:30 Matins 9:00 *Bible Study*  
10:00 Holy Communion 3:30 Evensong

**August 6, Transfiguration of our Lord**  
10:00 Matins & Communion 6:30 Evensong

**August 10, Trinity XII** 8:30 Matins 9:00 *Bible Study*  
10:00 Holy Communion 3:30 Evensong

**August 12, 13 & 14** *Choir Camp*

**August 17, Trinity XIII** 8:30 Matins 9:00 *Bible Study*  
10:00 Holy Communion 3:30 Evensong

**August 23, Eve of St. Bartholomew** 6:30 Evensong

**Aug. 24, St. Bartholomew's Day** 8:30 Matins 9:00 *Study*  
10:00 Holy Communion 3:30 Evensong

**August 31, Trinity XV** 8:30 Matins 9:00 *Bible Study*  
10:00 Holy Communion 6:30 Evensong

Of whom all nature hath creation;  
Eternal Father, Spirit, Word:  
Praise to the Lord of my salvation,  
Salvation is of Christ the Lord.  
(paraphrase by Cecil Frances Alexander)



## Parish Notes

### *3 ways to grow spiritually this Trinity Season at Saint Bartholomew's*

- **Faith Formation** Our parish offers an exceptionally vibrant educational life for everyone from children to adults. Children and Young People can take part in **Church School, Junior Writing Contest, Acolyte Program** and **Choir Camp**. Adults will have a lot of choices too: **Sunday Morning Bible Study** at 9:00 in the Parish Hall will feature scripture commentary from the early Church fathers, word studies in the Hebrew and Greek, and application to daily life; in the month of June only, we will have a midweek **Summer Series** for Lay Evangelists, 6:30pm; those who enjoy camping are invited to consider the **Diocesan Youth Camp** or the **Family Camp**; in early Fall we will go on our annual **Parish Retreat**.
- **Worship** We offer the full round of Anglican Services for the public worship of Almighty God. The contemplative Daily Offices of **Matins** (Morning Prayer) and **Evensong** are read in the Church on Sundays and most weekdays, 8:30 & 3:30. On Sundays and on Festivals (see calendar on page 1) there is a celebration of the **Holy Communion**. The **Litany** is also read on occasion, as announced.
- **Service** "Work is

## St. Patrick's Breastplate

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I bind unto myself the Name,  
The strong Name of the Trinity;  
By invocation of the same,  
The Three in One, and One in Three.

prayer." By working for God's Kingdom we have the unique privilege of cooperating with God in this world. The Church carries on most of her activities by way of volunteer help. The Christian life has an intrinsic vocation to loving service, and each baptized & confirmed Christian is called to minister to others in some way, especially in the activities of the Church. We need helpers for everything from keeping the grounds and cleaning the building, to facilitating parish events and outreach activities. It all takes the participation of gifted and generous individuals. Any girls who have been confirmed are invited to participate in **Junior Altar Guild** and any boys who have been confirmed are invited to learn how to **Serve at the Altar**. Opportunities for adults include (but are not limited to!) **Usher, Greeter, Coffee Hour Host/Hostess, Altar Guild, ACW and Lay Readers**. Faithful, financial support of the Church during the long Summer months is an important ministry, too! Don't wait for a special invitation to get more involved in Church this Trinity Season!!!

## CHRISTIAN SPIRITUALITY IN THE ANGLICAN WAY an essay by Fr. McGrath

For many centuries, the spirituality of the Church has consisted of the threefold Rule of Life, consisting of Mass, Office and Private Devotion. This Rule is most clearly formalized in the Anglican, Lutheran, Roman and Orthodox Communion. The threefold Rule of Life is a method by which Christians worship the Most Holy Trinity, meditate upon Scripture and grow in maturity as disciples, day by day. It is the system which undergirds the Anglican Book of Common Prayer. There is a lot of material for us to investigate in each facet of the Rule!

