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## Things ancient and modern: thoughts on Eucharistic Prayer C

During July and part of August we will be using Eucharistic Prayer C (p. 369 of the *Book of Common Prayer*) at the 10AM service. It is a prayer that is set apart from all other Eucharistic prayers on a number of elements contained in the prayer.

Most notable is the fact that there are numerous responses made by the congregation throughout the prayer. This follows a pattern found in ancient Eastern Eucharistic prayers where there were frequent responses by the congregation. These responses reinforce the Church's understanding that the prayer is a prayer of the whole community, not just a prayer said by the priest or bishop who is presiding.

All Eucharistic Prayers begin with a dialogue which we call the *Sursum Corda* or "lift up your heart". After the normal salutation of "The Lord be with you" and "Also with you", the presider says: "Life up your hearts", with the response: "We lift them up to the Lord"; followed by: "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God", and "It is right to give him thanks and praise". This dialogue between presider and community is both an invitation and an affirmation that the people of God are standing with the presider and attending to the prayer that is to be offered.

In the prayer leading to the Sanctus, Eucharistic Prayer C has the most extensive praise of God in creation. The language and content of the "preface" (the section leading to the "Holy, holy, holy", or the Sanctus), identifies this as a prayer of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century. The cosmology understands that earth is one among many planets and that we are one of many galaxies. The prayer reflects an understanding of evolution and space exploration that has only been known since the mid 20<sup>th</sup> Century. After thanksgiving for creation the prayer seeks forgiveness for human sinfulness and returns to praise for the give of freedom and peace to be found in the saving acts of Christ.

The prayers then continue with the *Sanctus* which is the song of the angels and archangels which surrounds the throne of God found in Isaiah 6: 1-3 and again in Revelation 4:8. Eucharistic Prayer C connects this song with various categories of the company of heaven.

Note, there is no rubric or direction in Eucharistic Prayer C for the congregation to change their posture during this prayer after the Sanctus. All other prayers have a direction to stand or kneel. Prayer C assumes that the congregation will remain standing. This is the oldest posture for prayer.

Again, prayer C is different in placing the "epiclesis" or prayer for the Holy Spirit to sanctify the bread and wine before the "words of institution". This is a practice found in Roman Eucharistic Prayers since the 4<sup>th</sup> Century.

The final prayers are for the baptismal community to be transformed in the action of the table. In the eating and drinking of the body and blood of Christ we are made "one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name". The congregation responds with the prayer which echoes the experience of the disciples on the road to Emmaus: "Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread". The prayer concludes with the doxology from one of the earliest Eucharistic Prayers, the Apostolic Tradition from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Century.

Eucharistic Prayer C was written by Howard E. Galley. He told me once that the idea for the prayer came while he was in the Laundromat and he wrote the opening lines on the back of an envelope. In the 1990's people were changing the prayer to make it more "inclusive". The wives of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob were added by some people whom Howard and others rejected. Howard insisted that he was using a designation for God and that instead of adding the wives he wanted God to be named. So he made the change to: "Lord God of our forbearers: God and Mother of Israel (which comes from Isaiah 49) and God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes" etc. Again, another 20<sup>th</sup> Century recovery of who God is for us.



*The Rev. Jean Campbell*  
Rector

## Our Ministry of Music

### MUSIC NOTES

During the summer I try to use only hymns that we have sung before. Unfortunately, unless you attend every Sunday you are still likely to come across hymns you may not be familiar with. So what do you do when you encounter an unfamiliar hymn? I would like to share with you suggestions I saw in a newsletter shortly after the publication of the Hymnal 1982.

DO NOT be hesitant. Take a deep breath and try it.

DO NOT spoil your experience of worship by blaming someone else for selecting an unfamiliar hymn. Remember, all familiar hymns were unfamiliar once.

DO NOT refuse to sing another Christian's heartfelt expression of his beliefs or spiritual emotions because it is a new thought to you, or because it is not your feeling at the moment.

ABOVE ALL, do not close your hymnal and sulk. A negative influence is harmful to those around you and to yourself.

BUT DO listen carefully when the music is played on the organ. You may learn to like it.

AND DO read the words meditatively. They may express a flight of spiritual thought in which you can concur, and you may find your own spirit winging to the Father of us all.

AND DO remember that the hymns of our hymnals have been selected by musicians and priests of high repute in their fields. Out of the thousands of possibilities, these have been thought the most appropriate for the common worship of the Church.

AND DO thank God for the privilege of extending your musical and spiritual horizons in something new; that you are not confined to the limitations of your past experience; the created hymnody of the church is so extensive.

By following these suggestions you will not only have a more positive experience but you just might end up learning a hymn that will become a favorite. At the very least, give it a try.

*Beverly Simmons - Minister of Music*

## Worship Services

### Saturday Service

An informal Holy Eucharist is held at 5 PM on Saturdays. All are welcome. Bring a friend. Come as you are.

### Sunday Services

8 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I  
 10 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II Choral Service  
 9:45 AM Church School

## Funeral

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Louis Bosch, who died suddenly on Thursday, July 7<sup>th</sup> at the age of 77. May he rest in peace.

## Newsletter Articles

If you're interested in submitting articles for the newsletter, please do so to [carolynsaldana@yahoo.com](mailto:carolynsaldana@yahoo.com) by the 2nd Sunday of the month. Please be mindful that articles must be consistent with Trinity's mission.

