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Restoration Continues

It appears that the restoration process is back on schedule and moving along well. The flooring from the balcony over the narthex has been removed due to decay and is being replaced and the tower is nearing completion. The cross which stood on the top of the steeple which was damaged by the crane, has also been replaced and the new cross, fashioned in bright shiny copper glistens in the morning sun and may be seen from many of the avenues entering the city and offers a wonderful welcome to visitors. A special thank you to Mr. Bedenbaugh who made a special effort to see that the new cross was made and put in place. Many visitors are returning on Saturdays and the bus tours are also coming back.

IX Bishop Elected

A bright and warm September day dawned on the 25th with the cathedral parapets gleaming in the early morning sun under a sky of Carolina blue. This scene welcomed several hundred parish and mission electors to Trinity Cathedral to elect their new bishop. Nothing daunting, not even "old covid" could dampen the enthusiasm of this group of upstate Episcopalians who were happy and honored to represent their congregations in this important task. The election process, though affected by many restrictions and safeguards, imposed by the pandemic, moved smoothly and efficiently and well managed by the diocese. Only the parish electors, the Standing Committee, the Nominating Committee and special guests were allowed to enter the cathedral compound. On the fifth ballot, we successfully elected our IX Bishop—the **Very Rev. Daniel P. Richards**, currently rector of a large parish church in Arizona. The IX Bishop will be consecrated to the Episcopate in Trinity Cathedral on February 26, 2022. We will bring you full details of this event as we get closer to that time. The consecration of a bishop is an ancient and

time honored event and the ceremony is 1000 years old and moving to watch. We hope to take as many of our members as possible to the cathedral on this occasion. Stay tuned. Our sincerest congratulations and best wishes to the Bishop-Elect. God save the IX Bishop.

Bishop Makes Last Visit

On September 19, Bishop Waldo made his last official visit to Trinity in his role as our Bishop. The service was beautiful and well attended. At this time, the Bishop received Ann Judd as the newest member of our church family. Ann has been with us for awhile, is a delight and we are so pleased to have her with us. The Mass was followed by a light reception in the parish garden and provided the Bishop with an opportunity to have a look at our new labyrinth. As you know, both the Bishop and his wife are graduates of the New England Conservatory of Music and are virtuoso performers on the recorder, an ancient classical instrument somewhat akin to the modern flute. The Bishop gave a short program at the end of his visit on the recorder in the nave which was very much enjoyed. Trinity is famous for its almost perfect acoustics and the plaintive voice of the recorder was most imposing in this environment. We will miss Bishop Waldo at Trinity. May God always continue to bless the VIII Bishop and his family.

Convocation Report

The Foothills Convocation met on Sunday, September 19th at the Church of the Redeemer at 2:00 pm in Greenville. The meeting was conducted by Father Mike Flannagan, Dean of the Convocation. It was reported that the annual diocesan budget (SOM) Statement of Mission for 2022 is completed and will be presented to the 100th Diocesan Convention for approval in early November. The Reverend Catherine Tatem was elected as the new dean and Mr. Trey Austin as the Lay Warden. Nominees were

also named for the Standing Committee and the Diocesan Executive Council, the Ecclesiastical Court and Sewanee. Father Flannagan made an excellent dean for the convocation and is retiring from active parish ministry at the end of the year.

Legislation Recommended

Presiding Bishop Michael Curry joined 11 other faith leaders representing the ecumenical advocacy group Circle of Protection during a September 22nd visit to the White House to advocate for passage of legislation supporting families, workers and citizens. Circle of Protection includes members from a wide range of denominations including Roman Catholic, Episcopal, Lutheran, Baptist, Disciples of Christ, AME, and Quaker. Bishop Curry was one of 20 leaders who signed the groups letter to President Biden and members of Congress specifically urging the passing of three bills focused on investing in new infrastructure, supporting poor families and in strengthening new voting rights. If passed and signed into law they would strengthen the physical and social infrastructure of our society, cut family and child poverty more than any other time in our lives, and ensure the precious right to vote for all people made in God's image as stated in the Circle of Protection's letter. The Episcopal Church has a long and distinguished history of being involved in these kinds of programs designed to enhance the lives those people Jesus referred to as "the least of these." (From ENS).

Diocesan Convention

The 99th Diocesan Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Upper South Carolina will sit at Christ Church on November 6, 2021. This is a full day of events when the Statement of Mission (2022 budget) will be approved, new members elected to the various committees and commissions of the diocese and all other pertinent business matters considered as required by Canon Law. More about the convention process in the next issue.

