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Restoration Update

Preservation South Carolina has announced that phase two of the restoration is now complete at the cost of 1.3 million dollars (phase one and two). All work is now complete until the meeting with the new bishop takes place in early May. Bishop Richards will meet with representatives from Preservation South Carolina, Trinity vestry, and Friends of Trinity (501C) to determine the path forward. We will keep you posted.

Easter and Eastertide

On April 17th, we celebrate the highest feast of the Christian Church—the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Easter Day must be honored with the most beautiful setting which 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 Trinitytide. The High Easter Mass at Trinity has long been a beautiful event and has often attracted many visitors. Now that we are back in our church home, the Easter Mass will include all the “bells and whistles” usually associated with Easter Mass including the special blessings of the Asperges and incense. Please make your plans to be with us and bring your friends.

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, everyday in the Easter Season. This call is taken from the Gospel of Luke (Chapter 24). The scene is the end of Jesus’ appearance to some of his 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 (34). This well-known Easter acclamation is now repeated throughout all Christendom. This important call and re-

sponse is a joyful reminder to us all of Christ’s victory over death and the grave—a call of resurrection after cross and the tomb. *These are the words which I spoke 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 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!**

Easter Flowers

Several of you have asked about Easter flowers. Persons wishing to donate to Easter flowers in memory of loved-one or friend, may do so. Please give your check to the chairman of the Altar Guild (Michele) or Lewis. Please include with you 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 appreciate your interest in helping to make the church especially beautiful on this High Feast of the Resurrection. Thank you.

Evening Prayer

With the threat of covid abating, we have resumed our service of Evening Prayer every Wednesday at 6:00 pm in the parish hall. Prior to the hiatus due to the pandemic, we had a faithful group of our folks attending Evening Prayer on a regular basis and even occasional visitors. We hope all you regulars will come back soon and all other interested members and friends. The service is quiet and beautiful and a wonderful way to end the day. We have discontinued with our consideration of the “saint of the day” and hear only the Office as we must be out of the parish house when the Alanon-Allateen meeting begins at 7:00 pm. Hope to see you there.

House of Bishops

The House of Bishops of the Episcopal Church met for the first time since September 2019 with 133 bishops and bishops-elect present at Camp Allen, a retreat in Texas owned by the Diocese of Texas. Considerable interest and prayer were devoted to the bishops’ concern over the tragic genocide of the Ukrainian people. As is the custom, the bishops also spent much time in prayer and discussions on the health of the American Church and the vitality of its ministry. The House of Bishops also voted unanimously to also issue statements condemning Russia’s invasion of the Ukraine and political actions targeting transgender people at its March 15-21 meeting. Our new bishop, the Rt. Rev. Daniel Paul Richards made his first appearance as a bishop at this meeting.

New Mission Statement

About twenty years ago when we started our present newsletter we consulted with the diocesan communications director about what should be included in a parish newsletter. It was stated that a mission statement should be included. At that time our vestry decided on the statement: *To do the work that Christ has given us to do.* This has served us well, but is somewhat generic. In a recent meeting of the vestry, a new mission was approved which better states how we can do the work that Christ has given us to do. Our new mission statement is: *Joyfully proclaiming the love of Christ in worship, outreach, welcome and care.* That’s how we do it at Trinity. Let us know your opinion. Thanks.

Help Available

Alcoholics Anonymous meets each Monday and Thursday at Trinity at 6:00 pm. Alanon-Allateen meets at Trinity every Wednesday evening at 7:00 pm. You are invited to attend these meetings if you are having any problems with alcohol or family problems with family members who are struggling with addictions.

Feast Days in April:

Saint Mark

On April 25th, 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 good historical evidence that Mark was at the wedding in 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 Barnabas and Paul 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 as a martyr to the Faith in Alexandria and this is the 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 described to him. Saint Mark is often represented in Christian art as the historian of the Resurrection and his symbol is the winged-lion. His is often depicted holding a pen in his right hand and his Gospel in his left hand.

