



THE TRUMPET

An instrument of good news for our community

JULY 19, 2020

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

EXTRAVAGANT GENEROSITY: MUSICAL MOTHER & SON

Gena Tabery and her son, Julius, have been giving of their time and talents to St. Michael's for a long while. They're a part of our virtual worship team, taking turns with the rest of the musicians to provide the sacred music we all value so dearly. Julius contracted COVID-19 while still in classes at Vanderbilt and has since donated plasma; Gena plays the organ for us despite her concerns about getting the virus. Mother and son share a little bit about themselves and their passion for music.

Gena is a lifelong church musician who began playing the organ at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Seguin, in exchange for organ lessons with Anita Windecker, legendary Texas Lutheran College (in those days) instructor. She continued to play while she studied organ and piano at Trinity University, including two years at Wilford Hall Hospital Chapel, Lackland Air Force Base, as prisoners of war from Viet Nam were brought there to recuperate.

Later, she played on and off at several small churches in San Antonio and Austin. After singing in the St. Michael's choir for several years, she began playing the organ when St. Michael's was given our current instrument. She also began studying again, this time with Gregory Eaton, Music Director and Organist at All Saints' Episcopal Church. Gregory is a superb recitalist, liturgist, and teacher, and is grateful for her time with him, and at the bench at St. Michael's. She is also grateful to have worked with the creative, accomplished, and patient Dr. James Morrow.



"Julius and I both much prefer making music with others to any kind of solo work—we so enjoy being able to work with others in worship. Julius says sacred music is the best. It just is."

Julius began studying piano at age 4 with St. Michael's parishioner Mary Parse. He began studying voice at age 9, and has performed at St. Michael's as Ahmal, in Giancarlo Menotti's *Amahl and the Night Visitors*, and as Isaac, with tenor Paul D'Arcy, in Benjamin Britten's *Abraham and Isaac*. He has also been active, as a student and a proctor, in summer programs with the Royal School of Church Musicians, with whom he has done services at Westminster Choir College, Princeton, NJ; Trinity Church, Boston; The Washington National Cathedral; and several other churches in Washington DC. Throughout the past year, he sang with the Christ Church Cathedral Choir in Nashville, and with choirs at Vanderbilt University. He is studying mathematics and music at Vanderbilt.

Thank you, Gena and Julius, for your extravagant generosity.

Note: The choir is meeting virtually on the first and third Wednesdays of each month for hymn sings and reviews of anthems we have sung in the past. They hope to stay connected. Please contact Gena at gtabery@gmail.com for more information.

GLIMPSES OF GRACE

Thoughts for the Seventh Sunday after Pentecost by The Rev. Sherry Williams, deacon

The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field, it is the smallest of seeds, but when it has grown, it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air might come and make nests in its branches. (Matthew 13:31)

In the Gospel according to Matthew, Jesus uses the natural world to describe the kingdom of heaven. Like a small mustard seed, the kingdom can grow, flourish, and expand. During these trying pandemic months, the people of St. Michael's have attempted to emulate the mustard seed by growing the kingdom in creative ways. Email, livestreaming, Zoom, and the telephone have enabled us to continue to worship, study, and meet together as a community. These technologies have given us the ability to reach out to others who otherwise might never have set foot on our campus. In addition, we have shared our financial resources with groups that help those who have lost jobs and need assistance.

When the pandemic began, I made an online purchase of an envelope of tiny zinnia seeds. The seeds were so minuscule and clumped together that I couldn't sow them individually. To my surprise, they germinated in five days—much earlier than the seed packet forecast. Following instructions, I dutifully thinned and transplanted the two inch seedlings into more containers of potting soil and diligently watered and checked their progress daily. It gives me pleasure to report that my zinnias have been blooming in a multitude of bright colors for two months—lovely evidence of God's grace-filled creation and a reminder of St. Michael's ever growing community of grace.