Feast Days in October:

Saint Francis of Assisi

On October 4th, we observe the *Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi*. He was a Catholic friar and preacher who founded the men's Franciscan Order and the women's Order of Saint Clare. Francis was never ordained to the Sacred Order of Priest, but was a deacon, and came to be one of the most venerated religious figures of all time. Francis is probably best remembered for his love and protection of animals and is often pictured with an animal in his arms. Francis came from a wealthy Italian family and enjoyed many advantages when he was growing up. As a young adult he lived very much in the "fast-lane" and enjoyed a busy life of "wine, women and song;" but following a life changing experience with Jesus, he spent the remainder of his life in the active propagation of the Gospel. He is also credited with one of the most often quoted prayers in all Christendom.

Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love. Where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born into eternal life. Amen. BCℙ, p.833.

Saint Luke

We observe the *Feast of Saint Luke the Evangelist* on October 18th, the inspired author of the third Gospel and the *Acts of the Apostles*. Luke was a native of Antioch in Syria, a physician, and one of the early converts to Christianity. He was with Saint Paul on a number of his missionary journeys. He was also Saint Paul's companion while he was in prison in Rome on two occasions. Luke's accounts of these events, contained in the *Acts of the Apostles*, is first hand history. Luke's Gospel above all is the story of the merciful heart of Jesus. It emphasizes that Jesus is the salvation of all men, especially the repentant sinner and the lowly. Luke was converted to the Christian Faith by Saint Paul. Like's Gospel presents some of Jesus' most moving parables like those of the "Lost Sheep" and the "Prodigal Son." It was also Luke who tells us most of what we know about the childhood of Jesus. Luke did not personally know Jesus, and, like Saint Mark, was not included among the Apostles. Saint Luke died in Achaia (Greece) at the age of 84 years. His name means bringer of light. The Christian symbol for Saint Luke is

the winged ox as the ox was recognized as a sacrificial animal and Luke's Gospel emphasizes the atonement made by Christ's sacrifice of himself on the cross. The wings symbolize the obligation we have to carry the Gospel throughout the world.

Saint James

On October 23rd, we observe the *Feast of Saint James, Brother of Our Lord Jesus Christ and Martyr*. James was thought to be the brother of Jesus and the author of the epistle that bears his name. He was not a believer until after Jesus' Resurrection. but once he embraced the Faith, he became a bold witness of the Gospel and faithful leader of the early Church; staying at Jerusalem to minister to his flock at a time of intense persecution when the Apostles had left the city. Saint James presided over the Council of Jerusalem (Acts 15) in which a major dispute between the Jewish and Gentile Christians was settled. Saint James was widely known as a man of prayer. His piety and strict adherence to the laws of God won him the respect of both Jews and Christians and he was widely known as "James the Righteous." In 62 AD, the temple leaders began to fear the spread of Christianity due to Saint James' influence and they began to plot against him. Although admonished by the High Priest, he continued to preach the Gospel, encouraged by shouts of "Hosanna" from the Christians in the crowd. Angered by his persistence, the priests and scribes took James to the top of the temple and cast him down to the ground. He survived the fall, but when he began to pray for his persecutors, some of the members of the mob beat him to death. Eight years later when the temple was destroyed by the Romans, the historian Josephus named the murder of Saint James as one of the main causes of God's judgement on Jerusalem.

Saint Simon and Saint Jude

We observe the *Feast of Saint Simon and Saint Jude, Apostles*, on October 28th. Saint Simon is listed on all four lists of the Apostles. On two of the lists he is referred to as a "Zealot." The zealots believed that the messianic promise of the *Old Testament* was that Jews were to be a free and independent nation. God alone was their king; and any payment of taxes to the Romans was a blasphemy against God. The zealots were chiefly responsible for the rebellion against Rome which ended with the complete destruction of

Jerusalem in AD 70. Saint Jude was referred to by Saint Luke in the *Acts of the Apostles*. Saint Matthew and Saint Mark referred to him as Thaddeus. He is not mentioned elsewhere in the Gospels, except when all the Apostles are named. Biblical scholars hold that he is not the author of the Letter of Jude

Blessing of the Animals

As announced in the last newsletter, the Blessing of the Animals will be held on Sunday, October 3rd. Father Tucker will bless the animals at 3:00 pm in the parish garden. The blessing is always done on the Sunday closest to the *Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi*. This is a very popular program at Trinity and usually draws a large crowd of human and other creatures great and small—especially dogs. We will again be using the service from the Church of England. Most of our guests at the blessing are from other congregations and enjoy having their beloved pets receive the blessing of the Church. We usually have light refreshments in the garden following the ceremony for human and animal guests, but will not this year due to the continuing implications of the pandemic. Please join us and bring your best friend who may be on four legs.

