



# HOLY TRINITY *news*

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It is well-documented that the Psalter functioned as the worship book of Old Covenant believers, and then became integral to the worship life of the early church, and on through the ages. The psalms have been part of the worship life - both individual and corporate - of God's people since they were written. Our prayer book is laced from beginning to end with psalm verses and other portions of Scripture. The New Testament is a bit spare in its specific instructions for worship, but two major passages (Eph. 5.19 and Col. 3.16 - see above quote) enjoin believers to sing and speak the psalms in their corporate gatherings. No wonder the church has always considered this a normative practice! And why should the singing of psalms be normative? If my wife likes the color blue, but I only ever buy her things that are red, how does that show love? If God desires his people to sing and speak the psalms to him and to one another, how could we not? Scholars differ as to what "hymns" and "spiritual songs" are, but there's no dispute as to the identity of the word "psalms" in these passages.

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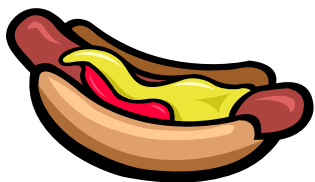
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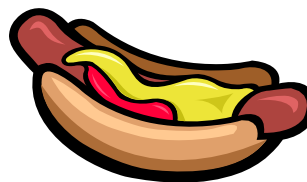
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