NOTES

BRAVE WOMEN OF THE EARLY CHURCH | JULY ADULT ONLINE FORMATION CONTINUES All are welcome to participate in this great new three-week adult formation class, facilitated by parishioner Sally Lombardo. She's adapted her soon-to-be published book for this class, sharing her expertise on Mary Magdalene, Lydia, Priscilla, Chloe, Phoebe, Junia, and Nympha.

Watch the week's video lesson at your leisure and then join the Zoom discussion on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm. The lessons, the Zoom link, and discussion questions are sent in the Sunday morning e-news. Session #2: Sun. 7/19 & Wed. 7/22; Session #3: Sun. 7/26 & Wed. 7/29.

No need to register or have a password, but if you have questions, please email Christine Havens in the church office at chavens@st-michaels.org.

DIFFERENCE: THE POWER OF FAITH IN A CONFLICTED WORLD | EACH THURSDAY IN JULY | 5:30 PM VIA ZOOM

Kathy Wiggin, our Junior Warden, facilitates this timely 5-session course that explores what it means to follow Jesus in the face of conflict and see transformation through everyday encounters. Each 90-minute class combines study, prayer, and discussion. Contact Kathy at kbwiggin@gmail.com if you're interested in attending or with any questions.

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION AVAILABLE One of our parishioners, Sally Lombardo, is offering free spiritual direction to St. Michael's parishioners during this time. Sally has an MDiv from Truett Seminary at Baylor and a Certificate in Spiritual Direction. If you are interested, please email Sally at shlombardo@gmail.com.

REGULAR ZOOM OFFERINGS

ST. MICHAEL'S BOOK CLUB Join St. Michael's book group this summer! July's book is *The Sunday Philosophy Club* by Alexander McCall Smith; the discussion is at **2:30 pm on July 29**. August's book selection is *Jayber Crow* by Wendell Berry; that discussion happens on **August 26 at 2:30 pm**. Please email Gail Reid at reid.gail@gmail.com for more information and the Zoom link.

WOMEN OF ST. MICHAEL'S VIRTUAL POTLUCK Table fellowship with friends via Zoom—women of all ages are welcome to join. They generally gather every other week. Please email Becky Brindley at rbrindley@yahoo.com for the Zoom link, password, and email updates.

MORNING PRAYER, TUESDAYS @9:00 AM You're invited to Morning Prayer each Tuesday morning at 9:00 am. Please email chavens@st-michaels.org for Zoom meeting link.

EVENING PRAYER, WEDNESDAYS @4:30 PM Led by Mthr. Elizabeth each Wednesday at 4:30 pm during July. Please email chavens@st-michaels.org for the Zoom meeting info.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY Weekly Tuesday Bible Study is at 1:00 pm, via Zoom. Please email chavens@st-michaels.org for the Zoom link and meeting ID.

CENTERING PRAYER ON TUESDAY EVENINGS This ministry is available every Tuesday night at 6:30 pm. Please email Phyllis Blee with questions: phyllis.blees@gmail.com or for the Zoom meeting link and ID.

SEEKERS BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP The Seekers are currently reading *Divine Dance: The Trinity and Your Transformation* by Richard Rohr and Mike Morrell. They meet at 9:15 am each Sunday. Please email Phyllis Blee at phyllis.blees@gmail.com for the Zoom meeting info.

STUDENT MINISTRY

PARENTS & STUDENTS—STAY IN THE KNOW! FOLLOW AUSTIN AREA EYC ON INSTAGRAM! The Austin Area EYC continues having fun activities at a safe distance. Follow [@austin_eyc](https://www.instagram.com/austin_eyc) on Instagram to stay connected to future opportunities for virtual worship and fun with other Episcopal youth from around the city. Direct Message on Instagram for Zoom links. Please contact Luis Rivas, Student Minister, at lrvivas@st-michaels.org for more news about youth group happenings.

FAMILY MINISTRY

OUR ONLINE CHILDREN'S OFFERINGS are on hiatus for July to give everyone a break from screen fatigue. Stay tuned to the SMEC Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/St.Michaels.Austin/>, for pop-up activities and inspiration for family fun!