The Labyrinth

We recently enjoyed a visit from a group of youngsters from Greenwood whose teacher brought her Sunday School students to see our labyrinth. They have been studying about the different types of labyrinths and their religious significance. They have also visited the labyrinths at Holy Cross and Saint Simon and Saint Jude. They walked the labyrinth and at the end held hands and sang "Seek ye first the kingdom of God" (Hymn 711); and concluded their visit with cookies and cokes. Please encourage your friends to who may be involved in Christian education with young people to bring their kids for a visit to the labyrinth.

Icing on the Cake

With all the blessings enjoyed at the election of the IX Bishop, an additional special blessing for us all was the presence of the VII Bishop, the Rt. Reverend Dorsey Henderson, who was greatly loved and admired during his time as bishop. He was an excellent "high church" bishop of considerable charm and grace who was greatly admired for his gentle kindness which put everyone at ease. Delegates stood in line all day to speak to the Bishop and pay their respects. Thank you, Your Grace, for the gift of your presence which was a benediction for us all.

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

October 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Eucharistic Lectionary Year B Office Lectionary Year 1	Our Service Books: BCP—Book of Common Prayer BOS—Book of Occasional Services LFF—Lesser Feasts and Fasts				1	2
3 19 th Pentecost 10:00 am Bible Study 11:00 am Holy Eucharist	4 Saint Francis Of Assisi Friar and Deacon 1226 W	5	6 William Tyndale Priest, 1536, W	7	8	9
10 20 th Pentecost 10:00 am Bible Study 11:00 am Holy Eucharist 12:00 Noon Vestry Meets	11 Philip Deacon and Evangelist W	12	13	14	15 Saint Teresa Of Avila Mystic and Monastic Reformer, 1528 W	16
17 21st Pentecost 10:00 am Bible Study 11:00 am Holy Eucharist	18 Saint Luke The Evangelist (Altar: Red)	19	20	21	22	23 Saint James of Jerusalem Brother of Our Lord Jesus Christ (Altar: Red)
24 22nd Pentecost ----- 31 23 rd Pentecost -	25	26	27	28 Saint Simon And Saint Jude Apostles (Altar: Red)	29	30

October 3, 2021 (Proper 22)

Celebrant: Father Manning
 Eucharistic Minister: Lewis
 Lector: Dick
 Acolyte: Andrew
 Altar Guild: Michele
 Altar Colors: Green
 1st Lesson: Job 1:1:2:1-2
 Psalm: 26
 The Epistle: Hebrews 1:1-4: 2:5-12
 The Gospel: Mark 10:2-16

October 10, 2021 (Proper 23)

Celebrant: Father Manning
 Eucharistic Minister: Lewis
 Lecter: Betty
 Acolyte: Andrew
 Altar Guild: Myra
 Altar Colors: Green
 1st Lesson: Job 23: 1-9, 16-17
 Psalm: 22:1-15
 The Epistle: Hebrews 4:12-16
 The Gospel: Mark: 10: 35-45

VESTRY MEETING:

Sunday, October 10th, directly following the Eucharist.

October 17, 2021 (Proper 24)

Celebrant: Father Manning
 Eucharistic Minister: Dick
 Lector: Mary Anne
 Acolyte: Andrew
 Altar Guild: Myra
 Altar Colors: Green
 1st Lesson: Job 38:1-7, (34-41)
 Psalm: 104: 1-9,25,37b
 The Epistle: Hebrews 5:1-10
 The Gospel: Mark 10:35-45

October 24, 2021 (Proper 25)

Celebrant: Father Manning
 Eucharistic Minister: Lewis
 Lector: Ruth
 Acolyte: Andrew
 Altar Guild: Ruth
 Altar Colors: Green
 1st Lesson: Job 42:1-6,10-17
 Psalm: 34:1-8, (19-22)
 The Epistle: Hebrews 7:23-28
 The Gospel: Mark 10:46-52

Excellent Bible Study with Hank. Every Sunday at 10:00 am in the Parish House. Y'all Come.