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 a time for most solemn preparation for his triumph through his suffering, death and Resurrection. It has been our custom to observe all the traditional services of Holy Week which we are pleased to be able to do this year as we are again at home in our sanctuary.

Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday (the Sunday of the Passion) is the sixth Sunday in Lent and the first day of Holy Week (April 10). Palm branches and fronds are used to decorate the High Altar and small palm crosses are given to all members of the congregation as they enter the church (Thanks to Charlene for the lovely palm crosses she made for us this year.) These palm implements remind us of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem when people bearing

palm branches accompanied his triumphal procession. Remember that your palm crosses have been blessed by the priest and should never be disposed of in a trash can. Many people like to use them as book marks in their Bible or Prayer Book. If you do not wish to keep your cross, you may place it in the basket provided where they will be collected and burned to make the ashes for Ash Wednesday. The Palm Sunday Service will begin in the garden with the *Liturgy of the Palms* (Luke 19:28-40) and Psalm 118). Following the lessons, we will receive our palm crosses and process into the church singing the principal hymn for Palm Sunday—*All Glory Laud and Honor to Thee Redeemer King* (Hymn #154.)

Holy Wednesday—Tenebrae

The word *Tenebrae* comes from the Latin and means shadows or darkness. We will observe *Tenebrae* this year on the Wednesday of Holy Week at 6:00 pm. The readings are somber and from the Passion Gospel and this year's meditations will be on the seven last words of Christ from the cross. The organist will softly play one of the well known hymns of the cross following each reading to allow a brief time of personal reflection. The altar will be lit by candles which are extinguished one by one after each reading. The final candle is removed and we are left in darkness, which reminds us that the entire world was left in darkness while Jesus was in the tomb. In the darkness we hear depicted on the organ pedals the 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 remain with us forever. At the end of the service, the people depart in complete silence. Please join us.

Maundy Thursday

The word Maundy comes from the Latin *maundare*, 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 principal Holy Office of the Episcopal Church. The Holy Eucharist is always celebrated on *Maundy Thursday* (6:00 pm at the High Altar.) Following Mass on this evening, the Blessed Sacrament which has not been consumed, will be carried to the *Altar of Repose* in

the Lady Chapel for quiet adoration and thanksgiving for the redeeming blood of the Savior. You can help keep the night watch by dedicating an hour of your time for meditation and prayer following the *Maundy Thursday Mass (...what, could you not watch with me for one hour? Matthew 26:40)*. The reserve sacrament from the *Maundy Thursday Mass* will remain on the *Altar of Repose* for private devotions and meditation until the evening Liturgy on Good Friday.

Good Friday

Good Friday is the most solemn and somber feast of the church year—a day of most serious reflection and contemplation. 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 Blessed Sacrament in the Anglican Church on *Good Friday*. Father Manning will lead the *Stations of the Cross* at noon on *Good Friday* and the *Liturgy for Good Friday* at the High Altar at 6:00 pm. Both of these services are visitor friendly, so feel free to invite your friends. We will observe our usual custom of the *Watch by the Cross* from 12:00 noon until 3:00 pm (the hours that Christ was on the cross). This very old tradition is still observed by many Episcopalians, other protestants and Catholics who spend all or some of the three hours in the church, some on their knees, in prayer or reading from their Bible or Prayer Book. The doors to the garden will be open for those needing a brief respite. Father Manning will be available for counseling and will hear confession on Good Friday afternoon after the *Stations of the Cross* and before the evening liturgy. You may sign-up for a consultation or, to protect your privacy, you may just show up and see the priest. To see the procedure for making a formal confession, see *The Reconciliation of a Penitent, Book of Common Prayer, p. 447*. All afternoon music on Good Friday will be the old well-known hymns about the cross.

