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Restoration Update

We will be pleased to receive a visit from our new Bishop, the Right Reverend Daniel Richards on May 4th (Wednesday) to discuss the continuation of our restoration process. He will also meet separately with representatives from Friends of Trinity and Preservation South Carolina who have been actively involved in the Trinity's restoration process. Friends of Trinity is a 501-C corporation which has been effectively raising money for Trinity for about thirty years and has been a good friend to the parish. Preservation South Carolina is also a corporate group of people who have been involved throughout the state of SC in the restoration of important historic sites which have been in danger of demise. Their work has been important in that they have been successful in the preservation of many important and historic buildings. This visit from the Bishop will not be an official visit as in the sense of his formal Episcopal visit on a Sunday when he will say Mass and confirm new members to the church. This visit will allow the Bishop to see Trinity for the first time and allow him to meet Trinity people and others who have been involved in the restoration so far. The second phase of the restoration has now been successfully completed to the credit of all the previously involved parties. This meeting with the Bishop will allow all concerned parties to state their positions on the extent to which, if at all, they will continue with the project. We probably will not get another visit from Bishop Richards this year as Bishop Waldo made an official visit in September of last year. Because of the large number of parishes in the Diocese, the Bishop is usually not able to get around to every parish but every other year. Unfortunately, our three excellent assisting Bishops are now departed this life. May they rest in the peace and Glory of the Lord. We will bring you a full report from the Bishop's visit in the June issue.

Easter at Trinity

As always, Easter was a really wonderful and inspirational time at Trinity with many visitors to the church and the services. We began on Holy Wednesday with a somber service of Tenebrae, a beautiful Maundy Thursday service and three services on Good Friday—Stations of the Cross at noon, Watch by the Cross from 12:00 until 3:00 pm, and the Liturgy at 6:00 pm. We finished out the week with quiet music and meditation in the afternoon on Holy Saturday and Father Manning brought us a beautiful High Mass on Easter Sunday with so many visitors. It is all of you wonderful folks who make Trinity such a special place and we are so thankful for you all. We are also especially thankful for Father Manning as his ministry here has been such a blessing. And perhaps we are thankful to God most of all as it has pleased Him through His Holy Spirit to touch the hearts and change the lives of some many people who have been blessed by old Trinity for almost 200 years.

The Battle Continues

The South Carolina Supreme Court ruled on April 20th that 14 low country parishes that were once a part of the Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina shall be returned with all real and personal property held in trust for the diocese, including Camp Saint Christopher and Conference Center on Seabrook Island. These churches left the diocese in 2012 and later affiliated with the more conservative Anglican Church in North America (ACNA); and the April 20th news marks another milestone in a decade-long legal journey that included a lower court decision in 2014 which was largely overturned by the state's high court in 2017 and then further clarified with this recent decision. Of the decision, the Rt. Reverend Ruth Woodliff-Stanley, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina expressed hope that the great rift which occurred when the former Bishop Lawrence left the Episcopal Church, taking with him

almost half the churches in the diocese to join with the ACNA. Bishop Woodliff-Stanley has acknowledged that this unfortunate divide has caused havoc among Anglicans in the low country for too many years and expressed her hope for "reconciliation and the way of love as we journey together on the road ahead, centered in Christ's love for all of us." This low country split has likewise caused some consternation in our own diocese as we were once a part of the Diocese of South Carolina until 1922 when our separate diocese was created. The Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina is the third oldest in the American Church and a part of the nine original dioceses which formed the Episcopal Church in 1785. The Episcopal Church, which encompasses 111 dioceses and regional areas in 17 nations of the world, remains the only denomination in the US which is recognized by the Archbishop of Canterbury as a legitimate member of the Anglican Communion. (Parts of this article taken from the Episcopal News Service.)

News You Can Use

The Episcopal News Service, award winning news service of the Episcopal Church, offers a leading-edge website at www.episcopalnewsservice.org. Visually appealing easy to navigate and very mobile friendly, the format was designed to improve the overall user experience and generate further interest and engagement in the life changing ministries of the Episcopal Church. ENS has continued to place emphasis on reporting issues of social justice and inspiring people to act, engage and connect to make a difference in the world. ENS provides reliable coverage of ongoing work of the Church through its governance and mission priorities. The ENS has long been the most reliable reporting authority on the Episcopal Church and its relationship with our Mother Church (The Church of England) and the Anglican Communion. Our own diocesan website (www.EDUSC.org) also does an excellent job of keeping us posted on all the events and activities in the diocese. The Bishop's inspiring Easter message is still available there for viewing.