October 31, 2021 (Proper 26)

Celebrant: Father Manning
 Eucharistic Minister: Lewis
 Lector: Dick
 Acolyte: Andrew
 Altar Guild: Lewis
 Altar Colors: Green
 1st Lesson: Ruth 1:1-18
 Psalm: 146
 The Epistle: Hebrews9:11-14
 The Gospel: Mark 12:28-34

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

10/04—Michele

10/08—Elizabeth

10/08—Jan

10/09—Vijay

10-24—Dick

Jesus, strong and gentle, keep me patient for love of thee, Jesus generous and forgiving, help me to forgive as thou hast forgiven me. Amen. (From *Forward Day by Day*).

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Our Mission Statement:

To do the work that Christ has given us to do.

Our Bishop

The Right Reverend W. Andrew Waldo

Our Vicar:

The Vicariate is currently vacant.

The Vestry:

Cynthia Jefferies, Senior Warden (23)
Hank Baggett, Junior Warden (22)
Dick Haldeman, Clerk (21)
Myra Keith (22)
Ilona Anderson (23)
Betty Tucker (21)
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
Betty Tucker

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

Children's Programs:

Jan Haldeman

Bulletins, Special Projects:

John Pullin
Jennie Leverich

Sexton (Buildings & Grounds):

Buddy Wells

Diocesan Convention Delegation:

Lewis Ashley (Voting)
Hank Baggett (Voting)
Cynthia Jefferies (Alternate)
Dick Haldeman (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.

Anglicanism in a Nutshell

One of our readers and a new Episcopalian has requested a brief explanation of the concept of Anglicanism as it relates to the Episcopal Church. Anglicanism is the system of doctrine and approach to polity, or experience of Christians in communion with the See of Canterbury (the Archbishop). The term derives from the word that, in a variety of forms, refers to the people of England. Anglicanism refers to the *via media* (middle way) of the Elizabethan settlement between Catholic and Protestant principles. The term Anglican also reflects the balance in its devotion to Holy Scripture, Reason, and Tradition as our main sources of authority. The *via media* in Anglicanism is expressed often in terms of a "golden mean" between extreme positions on either side of many issues. Anglicanism is uniquely traditional and dynamic in the discovery of expressions. It retains the ancient authorities of scripture and tradition. It also allows for the development of understandings of Christian faith and practice in continuity with the historical Church. The Archbishop of Canterbury has determined that the American Episcopal Church represents Anglicanism in the US. The 38 provinces of the Anglican Communion form the 3rd largest communion in the world after the communions of the Roman Catholic Church and the Southern Baptist Convention. We have about 2.3 million members in about 110 dioceses in the Episcopal Church. Yes, we are Anglicans.

We have another request to repeat the following article which appeared originally in the February newsletter of 2013. It is a good example of why we at trinity are proud of our ministry of reconciliation and healing.

Mission Accomplished

It was a bleak Saturday afternoon in November when a young man entered our church and knelt in a center

stall to say a prayer. There was no sun this day in the stained glass and the sound of rain was audible from the outside. The organ was playing softly and the rear altar in the Lady Chapel was aglow in candlelight from other people who had lighted candles as they said their prayers. This young man's name was Michael and he was 25-years-old. He had come to Abbeville when he was 12 to live with his grandparents and it had not been a good match. His greatest joy came from singing and dancing; but he soon learned that boys who like to sing and dance are not too well thought of in these parts. He had gone to New York City when he was nineteen and had found some jobs in the off Broadway theatres. He was a very handsome young man, but looked tired and gaunt. He had AIDS and his protease drugs were not working well for him. He had given up all hope and was back in Abbeville to say farewell to his grandmother. His grandfather, a retired military man, had always encouraged a strong masculine image in him and told him how important it was to have a mission in life and to complete it with honor—**Mission Accomplished!** Michael had often expressed sorrow that he had never been able to live up to his grandfather's expectations and that his grandfather had died being disappointed in him. Michael got a lot of attention that dismal November afternoon at Trinity. He sang some songs with the organist, he received prayers and anointing from a priest, and he received a special gift that Jesus had for him. He left us that day with the joy of the Lord in his heart. And before leaving us he sang for us in Latin a moving rendition of the magnificent hymn, *Panis Angelicus*: which he had sung with the *Schola Cantorum* at the Cathedral of Saint John the Divine in New York. By Christmas Eve he was lying in a New York city hospital room. A small lighted tree sat by his bed and the bright lights of the city sparkled all around him. He rested quietly with no anxiety. And while we, at old Trinity, were kneeling at the high altar in shimmering candlelight to receive our blessed Christmas Sacrament, Michael left this life and entered into the waiting arms of his Savior—**Mission Accomplished!!**

O Lord, support us all the day long, until the shadows lengthen, and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then in thy mercy, grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at the last. Amen. BCP, p. 833