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## Restoration Report

Preservation South Carolina has announced that phase two of our restoration is now complete at the cost of 1.3 million dollars (phase one and two). The amount spent so far represents about half of the total projected budget for the restoration. Our congregation was organized in 1842 and the cornerstone for our current building was laid in 1859, and the church was consecrated in 1860. The building has long been considered one of the finest examples of gothic architecture in the state outside of Charleston and in its early days was often referred to as the "cathedral of the upstate." We will keep you posted as planning continues with the diocese and Preservation SC.

## Our Lenten Pilgrimage

On March 2<sup>nd</sup> we begin our observance of the forty days of Lent with the Ash Wednesday Eucharist and the imposition of the Ashes. During this entire season our churches are dark, our altars have no flowers and our mood is somber. Visitors to our churches are often stricken at the sight of our crosses under dark veils and a heavy ambience of shadows and quiet demeanor. This, of course, is appropriate as we are in the serious contemplation on the passion and resurrection of the Redeemer. For much of the Church's history, Lent was very strictly observed. Sadly, that is no longer the case. Many recent studies suggest that most modern Christians do not pay much attention at all. In the Episcopal Church, we are called to observe the season by prayer, self-examination, self-denial and fasting. Some of our major theologians have written that the somberness of the season should lead us to psychologically spend time with Jesus in wilderness and to stand (or Kneel) on Good Friday at the foot of the cross in an attempt to capture some of the emotion of those cataclysmic events which were necessary to achieve the salvation of our souls. Lent can often be a difficult time for those Episcopa-

lians who are truly able to immerse themselves into the nature and essence of the season (Forward Day by Day, 2019).

But our reward comes on that Easter Sunday in April (17<sup>th</sup>), the highest feast of the Christian Church, when we are able to proclaim with the saints and the angels: *It is finished* (John 19:30). *The strife is o'er, the battle done, the victory of life is won; the song of triumph has begun.* Alleluia (Hymn #208). (Some thoughts in this article borrowed from the *Anglican Digest*, 2016).

## From Common Prayer

Lent is the time of the year when Christians are called to observe with great devotion the days of our Lord's passion and resurrection, and we are called to prepare ourselves in this season of penitence and fasting. The season of Lent provided a time in which converts to the Faith were prepared for Baptism. It was also a time when those, because of notorious sins, had been separated from the body of the faithful were reconciled by penitence and forgiveness, and restored to the fellowship of the Church. Thereby, the whole congregation was put in mind of the message of pardon and absolution as set forth in the Gospel of our Savior, and the need which all Christians continually have to renew their repentance and faith. In the name of the Church, therefore, we are invited to the observance of a Holy Lent, through self-examination and repentance by prayer, fasting and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's Holy Word. (Book of Common Prayer, p. 264-265)

## Consecration of the IX Bishop

On a bright sunny Saturday on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of February in the rather grand ambience of historic Trinity Cathedral, the Very Reverend Daniel Paul Richards was ordained and consecrated to the Episcopate as the IX Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Upper South Carolina. The cathedral was filled with approximately 500 members from the various parish and mission churches of

the diocese, distinguished representatives from the national Church and the Anglican Communion, with 20 visiting bishops including the Presiding Bishop of the American Church in his role as Chief Consecrator. The bishops and people sit. Representatives of the diocese, both priests and lay persons, standing before the Presiding Bishop, present the bishop-elect. The service then continued with the Ministry of the Word, the Examination, and concluded with the actual Consecration in which the Presiding Bishop and all other Bishops present "laid hands" upon the head of the bishop-elect bringing him into the Apostolic Succession, the unbroken line to the first Bishop of Rome and the Chair of Saint Peter. The Bishop was then vested according to the order of bishops and then received the other symbols of his office: the Mitre (the traditional head-dress of bishops, the Episcopal ring, and the Crosier (the shepherd's staff) which the bishop carries in procession. The Presiding Bishop then presented to the people their new Bishop at which time the clergy and people offered their acclamation and applause. The new bishop was then escorted to his to his episcopal chair as the liturgy continued with the Offertory while the deacons prepared the Lord's table. The new bishop then went to the Lord's Table as chief Celebrant and joined by other bishops and presbyters, offered his first celebration of the Holy Eucharist as a bishop. The Consecration ceremony was followed by a lovely reception in the Cathedral Commons. We thank God for our excellent new Bishop. God save the IX Bishop!

## Free Pancake Supper

Don't forget. Free pancakes, all you can eat, Shrove Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, from 5:00 pm until 7:00 pm, Sacred Heart Catholic Church parish house. Want to help cook or serve? See Lewis. Y'all come and bring all your friends. No charge, but donations accepted. Best pancakes in town. Hope to see you there!