## First Friday Gathering

All are invited to join a group who are gathering for scripture study, conversation and fellowship on the first Friday of the month. Our next gathering will be held on Friday, August 5th at 7 PM in the Library. If you have any questions, please contact Steve Blanks at 896-3713.



## TNT Committee Meeting

There will be a brief meeting of the TNT Committee on Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup> after the 10am service.

## Homecoming & Picnic at Trinity

Come enjoy the fellowship, fun, and food of Trinity as we begin a new program year. We will have a picnic on September 11th, following the 10AM service.

## Haitian Art Stretching Party

The Trinity Haiti Project Committee is planning another fabulous Haitian Art Sale at Trinity in November. Proceeds will benefit the medical clinic in Chermaitre. Come share in the preparation for this event by attending our first stretching party on **Sunday, August 7th** in the Parish Hall after coffee hour. A stretching party is an event where we stretch the paintings on frames to get them ready for the sale. Come and see the beautiful artwork and have some fun as we share in this very worthwhile mission.

## Voices of Women

September 24, 2011 at 7PM there will be a production of the play "Voices of Women" in the parish hall. Tickets will be \$15.00. Mark your calendar and look for details to follow.

## Seeking Fishkill Photos for Book

Parishioner Tracy Dunstan is requesting non-digital photographs circa 1980 or earlier (original or scanned at 600 pixels) to be used in a publication about the town and village of Fishkill. Tracy needs photographs by September 1st. If you have a photo to submit or have a question about the book, please contact Tracy at [tracy.dunstan@gmail.com](mailto:tracy.dunstan@gmail.com) or call 559-8440.

## College Graduate

Congratulations to Bryan and Bruce Terrelonge who graduated from Roy C. Ketcham High School with the Louise W. Wortman Youth Achievement Award for their exemplified character, determination and enthusiasm as they excelled in school. They both will be attending Dutchess Community College. Many blessings on your accomplishments and may God continue to bless you on your journey.

## 2011 Summer Youth Conference - "Ways to Praise"

A spiritual retreat for youth from Grades 6 - 12. Daytime activities consist of a theme-related morning program with discussion groups, daily services, swimming, boating and sports. Evenings are full of activities like a dance, talent show, and bonfire. The event will take place at The Incarnation Center in Ivoryton, Connecticut on Sunday, August 21st - Saturday, August 27th.

**Contact Sister Jean via email** or call Liz Moeller, Youth Conference Coordinator, at 247-2884.

## Trinity's Food Pantry needs help!

Our shelves are almost empty. Our bags are packed for households of 1-2, 3-4 and 5-6. Here is the list of items that go into the bags. Shop for food items on sale each week. If you don't shop you can always contribute financially to the Pantry; please write 'Food Pantry' on envelope.

## Trinity's Food Pantry

**PLEASE CUT THIS OUT AND SAVE IT**

Pantry Items that we always need and use **ESPECIALLY WHEN ON SALE** include pasta & sauce, chili, stew, 'canned pasta' (spagettio's etc.) baked beans, soup - chunky or condensed, tuna, veggies, fruit, rice, mac & cheese, crackers, peanut butter, oatmeal, cold cereal, and powdered milk.

**OR**

## "Just One Can"

The Food Pantry's requested food items for the month of May are:

August 7th – macaroni & cheese

August 14th – rice (2lb. bag)

August 21<sup>st</sup> – dry cereal

August 28<sup>th</sup> – Campbell's condensed soup

Thank you for feeding those in need.  
Trinity Food Pantry Volunteers

## Hillcrest House

### What is Hillcrest House?

If you are homeless, hungry, and live in Dutchess County, there is a "house" where you can get something to eat, take a shower, wash your clothes, sleep in a clean bed for the night, and get breakfast in the morning. Hillcrest House is an overnight shelter for homeless men and women in Poughkeepsie and is open every day of the year. Dinner is prepared and served by volunteers of churches, clubs and groups in the area. If you are interested in helping, please call Susan Quade at 765-1689.

We also continue to collect articles that are handed out to the overnight guests. The following items are always needed: small sample size bar soap, skin lotion, shampoo, tooth paste and tooth brushes (never used), comb in plastic wrapper, spray deodorant, white cotton socks (new or gently used).

Thank you to everyone who left items in the collection box in the Parish House. If you have any items at home to bring in, please leave them in the Parish Office marked "Hillcrest House." If you have any questions please call Rosemarie Waian at 297-5572.

A box will be in the Parish Hall for the collection. As you go on vacation this summer don't forget to collect the "goodies" that motels and hotels give out, soap, lotion, shampoo, toothpaste etc.



### Happy Birthday!

8/1	Don	Smith
8/4	Irene	Zito
8/5	Leo	Reis-Larson
8/8	Blaine	McCollum
8/10	Barbara	Teed
8/11	Doug	Bitteker
8/12	Michael	Schappert
8/12	David	Teed
8/15	Bob	Drennan
8/18	Don	Hunt
8/19	Ethan	Daniels
8/20	Paula	Johnson
8/22	Adler	Bob
8/22	Connie	Lacey
8/23	Martha	Engle
8/23	Susan	Quade
8/24	Steve	Snyder
8/25	Tara	Casaregola
8/26	Adam	Van Der Stuyf
8/27	Diane	Kessler
8/27	Inez	Terrelonge
8/28	Simon	Douglas
8/29	Shirley	Bialy
8/30	Cheri	Hamilton
8/30	Jayme	Stofko