Let's start with the Mass: this is the Service known to us as Holy Communion, or the Lord's Supper. You will recall that our Lord instituted this Service just before he offered himself upon the cross for the sins of the world—a full,

perfect and sufficient demonstration of Divine Love. Thus the Lord's Supper is the central act of Anglican piety. It is observed weekly in the Lord's House, on the Lord's Day. The Holy Communion is an act of recollection; we show forth our Lord's "blessed Passion and precious Death, his mighty Resurrection and glorious Ascension"; it is also an offering of Thanksgiving for the benefits that have been procured for us by the same; it is the way that we receive Christ in our midst; Christ is made present in the reading of the Holy Gospel; he is present in the Sacrament of his body and blood; divine forgiveness and the peace of God which passes understanding is proclaimed by the priest. A lot happens in this wonderful Service, and every baptized and confirmed Christian is a full participant from start to finish!

Next we have the daily Office: if the Lord's Supper is the jewel in the crown of Christian Spirituality, then the Office is the golden band of the crown, which encircles and frames the crown jewel. By the word "Office" we mean the official prayers of the Church: daily Matins and Evensong. The daily Office is primarily contemplative. It contains a yearly course of readings from the Old Testament, the New Testament and the Psalms. Interspersed between the Scripture lessons are Canticles, or hymns of praise. The Daily Office is read publicly in our parish Church by the priest or by a lay reader, at set times, on Sundays and on most weekdays. Everyone is highly encouraged to participate at Church on occasion, and should definitely share in this experience on their own with their Bible and Book of Common Prayer. The Daily Offices can be read in families, or by individuals; they are best read in quiet at home, but can be read during a break at work, while commuting on the bus, or even online via the internet (!). The Office is the primary way that Anglicans read the Bible – we read it not just for study and for education – but also as a means of meditation, worship of God, and enjoyment of

all that God has done in history. Of course when we read the Bible, we also find ourselves being warned of the consequences of human sin and error, through thousands of years of collective wisdom and experience.

Now for Devotion: this encompasses everything in the private practice of a Christian. It should include Grace at mealtimes; Christian/inspirational reading; participation in Bible Study groups; tithing; sharing our Faith with other people; conducting our work and leisure activities in a loving, holy way. Please understand that Devotion is not only contemplative: it necessarily includes works of mercy and charity, for we simply cannot say that we love God, unless we show that we love our neighbor, too.

What is the point of the three-fold Rule of Life? It is an intensive training course for eternity. In eternity we hope to see the Most Holy Trinity, One God, face to face. We hope to see our Maker, Redeemer and Sanctifier, and to worship and enjoy Him in Heaven for ever. "Eternity is the manifestation of the marvelous unification of life." This statement is one of my favorite sayings of Richard Meux Benson, a priest in the Church of England (19<sup>th</sup> cen.). He was referring to the vision of God that is the eternal joy of the Blessed in heaven – they see God face to face, they share in the Life of the Most Holy Trinity. Enjoying the vision of God's glory they reflect that glory in perfect unity with all the saints.

In today's world, we exist in a way that is very fragmented. I don't know if there has been any other time in history when human beings have been torn in so many different directions simultaneously. There is no longer any real center of public life, but rather many divergent forces which tug and pull, tearing the very fabric of society and reducing our humanity in the process.

So what does the Church have to offer for the healing of our World today? In the face of great

difficulties, the Church today has a renewed vocation to share with post-modern culture the knowledge that there is a God and that He made us for perfect fellowship with him. Discovering God, we discover our true humanity in right relation to God. The Church invites our fragmented world to enter into restored Communion with God and with humanity, through Jesus. He is the starting point and the ending point and the center of our three-fold Rule of Life: it is through Him that our World can be healed and we may enter into the everlasting Life of the Blessed.

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### **Worship Services**

The Daily Prayer Offices (*Matins 8:30, Evensong 3:30*)  
The Litany (*as announced*)

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Holy Communion (Sunday, and on Festival Days, 10:00)

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