Holy Saturday

We will have a short service on Holy Saturday afternoon at 3:00 pm (the *Liturgy of the Word*, BCP, p. 283). Those wishing to participate in the traditional, but much longer, *Great Vigil of Easter* are invited to join in this service with our friends at the Church of the Resurrection in Greenwood, to be conducted by Mother Mary Balfour Dunlap, Rector, and will include the lighting of the *Pascal Candle*, the *Liturgy of the Word* and the *Holy Eucharist*.

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

APRIL 2022

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 C Office Lectionary Year 2	Our Service Books: BCP—Book of Common Prayer BOS—Book of Occasional Services LFF—Lesser Feasts and Fasts The Hymnal 1982	This symbol (+) designates a day to be observed by special acts of discipline and devotion.	Excellent Bible Study with Hank every Sunday, 10:00 am, in the parish house.	All Lessons and Readings are from the Revised Common Lectionary.	1 + 2 +	
3 + 5th Sunday Lent 10:00 am Bible Study 11:00 am Holy Eucharist	4 +	5 +	6 + 6:00 pm Evening Prayer	7 +	8 +	9 +
10 Palm Sunday 10:00 am Bible Study 11:00 am Holy Eucharist 12:00 Noon Vestry Meets	11 + Monday in Holy Week	12 + Tuesday in Holy Week	13 + Wednesday in Holy Week 6:00 pm Tenebrae	14 + Maundy Thursday 6:00 pm Maundy Thursday Eucharist	15 + GOOD FRIDAY Fast 12:00 Noon Stations of the Cross 6:00 pm Good Friday Liturgy	16 + Holy Saturday 3:00 pm Liturgy of the Word (BCP, p. 283)
17 Easter Sunday 10:00 am Bible Study 11:00 am Holy Eucharist	18	19	20 6:00 pm Evening Prayer	21	22 Earth Day	23
24 2nd Sunday Easter 10:00 am Bible Study 11:00 am Holy Eucharist	25 Saint Mark The Evangelist (Altar: Red)	26	27 6:00 pm Evening Prayer	28	29 Arbor Day	30

April 3, 2022

Celebrant: Father Manning
Eucharistic Minister: Lewis
Lector: Dick
Acolyte: Andrew
Altar Guild: Michele
Altar Colors: Violet
1st Lesson: Isaiah 43:16-21
Psalm: 126
The Epistle: Philippians 3:46-14
The Gospel: John 12:1-8

April 10, 2022 *Sunday of the Passion*

Celebrant: Father Manning
Eucharistic Minister: Lewis
Lector: Charlene
Acolyte: Andrew
Altar Guild: Myra
Altar Colors: Red
1st Lesson: Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm : 31 :9-16
The Epistle: Philippians 2:5-11
The Gospel: Luke 23:1-49

The Blessed Sacrament is the most perfect nourishment for the human soul. Blessed are they that are called to the Supper of the Lamb. Amen.

April 17, 2022 *The Resurrection*

Celebrant: Father Manning
Eucharistic Minister: Lewis
Lector: Dick
Acolyte: Andrew
Altar Guild: Michele
Altar Colors: White
1st Lesson: Isaiah 65 :17-25
Psalm: 118:1-12, 14-24
The Epistle: Acts 10:34-43
The Gospel: John 20:1-18

April 24, 2022

Celebrant: Father Manning
Eucharistic Minister: Lewis
Lector: Mary Anne
Acolyte: Andrew
Altar Guild: Lewis
Altar Colors: White
1st Lesson: Acts 5:27-32
Psalm: Psalm 150
The Epistle: Revelation 1:4-8
The Gospel: John 20:19-31

It is respectfully requested that all conversation cease after the High Altar has been lit for the Mass. This is a good time for personal meditation. "But the Lord is in his holy temple: let all the earth keep silence before Him. Habakkuk 2:20.

Happy Birthday

04/15—Ilona

04/18—Jim

04/24—Sam

Special Intentions—During these days of Lent and Holy Week, you might like to consider inviting some of your friends to join you for prayers at the Labyrinth and a quiet lunch at the picnic tables. Invite your friends to enjoy the Labyrinth and to bring their friends for a visit.