## **Feast Days in March**

### **Saint Joseph**

We celebrate the *Feast of Saint Joseph*, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary and foster-parent to Jesus. The feast is celebrated as a solemnity in the Roman Catholic Church where it is observed as a first class feast. It is also a major feast in all the provinces of the Anglican Communion, and a feast in the Lutheran Church. In many parts of the world Saint Joseph altars are decorated with elaborate food items, flowers and images. Since the feast always falls during Lent, a season of abstinence, the traditional Saint Joseph's table is typically covered with many various meatless dishes. Everything we know about Joseph comes from Scripture. He was a carpenter and a working man. He was not rich because when he accompanied Mary and presented Jesus in the temple, he offered a sacrifice of either two pigeons or two turtle doves which was allowed for those who could not afford a lamb (Leviticus 12:08). Despite his humble work and means, Joseph came from a royal lineage. Matthew and Luke focus on different details of Jesus' genealogy, but both mark the Lord's descent from King David. Since Joseph does not appear in Jesus' public ministry, at his death or Resurrection, many historians believe that he died before Jesus began his ministry. Tradition holds that Joseph was an honorable man who followed the Law in caring for the Blessed Mother and the Messiah. Saint Joseph is venerated by Christians for the protection he gave to the *Theotokos* (Mother of God) and to the Redeemer. Saint Joseph is the patron saint of the universal church, unborn children, fathers, workers, immigrants and peaceful death.

### **Collect for Saint Joseph**

O God, who from the family of thy servant David, didst raise up Joseph to be the guardian of thy incarnate Son and the spouse of his Virgin Mother; Give us grace to imitate his uprightness of life and his obedience to thy commands; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen. (Book of Common Prayer, p 188).

### **The Annunciation**

We celebrate the *Annunciation of Our Lord Jesus Christ to the Blessed Virgin Mary* (anglicized from the *Latin Vulgate*, Luke 1:26-39, *Annuntiatio nativitatis Christi*) on March 25<sup>th</sup>. It is the Christian celebration of the announcement of the Archangel Gabriel to the

Blessed Virgin Mary that she would conceive and become the mother of Jesus, the Son of God, marking his Incarnation. Gabriel told Mary to name her son Jesus, meaning "savior." This feast occurs nine full months before Christmas, the ceremonial birthday of Jesus. According to the Gospel of Luke (1:26), the Annunciation occurred "in the sixth month" of Elizabeth's pregnancy with John the Baptist. Approximating the normal vernal equinox, the date of the Annunciation also marked the New Year in many places, including England, where it is also called *Lady Day*. A separate annunciation, which is briefer, but in the same vein as the one in Luke, is given to Joseph in Matthew (1:18-21). The *Feast of the Annunciation* is one of the twelve great feasts of the Church and among the eight that are considered as *Feasts of the Lord*. The Annunciation is also mentioned in the Muslim Holy Book (the *Quoran*) in Sura 003:045: *Behold! The angels said: O Mary! Allah giveth thee good tidings of a word from Him: his name will be Christ Jesus, the Son of Mary, held in honor in this world and the hereafter and of (the company of) those nearest to Allah.*

### **Ave Maria**

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women and blessed in the Fruit of thy womb, Jesus; for thou hast brought unto us the Savior of our souls. Alleluia and Amen.

### **Laetare Sunday**

Laetare Sunday (March 27th) so-called from the beginning of the Introit for Mass, *Laetare Jerusalem* (*O be Joyful Jerusalem, Isaiah 66: 10*) is the name used to denote the fourth Sunday of Lent. This Sunday is also known as *Mothering Sunday*, *Refreshment Sunday* and *Rose Sunday* (because of the golden rose sent by the popes to the Catholic sovereigns which were blessed on this Sunday). The day was also known as the "Sunday of the Five Loaves" referring to the traditional Gospel reading appointed for this day. This is the only Sunday in Lent when the rigors of the season are relaxed with flowers allowed on the altars and the full musical compliment to the Mass. It is a day of hope with the joys of Easter at last within sight.

### **Evening Prayer to Resume**

For many years, Evening Prayer was read at Trinity on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 pm. That service was attended regularly by a group of our members with visitors from time to

time. The service was discontinued due to the pandemic when many of the usual church services were discontinued throughout the diocese on the directions of the bishop. We are now ready to resume our Evening Prayer service at its usual time (6:00 pm) and will begin on the 16<sup>th</sup> of March. We hope all our regular attendees will return. Due to our new Allateen and Alanon programming which begins at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, our Evening Prayer service will include only the Holy Office and no longer the discussion of the "saint of the day" or brief Bible study. Please consider joining us for Evening Prayer, Wednesdays at six pm.

