

# The Abbeville Anglican



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## Alleluia, Christ is Risen! The Lord is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!

This is the greeting that we use to begin our worship every Sunday, and indeed, every day, in the season of Easter. This call is taken in part from Luke's Gospel (Chapter 24). The scene is the end of Jesus' appearance to some of the disciples on the road to Emmaus. After Jesus vanishes from their sight, the disciples return to spread the good news among their fellows and find them saying that the Lord has risen indeed and has appeared to Simon. This very well-known Easter acclamation is now repeated throughout all Christendom. This important call and response is a joyful shout! This call is the Resurrection after the tomb! *These words I spake unto you while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms concerning me (44). Thus it is written, and thus it behooved Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day (46). I know that my Redeemer liveth, and because he lives, I too, shall live. (George Fredrick Handel, The Messiah) The Lord is risen, indeed, Alleluia! +*

## Bishop's Visit

We will be pleased to receive Bishop Richards on April 30 for his official visit. At this time the Bishop will celebrate the Holy Eucharist, preach and confirm new members to the congregation. This will be the first opportunity for many of you to meet the new Bishop, so please make your plans to be with us and feel free to invite your friends, especially anyone who might be a potential member of our parish. Like many of us in this congregation, the Bishop was reared in the Baptist Church and was an ordained Baptist pastor at the time he came to the Episcopal Church. The Bishop enjoyed a most distinguished career in the Diocese of Arizona before being

called to this diocese as our new bishop. We will follow the service with a great southern-style picnic on the parish green. Pray for a bright sunny spring day. As is our custom the church will provide the fried chicken and the rest of us will bring a "pot-luck" dish for the buffet table. You folks have been outstanding throughout the years in providing delightful and memorable picnic events. Due to the large number of churches in this diocese, we usually are able to have a visit from the bishop only every other year.

## Easter and Eastertide

On April 9<sup>th</sup> we celebrate the highest feast of the Christian Church—the Resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. Easter Day must be honored with the most beautiful setting that can be provided. The date of Easter is movable, coming on the first Sunday after the full moon following the vernal equinox. The date of Easter controls the Christian year beginning with Septuagesima and continuing to Trintytide. The high Easter Mass at Trinity has long been a beautiful event and has often attracted many visitors. The high Easter Mass will include all the "bells and whistles" usually associated with a high liturgical mass in the Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion, including the special blessings of the Asperges and incense. Please make your plans to be with us and invite your friends. The full Holy Week schedule will be described on page 2.

## History Club at Trinity

The Abbeville District History Club will hold its April meeting on April 4<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 pm at Trinity Church. Steve Clark, active Trinity member and president of the Friends of Trinity organization will host the meeting and lead the discussion on Trinity's very dramatic history in Abbeville, and more especially, on the very unique stained glass in the church

which has attracted many visitors in the church's almost 200 year history. For more than 100 years the glass was thought to be English to the point of actually being known where the glass came from near London. In the last few years it was discovered that the glass is all American. But Steve will tell you that story at the meeting. The glass has been extensively seen and admired in this country and has appeared at least four times in *Southern Living* and once in the *National Geographic*, once in the *Smithsonian Magazine*, and in the magazine *Stained Glass*. The April meeting will be opened to the public and Trinity members are encouraged to attend and bring your friends.

## Easter Flowers

Several of you have asked about Easter Flowers. Persons wishing to donate to Easter flowers in memory of loved-ones or friends may do so. Please give your check to the Chairman of the Altar Guild (Michele) or Lewis. Please include with your check a short note with the name of the honoree and your name as the giver. This information will be included in the Easter Sunday bulletin. Please make your donation by Palm Sunday. We very much appreciate your interest in helping to make the church especially beautiful on this High Feast of the Resurrection. Thank you.

## Holy Week Hours

The church will be open on all the days of Holy Week (Monday through Saturday) from 9:00 am until 4:00 pm to accommodate prayer and meditation. Prior to the closure for the restoration process, the church was open every day from 9:00 am until 4:00 pm for almost 100 years. At some point the vestry may determine to resume this practice. Do you have an opinion? If so, advise the wardens or members of the vestry.