Vestry Meeting, April 10th immediately following Mass.

...why seek ye the living among the dead? He is not here, but is risen: remember how he spake unto you when he was yet in Galilee, saying, the Son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again. Luke 24:5-7 KJV.

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

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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)
Hank Baggett, Junior Warden (22)
Mary Lynn Lyle (24)
Myra Keith (22)
Ilona Anderson (23)
Lewis Ashley (24)
Mike Clary (22)

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
Charlene 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:

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

Newsletters:

Lewis Ashley
Jennie Leverich

Sunday School/Bible Study:

Hank Baggett

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

Pancake Supper

Trinity's annual pancake supper for the community was presented on Shrove Tuesday and served more than 100 guests. Our gracious friends at the Church of the Sacred Heart allowed us to use their parish house which will accommodate considerably more people than ours. The supper was a success as we served free pancakes, sausage and fresh fruit to all comers. The Shrove Tuesday pancake supper at the beginning of Lent is a tradition throughout the Anglican Communion and is observed all over the world. We believe our free supper is excellent public relations and generally generates as much in donations as if we charged for the supper. Special thanks to all of you who worked so hard to make the event a success!

Fish Fry, Church of the Sacred Heart, Friday, April 8th, parish house, 4:30pm—8:00pm, Excellent fish, baked potato, slaw and fancy dessert—\$15.00. Y'all come and support our friends at the Sacred Heart!

Letters from our Friends:

Dear Trinity Folks:

Thank you so much for wishing my 85-year-old mother a happy birthday in your March newsletter. It brought her great joy, and especially your visit to the nursing home in which she was able to sing Jesus Loves Me with the pianist. Mom died the next week, but is now in a better place. My father who is also 85 is now with us in Atlanta. Mom and dad frequently remarked about their many happy visits to Trinity on Saturday afternoons. Jesus stated very clearly how he expects us to treat the sad and lonely in the 25th chapter of Matthew, and it is a pleasure to see that your Saturday afternoons at Trinity reach out to everyone, but especially the sad and lonely. God bless all you folks at Trinity. Jenny and Paul, Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Jenny:

We loved your folks and will pray for Carl, you and Paul. I hope it brings you great comfort to know that Jesus has now told your mother face to face how much He loves her. We will be sending you our newsletter and hope you will visit us whenever you are in Abbeville. God bless and keep you. Editor.

Saturdays at Trinity

Saturday afternoons at Trinity has been a time for over twenty years in which we have received our many visitors who are in Abbeville on Saturday afternoons as tourists or attending some of the Abbeville festivals. God has greatly blessed our church in that for almost 200 years it has been a beacon to the Faith and people have just not been able to walk down Trinity Street without dropping in for a visit. Some just sit quietly and rest or enjoy the stained glass, while others light candles in the Lady Chapel for friends and loved-ones and say their prayers. Many come up to sing with the organ, and some bring their own instruments to play along. We have received many letters from people to whom God has given special blessings during their visits here, and we thank Him for that grace. For almost 100 years before we closed for the restoration, the church was open daily from 9:00 to 5:00 for prayer and meditation. These doors are always open. To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest; to all who morn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who sin and need a Savior; to all who are strangers and seek fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness; and to whosoever will may come—this church opens wide her arms and offers welcome in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ. After all, it was Jesus who said: *Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.* (Matthew 11:28). As members we take great pride in the fact that these doors are always open and that the Holy Spirit is here and waiting.

Your visits and letters are welcome and appreciated. Feel free to contact us at P.O. Box 911, Abbeville, SC, 29620 or visit at 200 Church Street, just off the square. Enjoy our prayer labyrinth at your leisure.

A Blessing for Eastertide

May the glory and the promise of this joyous time of year bring happiness and peace to you and those you hold dear. And may Christ, our Risen Savior, always be there by your side and bless you most abundantly and be your loving guide. Amen. (Copied)