Feast Days in May:

Saint Philip and Saint James

On May 1st, we celebrate the *Feast of Saint Philip and Saint James*. We know practically nothing about Saint James except that he was the son of Alphaeus; and that Jesus chose him as one of the 12 pillars of the New Israel, his Church. He is not the James of the *Acts of the Apostles*, brother of Jesus, later Bishop of Jerusalem an author of the *Letter of James*. James is known as James the Lesser to avoid confusing him with James, the son of Zebedee, also known as James the Greater. Philip came from the same town in Galilee as Peter and Andrew. Jesus called him directly, whereupon he sought out Nathaniel and told him about "the one about whom Moses wrote" (John 1:45). Like many of the other Apostles, Philip took a long time in coming to realize who Jesus really was. As in the case of the other Apostles, we see James and Philip as men who were selected by Jesus to become foundation stones for his Church, and we are reminded that holiness and its consequent apostolate are entirely a gift from God and not a matter of human accomplishment. "You will be clothed with power from on high," Jesus told Philip and the others. Their first commissions were to expel unclean spirits, heal the sick, and announce the Kingdom. They learned gradually that these special gifts were important sacraments of an even greater miracle inside their persons—the divine power to love like God.

Ascension Day

The Feast of the Ascension is one of the primary feasts of the church year and occurs on May 26th. It invariably falls forty days after Easter and commemorates the day of Jesus' return to Heaven at the end of his earthly ministry. Several years ago the Anglican Digest quoted from a remarkable sermon given by a 90-year-old priest at the Cathedral Church of Saint Luke and Saint Paul (Charleston). The African-American priest wept as he preached and stated that this was such a happy day for Jesus. "He stayed with us for thirty years and at the end of his time here, he suffered a most horrible death to save our souls, and then, at last, he was able to go home. Alleluia." *And he led them out as far as Bethany, and he lifted up his hands, and blessed them. And it came to pass, while he blessed them, he was parted from them, and carried up into Heaven. And they worshipped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy: And were continually in the temple, praising*

and blessing God. Amen. (Luke 24:50-53).

Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

On May 31st, the Church celebrates the *Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*. Mary left Nazareth at the end of March and went over the mountains to Hebron, south of Jerusalem, to visit her cousin, Elizabeth. At this time Elizabeth was pregnant with John the Baptist. Mary, likewise, was expecting with Jesus. When they met a miraculous event occurred which is recorded in Luke (1:39-57). Feeling the presence of his Divine Savior, John leaped in his mother's womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and she spoke out with a loud voice, and said, blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb. The Blessed Mary now for the first time exercised the divine office which would be hers alone as the one to be the mother of the Incarnate Christ, the Savior of the world. Joseph probably accompanied Mary to Hebron, returned to Nazareth, and after three months came to take Mary back home.

The Song of Mary (The Magnificat)
My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; for he has looked with favor upon his lowly servant. From this day all generations will call me blessed: the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name. Luke 1:46-49.

Rogation Sunday

Rogation Sunday, the sixth Sunday after Easter (May 22nd), is the Sunday next before the three Rogation Days (Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday) which precede Ascension Day. These are days designed for prayer as a formal means for asking God for a good harvest, protection against natural disasters, forgiveness for sin, and solemn preparation for the *Feast of the Ascension*. Interested persons may find the propers for these days in the BCP on pages 207, 258 and 930. Notes on a traditional Rogation Procession may be found in the BOS on page 103.

Other Special Days

Memorial Day and Armed Forces Day are also observed in May. These are not official feast days of the church, but are special days to the American people. On Memorial Day we honor the memory of all military personnel who died while serving in the US armed forces. It is a day of mourning and somber reflection and thanksgiving for all those who paid the ultimate price to preserve our freedom and American

way of life. It is not proper to wish someone a happy Memorial Day as it is officially a day of mourning and remembrance. Memorial Day is always observed on the last Monday in May. We also celebrate Armed Forces Day in May on the third Saturday (May 21st) and is to honor the men and women who currently are serving in each branch of the US military services and are preserving our freedom in the greatest democracy in the history of the world. It is completely appropriate, if you are so inclined, to say to anyone wearing the military uniform of this country: "thank you for your service." May God continue to bless and protect our beloved native land.

Easter Flowers

Thank-you to all of you who gave money for the memorial flowers at the High Altar for Easter. The flowers were beautiful and made the church even more lovely on this highest feast of the Church year.