## **Feast Days in April:**

### **Saint Mark**

On April 25<sup>th</sup>, we celebrate the *Feast of Saint Mark the Evangelist*, believed to be the author of the Gospel of Mark. After moving to Jerusalem from North Africa, Mark's mother became one of the earliest converts to Christianity and she influenced her son to become a follower of Jesus. The disciples were welcome in her home and this is where Mark met Peter, Paul and Barnabas. There is also some good evidence that Mark was at the wedding at Cana and was assisting with the wine skins when Jesus turned the water into wine. After the Ascension, Mark traveled with Peter to Rome, and later, following Peter's death, Mark traveled with Paul and Barnabas to Cyprus on their preaching mission. The Catholic Church teaches that Mark died in 68 AD of natural causes. Other historical accounts state that Mark was killed in Alexandria as a martyr to the Faith; and that is the official position of the Anglican Church. The Mark Gospel narrates the life and ministry of Jesus beginning with his meeting with John the Baptist and continuing to the crucifixion and Ascension. Mark did not witness most of the events detailed in his Gospel, but as a follower of Peter, he documented what Peter told him. Saint Mark is represented in Christian art as the historian of the Resurrection and his symbol is the winged-lion.

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### **Holy Week**

Holy Week will begin on Palm Sunday and recalls the events of our Lord's final days before his sacrifice on the cross. It is time of most solemn preparation for his triumph through his suffering, death and resurrection. This church will observe all of the High Holy Days of Holy Week and your participation is desired and invited. Please invite your friends to join you.

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### **Tenebrae**

The word Tenebrae comes from the Latin and means shadows or darkness. We will observe Tenebrae on Wednesday of Holy Week at 6:00 pm. In the last few years we have used a service based on the seven last words of Christ from the cross. This year we will use a new version based on the Passion according to Saint John and a brief time for meditation will be provided following each meditation when a well-known hymn about the cross will be played. The church will be lit by candles which are extinguished one by one after each reading. The final

candle is removed and the church is left in darkness. In the darkness we hear a fierce thunder that occurred when the veil was rent in the temple in Jerusalem. The lone candle then returns symbolizing that Christ is again with us and will be with us always. At the end of the service, the people leave in complete silence.

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### **Maundy Thursday**

The word Maundy comes from the Latin mandare, which means to command. It refers to the two commandments given by Jesus on the first Maundy Thursday: *Do this in remembrance of me and love one another as I have loved you*. Maundy Thursday commemorates the *Last Supper* of our Lord at which time he instituted the Holy Eucharist, the principle Holy Office of the Episcopal Church. The Holy Eucharist is always celebrated on Maundy Thursday. Following the Mass on this day, the Blessed Sacrament which has not been consumed, will be removed to the altar in the Lady Chapel (Altar of Repose), a place for quiet adoration in thanksgiving for God's feeding us with the most precious Body and Blood of our Savior, Jesus Christ. On Good Friday, the Altar of Repose will be available for private devotions until noon.

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### **Good Friday (A Fast)**

Good Friday is the most solemn and somber day of the church year—a day of deep mourning. It is the day which commemorates the suffering and death of Jesus on the cross. Because of the nature of the day, there is no consecration of the elements. If there is a Eucharist, the Holy Sacrament is provided from the reserve Sacrament which was consecrated on Maundy Thursday and has been residing on the Altar of Repose. At Trinity, the *Stations of the Cross* are always recited at noon on Good Friday and the Stations are followed by the *Watch by the Cross*. The Liturgy for Good Friday will be the final service for the day and will be read from the High Altar at 6:00 pm.

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### **The Stations of the Cross**

The Stations of the Cross will be recited at 12:00 Noon on Good Friday. We will move through the 14 stations directly and not observe periods of meditation following each station. This service will be over in about an hour to accommodate those persons who need to return to work. The number of stations, which varied widely at first, finally became fixed at 14. Of these, eight are based directly on events recorded in the Gospels. The re-

maining six (3,4,6,7,9, 13) are based on inferences from the Gospels or from pious legend. If you wish to read one (or more) of the meditations at a station, see Lewis. This is an ancient and beautiful service. Please join us and invite your friends.