### **Ash Wednesday**

Ash Wednesday is officially the first day of Lent. The day gets its name from the Fast (one of the two great Fasts in the Church year, the other being Good Friday). On this day we observe the ancient ritual of the blessing and imposition of the ashes. The faithful kneel at the High Altar for the priest to make the *Sign of the Cross* on their foreheads with the ashes. The ashes are obtained from the burning of the blessed palm crosses left over from the previous Palm Sunday. This service is especially somber and the participants are often shaken by the words of the priest as he imposes the ashes: *Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return.* Father Manning will say the Mass on Ash Wednesday (March 2<sup>nd</sup>) at 6:00 pm at the High Altar. Please make your plans to be with us and bring your friends.

### **Memorial Benches**

Many of you purchased memorial benches for the labyrinth and garden area. We are now ready to complete the memorial inscriptions (epigraph) to be applied to the benches. Please pick up the forms from the library table in the narthex. The forms will tell us how you wish your memorial to read. Memorial benches are still available. The Trinity Labyrinth has been a great success and we expect it to receive more visitors when the weather improves and the garden continues to develop. If you would like to donate a bench in memory of a friend or loved-one, see Lewis or Cynthia.

*May the God of hope fill you with all  
joy and peace as you trust in him,  
so that you may overflow with hope  
by the power of the Holy Spirit.*

*Romans 15:13*

# TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## March 2022

*And he was there in the wilderness forty days, tempted of Satan; and was with the wild beasts; and the angels ministered unto him. Mark 1:13*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Eucharistic Lectionary Year C  Office Lectionary Year 2	<b>Our Service Books:</b> BCP—Book of Common Prayer BOS—Book of Occasional Services LFF—Lesser Feasts and Fasts The Hymnal 1982	<b>1</b>  Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper 5:00 pm—7:00 pm Sacred Heart Parish House—Y'all Come!!	<b>2</b>  ASH WEDNESDAY Fast Mass and Imposition Of the Ashes 6:00 PM	<b>3</b>  John and Charles Wesley, Priests 1791, 1788 W	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> <b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Lent</b> 10:00 am Bible Study 11:00 am <b>Holy Eucharist</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Ember Day	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Ember Day	<b>12</b> Ember Day
<b>13</b> (DST Begins) <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Lent</b> 10:00 am Bible Study 11:00 am <b>Holy Eucharist</b> 12:00 Noon Vestry Meets	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>  6:00 pm Evening Prayer	<b>17</b>  St. Patrick of Ireland Missionary, Bishop 461 W	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>  Saint Joseph (Altar: White)
<b>20</b> <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Lent</b> 10:00 am Bible Study 11:00 am <b>Holy Eucharist</b> Spring Begins	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>  6:00 pm Evening Prayer	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>  The Annunciation of Our Lord Jesus Christ To the Blessed Virgin Mary (Altar: White)	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> (Laetare) <b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Lent</b> 10:00 am Bible Study 11:00 am <b>Holy Eucharist</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>  6:00 pm Evening Prayer	<b>31</b>  John Donne, Priest And Poet, 1631 W	Readings and Lessons are from the Revised Common Lectionary.	Bible Study every Sunday with Hank, 10:00 am, Parish House.

**March 6, 2022**

Celebrant: Father Manning  
Eucharistic Minister: Lewis  
Lector: Dick  
Acolyte: Andrew  
Altar Guild: Michele  
Altar Colors: Violet  
1<sup>st</sup> Lesson: Deuteronomy 26:1-11  
Psalm: 91:1-2, 9-16 Qui habitat  
The Epistle: Romans 10:8b-13  
The Gospel: Luke 4: 1-13

**March 13, 2022**

Celebrant: Father Manning  
Eucharistic Minister: Lewis  
Lector: Charlene  
Acolyte: Andrew  
Altar Guild: Myra  
Altar Colors: Violet  
1<sup>st</sup> Lesson: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18  
Psalm : 27 Dominus regnavit  
The Epistle: Philippians 3:17-4:1  
The Gospel: Luke 13:31-35

**REMINDER:** Daylight Saving Time begins at 2:00 am on Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup>. Move your clock forward one hour. Don't be late for Mass.

**March 20, 2022**

Celebrant: Father Manning  
Eucharistic Minister: Lewis  
Lector: Dick  
Acolyte: Andrew  
Altar Guild: Michele  
Altar Colors: Violet  
1<sup>st</sup> Lesson: Exodus 3:1-15  
Psalm: 63 :1-8 Deus, Deus meus  
The Epistle: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13  
The Gospel: Luke 13:1-9

**March 27, 2022**

Celebrant: Father Manning  
Eucharistic Minister: Lewis  
Lector: Mary Anne  
Acolyte: Andrew  
Altar Guild: Lewis  
Altar Colors: Violet (Rose)  
1<sup>st</sup> Lesson: Exodus 34:29-35  
Psalm: 32 Beati quorum  
The Epistle: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21  
The Gospel: Luke 15:1-3,11b-32

**Communion**—If you are unable to attend Mass and wish to receive the Blessed Sacrament, please contact the Senior Warden or Lewis. It will be our pleasure to provide a priest or Eucharistic Visitor to serve you.