THIS WEEK'S PRAYERS

NEW PRAYERS

From Kellye Heinze, for the health and safety of Camp Allen campers, counselors, and staff.
For Mark, Christine's uncle, who is recovering from bariatric surgery.

COVID-19 RELATED

For Liz, friend of Donna H., who just lost her husband to COVID
For Sue, friend of Donna H., who just lost her mother to COVID
For Marshall and Madison, family members of Margie Ayres, who have COVID-19

For Maddie, Christian, and Val, who are self-quarantined in TN after exposure
For Sara, who has COVID-19, and for the Hines family; may she recover safely and the rest of the family stay healthy.
For Rosa, cousin of Lena Carson, as she returns to her work as a physician.
For all those living in eldercare facilities, and for the staff, and for their families.
For Stuart Wiggin, who is an EMT, that he might be safe and stay well.
Prayers for Drew Marye's stepsister, Sherry, who was diagnosed with COVID-19.
For all those without employment at this time.
For Hannah M.
All of our hospital workers, including J'aime, and Patty who works in Yale's ICU, and all who are keeping services for us.
Miriam Carrillo, and Alfred Carrillo, sister and brother of José, whose livelihoods have been affected by the public emergency.
For Ed Erdman.

RESOURCES

MEDICAL & MENTAL HEALTH

One Good Turn: <https://www.onegoodturn.org/covid-19-resources>

Corona Care Kit: <https://drive.google.com/drive/u/3/folders/1CTVtsrX6AuO4PfvHSSStKdRLa0Cy95Xvj>

Texas Health & Human Services COVID-19 Mental Health Support Line:

<https://files.constantcontact.com/8f1dee88001/d0a7b37e-45a2-4d63-aec6-ca2dd9aefb03.pdf>

PRAYER

Prayers for Use During the COVID-19 Pandemic: https://episcopalchurch.org/files/wol_prayers_for_pandemic_final.pdf

Society of Saint John the Evangelist: <https://www.ssje.org/>

Mission of St. Clare—Daily Office: <https://missionstclare.com/english/index.html>

Online Book of Common Prayer: <https://www.bcponline.org/>

Venite App: <https://www.venite.app/>

iACT's Daily Dose of Hope: <https://interfaithtexas.org/category/the-daily-dose-of-hope/>

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE—INDIVIDUALS & FAMILIES

United Way Emergency Food and Other Assistance: connectatx.org/

SMEC deacon Sherry Williams sent a photo of her zinnias, which she talks about in this week's Glimpses of Grace meditation on page 2. Thank you, Sherry!



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ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATIONS

Sponsoring altar flowers is a wonderful way to honor loved ones or celebrate an occasion. Dedications can be emailed to the office: chavens@st-michaels.org. Your donation can be mailed to the church office or given via the "Give" page of our website, <https://www.st-michaels.org/take-action>.

The altar flowers this week are given to the glory of God.

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

Are you celebrating a birthday or anniversary? We'd love to pray for you during the Sunday service and print your name(s) in the bulletin. The submission deadline is noon of the Wednesday prior to when you'd like to receive a blessing; email to Christine Havens at chavens@st-michaels.org.

READINGS, JULY 19, 2020 SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Isaiah 44:6-8
Psalm 86:11-17
Romans 8:12-25
Matthew 13:24-30,36-43

SHARE YOUR WORSHIP PARTY PHOTOS!

Worshipping with your family, friends, pets? We'd would still love to see your photos and share them on Facebook and/or in the Trumpet! Please send in as high a resolution as possible to Christine at chavens@st-michaels.org. Thank you!

THE TRUMPET SUBMISSION DEADLINE

Have a submission for the Trumpet? Please send it to Christine (chavens@st-michaels.org) by 12:00 pm on the Wednesday prior to the date you would like your announcement to appear in the Trumpet. Running it two weeks prior to your event is recommended for most church announcements.

*Your extravagant generosity is appreciated.
Text SMEC1500 to 73256 and follow the prompts to make an e-offering.*