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### **Holy Saturday**

On Holy Saturday we observe the *Great Vigil of Easter* and the *Lighting of the Pascal Candle*. This beautiful service is described in the *Book of Common Prayer*, beginning on page 285, where you can learn why it must be done at night. This is an extremely long, but beautiful service which we have not been able to do for several years. This service requires a priest and it is almost impossible to get a priest on a Saturday night unless you have a resident priest. However, we will be observing our usual Saturday Afternoons at Trinity which will accommodate prayers and meditations from 12:00 noon until 4:00 pm.

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### **The Watch by the Cross**

For many years, we have joined Anglican parishes all over the world in the *Watch by the Cross* which is observed between noon and 3:00 pm on Good Friday. During this time many of the faithful sit in their parish churches during the time that Jesus was on the cross, often on their knees for the whole time. At Trinity the doors are opened to the spring afternoon and participants are able to take brief respites in the garden. The music played during this time will be well known hymns about the cross. We are often joined by visitors from the community on these somber Good Friday afternoons who like to sit quietly in the church and perhaps say a prayer and light a candle. This writer once made the serious mistake on leaving this time and saying to the priest; "Wonderful time, Father, but rough on the knees." The venerable old priest responded with tears in his eyes: "Jesus was not all that comfortable on that cross either." I have always remembered that admonition

### **An Easter Eucharistic Hymn**




When Jesus died to save us, a word, and act he gave us; and still that word is spoken, and still the bread is broken. He was the word that spake it, he took the bread and break it, and what that word did make it, I do believe and take it. Amen. (Hymn #322, 1982 Hymnal, from the English poet, John Donne 1573—1631).


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# TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## APRIL 2023

*For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world! From the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Eucharistic Lectionary Year A  Office Lectionary Year 1	<b>Our Service Books:</b> BCP—Book of Common Prayer BOS—Book of Occasional Services LFF—Lesser Feasts and Fasts The Hymnal 1982	All lessons and readings are from the Revised Common Lectionary.		  For us He shed His Precious Blood		<b>1</b>
<b>2</b> Palm Sunday 10:00 am Bible Study 11:00 am <b>Holy Eucharist</b>	<b>3</b>  Monday in Holy Week	<b>4</b>  Tuesday in Holy Week	<b>5</b>  Wednesday in Holy Week  6:00 pm Tenebrae	<b>6</b>  Maundy Thursday  6:00 pm Mass	<b>7</b> FAST   Good Friday 12:00 Noon Stations of the Cross  6:00 pm—Liturgy For Good Friday	<b>8</b>  Holy Saturday  12:00—4:00 pm Private Devotions
<b>9</b> EASTER DAY  10:00 am Bible Study 11:00 am <b>Holy Eucharist</b> Light a candle in thanksgiving for the Risen Lord!!	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday Easter 10:00 am Bible Study 11:00 am <b>Holy Eucharist</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday Easter SAME AS ABOVE  =====	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>  Saint Mark The Evangelist (Altar: Red)	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Easter <b>Bishop's Visit</b>						

**April 2, 2023 (Sunday of the Passion)**  
 Celebrant: Father Schnatterly  
 Eucharistic Minister: Lewis  
 Lector: Dick  
 Acolyte: Andrew   
 Altar Guild: Michele  
 Altar Color: Violet  
 1<sup>st</sup> Lesson: Isaiah 50: 4-9a  
 Psalm: 31:9-16 *In te, Domine speravi*  
 The Epistle: Philippians 2:5-11  
 The Gospel: Matthew 21:1-11

**April 9, 2023 Easter Sunday**  
 Celebrant: Father Schnatterly  
 Eucharistic Minister: Lewis  
 Lector: Charleen  
 Acolyte: Andrew   
 Altar Guild: Myra  
 Altar Color: White  
 1<sup>st</sup> Lesson: Acts 10:34-43  
 Psalm : 118 : 1-2, 14-24  
 The Epistle: Colossians 3:1-4  
 The Gospel: John 20:1-18