Given to the Glory of God

Michele Wells
In loving memory of her mother and father
Ann and Bob McIlvain
Bud Wells
In loving memory of his brothers
Stephen and John Wells
Trudy Boxall
In loving memory of her parents
Mildred and Floyd Norton
Myra Keith
In loving memory of
Robert Elliott Keith
Mr. and Mrs. Peter Trenholm
Jennie Leverich
In loving memory of her parents
Edna and Jim Leverich
Ruth Freeman
In loving memory of
Charles Freeman
Lewis Ashley
In loving memory of his parents
and sister
Lewis and Miriam Ashley
Emily Katherine Ashley Graham

The flowers were beautiful and a fitting tribute to those remembered.

The Labyrinth

The spring weather is attracting a lot more visitors to the labyrinth. We recently had a bus full of visitors from a large Presbyterian church in Columbia to walk the labyrinth and spend some time touring the church and other interesting sights in Abbeville. Invite your friends, especially young people. Some of the kids in the Sunday School classes seem to approach the labyrinth as an adventure. Jan and Ann are doing a great job of surrounding the labyrinth with plants and trees mentioned in the Bible. We remain extremely grateful to Dr. Elsner, Betsy and Sam who did so much to make the labyrinth a reality and a blessing to all who use it. Cynthia has been able to get the labyrinth now listed on the World-Wide Labyrinth Registry and the brochures at the interstate Rest Stops entering and leaving the state.

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

MAY 2022

This is the day which the Lord hath made, we will rejoice and be glad in it. (Psalm 118:24)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 3rd Sunday Easter 10:00 am Bible Study 11:00 am Holy Eucharist	2 The Apostles Saint Philip and Saint James (Altar: Red)	3	4 6:00 pm Evening Prayer	5	6	7
8 Mother's Day 4th Sunday Easter 10:00 am Bible Study 11:00 am Holy Eucharist 12:00 Noon Vestry Meets	9	10	11 6:00 pm Evening Prayer	12	13	14
15 5th Sunday Easter 10:00 am Bible Study 11:00 am Holy Eucharist 12:00 Noon	16	17	18 6:00 pm Evening Prayer	19	20	21 Armed Forces Day
22 Rogation Sunday 6th Sunday Easter 10:00 am Bible Study 11:00 am Holy Eucharist	23 Rogation Day	24 Rogation Day	25 Rogation Day 6:00 pm Evening Prayer	26 Ascension Day (Altar: White)	27	28
29 7th Sunday Easter 10:00 am Bible Study 11:00 am Holy Eucharist (The Sunday after after Ascension Day)	30 Memorial Day	31 The Visitation Of The Blessed Virgin Mary (Altar: White)	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	All Lessons and Readings are from the Revised Common Lectionary.	Excellent Bible Study with Hank, every Sunday, 10:00 am, in the parish house!

May 1, 2022

Celebrant: Father Manning
 Eucharistic Minister: Lewis
 Lector: Dick
 Acolyte: Andrew
 Altar Guild: Michele
 Altar Colors: White
 1st Lesson: Acts 9:1-6 (7-20)
 Psalm: 30
 The Epistle: Revelation 5:11-14
 The Gospel: John 21:1-19

May 8, 2022 {Mother's Day}

Celebrant: Father Manning
 Eucharistic Minister: Lewis
 Lector: Charleen
 Acolyte: Andrew
 Altar Guild: Myra
 Altar Colors: White
 1st Lesson: Acts 9:36-43
 Psalm: 23
 The Epistle: Revelation 7:9-17
 The Gospel: John 10:22-30

The May meeting of the Vestry will on May 8th, immediately following Mass.

*Come near to God and he
 will come near to you.
 James 4:8*

May 15, 2022

Celebrant: Father Manning
 Eucharistic Minister: Lewis
 Lector: Ruth
 Acolyte: Andrew
 Altar Guild: Michele
 Altar Colors: White
 1st Lesson: Acts 11:1-18
 Psalm: 148
 The Epistle: Revelation 21:1-6
 The Gospel: John 13:31-35

May 22, 2022 {Rogation Sunday}

Celebrant: Father Manning
 Eucharistic Minister: Lewis
 Lector: Mary Anne
 Acolyte: Andrew
 Altar Guild: Lewis
 Altar Colors: White
 1st Lesson: Acts 16:9-15
 Psalm: 67
 The Epistle: Revelation 21:10,22-22:5
 The Gospel: John 14:23-29

Mother's Day is May 8th
 We extend a sincere wish for a happy Mother's Day to all our dear mothers still with us; and sincere thanksgiving and gratitude for all our mothers who now rest in the arms of the Savior.