Happy Birthday

03/05--Carl

03/08--Brook

**Vestry Meeting, March 13, immediately following Mass.**

Someone always asks: What are Ember Days (Quattour tempora)? Three days which occur four times a year after St. Lucy's Day (Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>), Ash Wednesday, Pentecost, and Holy Cross Day (Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>) which have become occasions for ordination, for which the Church prays and the candidates prepare themselves by prayer and retreat. Originally associated with sowing, harvest and vintage for which one fasted, prayed and gave alms. See *Book of Common Prayer*, pp. 256-257, 929. See calendar

Praise the Lord, O my soul.  
I will praise the Lord all my life;  
I will sing praise to my God  
as long as I live.

Psalms 146:1-2

## 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)  
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.**

### **A History of Lent**

What are the origins of Lent? Did the Church always observe this time before Easter? Lent is a special time of prayer, penance, sacrifice and good works to help us get prepared for the highest feast of the Church year—The Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. The word Lent is derived from the Anglo-Saxon word *lencten* which means spring and *lenctentide* which means springtime and is also the word for March, the month in which the majority of Lent falls. Since the earliest times of the Church, there is evidence of some of Lenten preparation for Easter. Lent became more regularized after the official legalization of Christianity in AD 313. The Council of Nicaea (325), in its canons, noted that two provincial synods should be held each year, one before the forty days of Lent. St. Athanasius, in his *Festal Letters*, implored all of his congregation to make a forty day fast prior to the more intense fasting of Holy Week. Finally, Pope Leo preached that the faithful must "fulfill with their fasts the apostolic institution of the forty days," again noting the apostolic origins of Lent. One can safely conclude that by the end of the fourth century, the forty day period of preparation for Easter known as Lent existed, and that prayer and fasting constituted its primary spiritual exercises. The number "40" has always had a very special meaning with regard to preparation. We are told that Moses remained on Mt. Sinai with the Lord for forty days and forty nights as he was preparing to receive the Ten Commandments (Exodus 34:28). Elijah walked forty days and forty nights to the mountain of the Lord, Mt. Horab (another name for Sinai (1 Kings 19:8). Jesus fasted and prayed for forty days and nights in the wilderness before he began his ministry (Matthew 4:2). Eventually the practice began to fast for six days over the course of six weeks, and Ash Wednesday was instituted

to bring up the number of fasting days to forty before Easter. Fasting is a very personal decision and is often determined by one's state of health. Many faithful Episcopalians still follow the ancient practice of giving up something they very much enjoy for Lent as a sacrifice; and others attend no social functions at all during the forty days of Lent. Moreover, an emphasis should be placed on performing special acts like participating in the *Stations of the Cross*, attending Mass and making extra time for prayer and Bible Study. Although many practices have evolved over the centuries, the focus remains the same: to repent of sin, to renew our faith and to prepare to joyfully celebrate the mysteries of our salvation (Copied from the *Living Church*).

### **Letters From Our Friends**

Dear Sir:

My wife and I used to enjoy our visits to your church on Saturday afternoons. She was the lady who always liked to sing Jesus Loves Me with the organist. We are both 85 and now in the nursing home. We enjoy reading your newsletter and feel like we are members with you there. Brook will be 86 on March 8. Could you wish her a happy birthday in your letter. It would be the best gift she could receive and this may be her last year. Thank you.  
Brook and Carl Davis

Dear Carl:

Please contact us at 864-992-2200. We will be happy to wish Brook a happy birthday in the newsletter from all of us at Trinity. If possible, we would like to send someone to visit and if we can find a piano, we will sing Jesus Loves Me. Jesus loves you indeed, and so do we.  
Lewis (for the folks at Trinity)

### **WELL DONE!!**

The election and consecration of a new bishop in the Episcopal Church is an enormously expensive, complicated, and time-consuming process sometimes taking years to plan and execute. Congratulations and kudos to our excellent diocesan staff, the various committees, the Diocesan Executive Council, priests and laity who made this difficult process move so efficiently with such good results. We now have an excellent new bishop and are looking for a bright future for the diocese. Thanks be to God!

And now these three remain:

Faith, Hope & Love.

But the greatest of

these is...

Love



1 Corinthians 13:13