**The Vestry meeting will meet on Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, immediately following Mass.**

A bright new sun rose over an empty tomb and the world was forever changed!  
 +Alleluia+

**April 16, 2023 (Second Sunday Easter)**  
 Celebrant: Father Schnatterly  
 Eucharistic Minister: Lewis  
 Lector: Mary Anne  
 Acolyte: Andrew  
 Altar Guild: Michele  
 Altar Color : White  
 1<sup>st</sup> Lesson: Acts 2 :14a, 22-32  
 Psalm: 16 *Conserva me, Domine*  
 The Epistle: 1 Peter 1:3-9  
 The Gospel: John 20:19-31

**April 23, 2023 (Third Sunday Easter)**  
 Celebrant: Father Schnatterly  
 Eucharistic Minister: Lewis  
 Lector: Ruth  
 Acolytes: Andrew  
 Altar Guild: Lewis  
 Altar Color: White  
 1<sup>st</sup> Lesson: Acts 2:14a,36-41  
 Psalm: 116:1-3, 10-17 *Dilexi quoniam*  
 The Epistle: 1 Peter 1:17-23  
 The Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

Excellent Bible Study with Hank every Sunday, 10:00 am, parish house. Great lessons and discussion. You are invited!

*May the Comfort of God's Love fill you with*  
**Hope and Peace.**

**April 30, 2023 (Fourth Sunday Easter)**  
 Celebrant: The Bishop  
 Eucharistic Minister: Lewis  
 Lector: Dick  
 Acolyte: Andrew  
 Altar Guild: Lewis  
 Altar Color: White  
 1<sup>st</sup> Lesson: Acts 2:42-47  
 Psalm: 23 *Dominus regit me*  
 The Epistle: 1 Peter 2:19-25  
 The Gospel: John 10: 1-10

<i>Happy Birthday</i>
04/15— <i>Ilona</i>
04/18— <i>Jim</i>
04/24— <i>Sam</i>

**Note:** On Palm Sunday (Sunday of the Passion) our service will begin in the parish garden with our Worship Leader and the Priest reading the Liturgy of the Psalms. Following the readings, you will receive your palm crosses and we will enter the nave singing the Liturgy of the Psalms processional—All Glory Laud and Honor to Thee Redeemer King. Thank you to Charleen for making our beautiful palm crosses again this year.

...and the angels said: "Why seek ye the living among the dead?" "He is not here but is risen." Luke 24: 5-6. +

## ***Trinity Episcopal Church***

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### **Our Mission Statement:**

Joyfully proclaiming the love of Christ in worship, outreach, welcome and care.

### **Our Bishop**

The Right Reverend Daniel Paul Richards  
The IX Bishop

### **Our Vicar:**

The Vicariate is currently vacant.

### **The Vestry:**

Cynthia Jefferies, Senior Warden (23)  
Mary Lynn Lyle, Junior Warden (24)  
Lewis Ashley (24)  
Charleen Clark (25)  
Ilona Anderson (23)  
Dick Haldeman (25)

### **Parish Administrator and Registrar:**

Dick Haldeman

### **Treasurer:**

Ilona Anderson

### **Musicians:**

John Pullin, Organist & Choirmaster  
Lewis Ashley, Assistant Organist  
Mary Anne Campbell, Cantor  
Ruth Freeman, Cantor

### **Eucharistic Ministers:**

Dick Haldeman  
Lewis Ashley

### **Worship Leaders:**

Dick Haldeman  
Lewis Ashley  
Cynthia Jefferies  
Hank Baggett  
Jennie Leverich

### **Altar Guild:**

Michele Wells, Chairman  
Myra Keith  
Ruth Freeman  
Lewis Ashley

### **Lectors (Lay Readers):**

Dick Haldeman  
Ruth Freeman  
Mary Anne Campbell  
Jennie Leverich  
Charleen Clark

### **Acolytes:**

Lewis Ashley  
Andrew Hartsfield

### **Eucharistic Visitors:**

Lewis Ashley  
Hank Baggett  
Cynthia Jefferies  
Jennie Leverich

### **Greeters/Ushers**

Ilona Anderson  
Hank Baggett

### **Parish Historian:**

May Hutchinson (In Memorium)