May 29, 2022

Celebrant: Father Manning
 Eucharistic Minister: Lewis
 Lector: Dick
 Acolyte: Andrew
 Altar Guild: Lewis
 Altar Colors: White
 1st Lesson: 16:16-34
 Psalm: 97
 The Epistle: Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17
 The Gospel: John 17:20-26

Happy Birthday

May 05—Jennie

May 30—Roger

Holy Days are regularly observed throughout the year. Feasts of our Lord: The Holy Name, The Presentation, The Annunciation, The Visitation, Saint John the Baptist, The Transfiguration, Holy Cross Day. Major Feasts: All feasts of the Apostles, All feasts of Evangelists, Saint Stephen, The Holy Innocents, Saint Joseph, Saint Mary Magdalene, Saint Mary the Virgin, Saint Michael and All Angels, Saint James of Jerusalem. Fasts: Ash Wednesday, Good Friday.

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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
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:

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.

Who are we?

We are pleased that some of our recent visitors are looking for a church home and are taking a closer look at Trinity. Some have asked some questions about how the Episcopal Church operates and we will attempt to answer some of those questions here. A diocese is a geographical grouping of local congregations with a bishop as the chief pastor. The Episcopal Diocese of Upper South Carolina is made up of 61 congregations in 22 counties in upper South Carolina. This diocese is part of the 2.1-million-member Episcopal Church. The Episcopal Church is a member of the world wide Anglican Communion, 85 million members strong, evolving from our Mother Church, the Church of England. We are a diocese committed to renewal, sharing the Faith that has changed our lives and to increasing diversity among our ranks. In so doing, we celebrate and affirm the broad Anglican tradition which welcomes seekers, embraces inquiry and offers a wide variety of worship styles grounded and unified by the Liturgy in our *Book of Common Prayer*. Our diocesan mission statement is: *Making, Equipping and Sending Mature Disciples of Christ*. We are especially thankful for our own Trinity Church which for almost 200 years has been actively engaged in the propagation of the Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ and the advancement of His kingdom on this earth. If you are considering making Trinity your church home, know that you are welcome here. We have ordered some small pamphlets that will probably answer any questions you might have about the Episcopal Church. Please feel free to ask any questions you have and we will help in any way that we can. If you wish to be added to our mailing list for the newsletter, please give your name to Cynthia, Jennie or Lewis.

Letters From Our Friends:

Dear Editor:

I just had to write this letter. My family is recently moved to South Carolina from Canada and we are members of the Anglican Church of Canada and now live in Anderson. In a recent trip to Abbeville on a sunny Saturday afternoon, we had the pleasure to visit your beautiful church. It reminded us very much of England. There were about twenty visitors in the church and some were walking about taking pictures others, praying in the Lady Chapel and lighting candles, with others just sitting and listening to the quiet music. A mother came in holding the hand of her small child and they sat quietly near the organist. The beautiful little blond, blue-eyed boy walked up to the organist and asked if he could sing something and the organist said, of course. He sang for us in his clear soprano voice the old Baptist revivalist hymn *My Jesus, I love Thee*. The attention of everyone in the church was riveted toward the child and in just a few moments everyone in the church was in tears—a clear manifestation of the Holy Spirit. It was a powerful sermon in song. *My Jesus, I love Thee; I know Thou art mine. For Thee all the follies of sin I resign. My precious Redeemer, my Savior art Thou; if ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, tis now*. Such an emotional afternoon, in a beautiful village in the American deep South; in a magnificent church and a wonderful encounter with the Holy Spirit in the innocent face of a beautiful child. *Suffer the little children to come unto me and forbid them not, for such is the Kingdom of Heaven.* (Matthew 19:14 KJV.) We hope our daughter will want to be married in your lovely church. We will be back to visit soon. Thank you.

Reginald and Millicent
Anderson, SC

Dear Reginald and Millicent:

Thank you for your beautiful letter and we hope you will visit us again soon. Please join us for Mass if you can. The Lord moves in mysterious ways, His wonders to perform. *Veni Spiritus Sancte. Amen.*
The Editor.

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever Amen.
Ephesians 3:20,21, Office for Evening Prayer II, Book of Common Prayer, p.126