### **Children's Programs:**

Jan Haldeman

### **Bulletins, Special Projects:**

John Pullin

### **Sexton (Buildings & Grounds):**

Buddy Wells

### **Diocesan Convention Delegation:**

Lewis Ashley (voting)  
Mike Clary (voting)  
Cynthia Jefferies, Alternate  
Dick Haldeman, Alternate

### **Newsletters:**

Lewis Ashley

### **Sunday School/Bible Study:**

Hank Baggett

**For all who faithfully support this mission congregation, we give God thanks and praise**

It has been speculated by poets, theologians, priests and everyday Christians, that if it were possible for anyone to have suffered as much as Christ on the cross, it was his Blessed Mother.

### **Stabat Mater Dolorosa (The Sorrowful Mother Stood)**

At the cross her station keeping  
Stood the mournful Mother weeping  
Close to Jesus to the last.

Through her heart, His sorrow sharing,  
All His bitter anguish bearing,  
Lo! The piercing sword had passed.

O how sad and sore distressed  
Was the Mother, highly blessed,  
Of the Sole—Begotten One.

Who on Christ's dear Mother thinking  
Such a cup of Sorrow drinking  
Would not share Her sorrow deep.

For His people's sins rejected,  
Saw her Jesus unprotected.  
Saw with thorns, with scourges rent.

Saw Her Son from judgment taken,  
Her Beloved in death forsaken,  
Till his spirit forth he sent.

Fount of love and holy sorrow,  
Mother may my spirit borrow,  
Somewhat of your woe profound.

Unto Christ with pure emotion  
Raise my contrite heart's devotion  
To read love in every wound.

Thus Christ's dying may I carry,  
With Him in his Passion tarry,  
And His wounds in memory keep.

May He, when the mountains quiver,  
From that flame which burns forever,  
Shield me on that judgment day.

Jesus, may your cross defend me  
And your Mother's prayer befriend me;  
Let me die in your embrace.

When to dust my dust returns,  
Grant a soul that to you yearns,  
In your Paradise a place. Amen.

*Hail Mary, full of grace. The Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of our Redeemer, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.*

## **Letters From Our Friends**

Dear Friends:

Several months ago, my wife and I were in Abbeville and had the pleasure to visit your church. My wife had been born and reared in Abbeville and when she was accepted to the Juilliard Conservatory of Music she came up to New York where we met and married. She finished Juilliard with a Master's in voice performance which was quite an accomplishment for a little black girl from Abbeville, SC. She sang for a year with the chorus at the Met and finally settled into into a career of teaching aspiring singers, mostly children. She was taken with the beauty of your church as she had never been inside while she was growing up there. She was immediately attracted to the organ which was being played by a gentleman who graciously asked her to sing with him. He played and she sang the well-known Bach, *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring*, the Mozart, *Ave Verum Corpus* and the Handel, *I Know That My Redeemer Liveth*, and finally the black spiritual, *Sweet Little Jesus Boy*. The time we spent in your church that Saturday and the wonderful reception given her by the 25 or 30 people who listened to her impromptu concert brought her great joy and peace. Maggie had been fighting cancer for about three years and that time in your church was her last public performance before her death about two months later. Thank you and God Bless.  
Austin

Dear Austin:

It was such a joy and honor to be able to accompany Maggie on that Saturday afternoon at Trinity. Her magnificent contralto voice was an inspiration to hear. I believe you told me that you play the violin with the orchestra of the Metropolitan Opera. We would love for you to come and play a concert at Trinity as a memorial to Maggie's memory. And until you see her again, I know it gives you great comfort to know that she peacefully rests in the arms of that "Sweet Little Jesus Boy" and with the Saints and Angels sings "I know that my Redeemer liveth, and because he lives, I, too, shall live." God bless and keep you. Lewis.

### **Happy Easter everyone and thank you Jesus:**

For the pain and sacrifice on the cross.

For the Gift of Salvation.

For forgiving our sins.

For your unfathomable love and mercy.

For the Gift and Comfort of the Holy Spirit.

For the Resurrection of the dead and the Life

Of the world to come. Amen. (Copied).

