Restoration Update
There continues to be considerable work going on in and around the church. The roofers are now gone and the new roof appears to be finished. There also continues to be progress inside the church and the walls in the nave and around the high altar are being restored. The timber framers will begin stabilizing the tower on April 6th. Hopefully we may be back home before long.

Corona at Work
You are aware that the dominant factor affecting life in this country and the continuing work of the Church is the fear and spread of the Coronavirus virus which is now pandemic. Like many bishops, our bishop has recognized the potential of devastating health risks and has suspended all church services in this diocese through April 30th. This, of course, may change and the suspensions may continue if the threat widens and the bishop deems it necessary to continue the restrictions. Some of you are enjoying the streaming services from various of our parish churches and the national church while others of you are doing your Sunday readings in the context of your prayer books. If you need a prayer book and do not have one, call Lewis and you can borrow a prayer book from the church. For your convenience the Sunday readings have been included on page three. You also will find the page numbers for the Holy Offices for Holy Week in the BCP.

Offerings
Thank you to all of you who are continuing to send your tithes and offerings on a regular basis. This diligence on your part will allow us to keep our finances in order as we wait out this time when we will not able to be in church. Please send your offerings to Trinity, POB 911, Abbeville, SC 29620. Again, thank you. This consideration on your part is extremely helpful.

Abbreviated Edition
As the second page in our Easter edition always deals with the times, places and an explanation of the events of Holy Week and the Feast of the Resurrection on Easter Sunday, and as we will be unable to participate in those services, we will include a copy of last year’s Holy Week and Easter schedule so that you will at least have an explanation of those most important services which make Holy Week and the high Easter Mass so memorable. Most of us are long-term Episcopalians and are very well acquainted with these important services, but we do have some new members who have never experienced Easter at Trinity. We are invited and encouraged by our priests to read these services in the BCP on the appointed day. Thank you also to Mother Alice for the devotion al material she has sent us which has been inspirational. If you did not receive this material, it is because we did not have a contact address for you. Persons desiring this material may contact Lewis and it will be provided. Many of you have expressed your sadness at having to experience Easter without the special blessings of the Mass, but hopefully this pandemic will be over soon and next year we will possibly be back in the big church.

From the Bishop
In addition to several pastoral letters from the Bishop, he has called me personally to express his love and affection for this mission and his deep concern that you remain well and healthy during this health crisis. He realizes that most of us are of such an age that a contact with this illness could be deadly. Please remember the Bishop daily in your prayers as he continues to grapple with this very difficult situation. I thanked the Bishop on your behalf for his expressed concern. We will continue to keep you posted on messages from the Bishop.

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 response are a joyful reminder to us all of Christ’s victory over death and the grave—a call of resurrection after 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 behoved Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day (46). I know that my Redeemer lives and because he lives, I too shall live (GF Handel, The Messiah), The Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia!

Bishops Pray for All Mankind
Our Presiding Bishop Michael Curry recently joined Pope Francis and Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby in calling for all Christians to pray for healing amid the COVID-19 pandemic at noon on March 25th. Bishop Curry offered the prayer “In Time of Great Sickness and Mortality” from the 1928 Book of Common Prayer, followed by the Lord’s Prayer. The prayers were offered on a worldwide feed through the Face Book network. The prayers were offered for the entire human family. The Presiding Bishop ended his part on the program in his usual casual style by saying “God love you and you keep the Faith.”
Feast Days in April:
Saint Mark
On April 29th, 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 of 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 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. He 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, but unfortunately, we will be unable to do so this year as we do not have access to the church. We will omit our very popular service of the Stations of the Cross always done at noon on Good Friday. Persons wishing to attend a service of the Stations of the Cross may do so on the Fridays of April at the Sacred Heart. Persons wishing to attend the Great Vigil of Easter may do so at the Church of the Resurrection on the evening of Holy Saturday. When we had a vicar, we were frequently invited to participate in this joint service with Resurrection and Immanuel Lutheran. We hope to be able to resume our full Easter schedule next year.

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 reflections 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 for a brief time of personal meditation. The altar will be lit by candles which are extinguished one by one after each reading. The final candle is removed and the room is left in darkness, which reminds us that the world was left in darkness while Jesus was in the tomb. In the darkness we hear depicted 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 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 commemorated 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, parish house). Following the Mass on this evening, the Blessed Sacrament which has not been consumed, will remain on the altar (which has now become the Altar of Repose) for quiet adoration and thanksgiving for the Redeeming Blood of the Savior. You can keep the Night Watch by dedicating half of your time for meditation and prayer following the Maundy Thursday Mass (...what, could ye not watch with me for one hour? Matthew 26:40). On Good Friday, the Altar of Repose will remain available for private devotions until the evening Liturgy.

Good Friday
Good Friday is the most solemn and somber Fast of the church year—a day for most serious reflection and contemplation. It is the day which commemorates the sufferings 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 Tucker will conduct the Liturgy for Good Friday at 6:00 pm in the parish house. When we are in the church, we always observe the Watch by the Cross following the Stations of the Cross until 3:00 pm. We will omit that observance until we are able to return to the sanctuary.

Easter and Easternide
On the third Sunday in April, 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 Sepuagesima and continuing to Trinitide. The High Easter Mass at Trinity has long been a beautiful event and has often attracted many visitors. Although we will be in the parish house this year, we will endeavor the make the Mass as memorable as possible. We will be continuing as many of our usual customs as possible including the special blessing of incense and the Asperges.

Private Confession
Persons wishing to make a private confession during Holy Week will be accommodated. To protect your privacy, please make your own appointment with the priest. For procedure see Reconciliation of a Penitent, BCP, pp. 447-452.
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**April 5, 2020 (Palm Sunday)**
Liturgy of the Palms
Matthew 21: 1-11
Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Readings:
1st Lesson: Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psa: 31:9-16
The Epistle: Philippians 2:5-11

**April 19, 2020 (2nd Easter)**
Readings:
1st Lesson: Acts 2:14a, 22-32
Psalm: 16
The Epistle: 1 Peter 1:3-9
The Gospel: John 20: 19-31

**April 26, 2020 (3rd Easter)**
Readings:
1st Lesson: Acts 2:14a, 36-41
Psalm: 116: 1-3, 10-17
The Epistle: 1 Peter 1:17-23

I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed. For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go. Joshua 1:9

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

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The proper liturgies for the special days of Holy Week are found in the Book of Common Prayer: Maundy Thursday—Page 274
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...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.
Our Mission Statement:
To do the work that Christ has given us to do.

Our Bishop
The Right Reverend W. Andrew Waldo

The Vicar:
The Vicarate is currently vacant.

The Vestry:
Lewis Ashley, Senior Warden
Hank Baggett, Junior Warden
Myra Keith
Betty Tucker
Mary Anne Campbell
Dick Haldeman
Michael Clary

Parish Administrator
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
Hank Baggett
Cynthia Jefferies
Jennie Leverich
Rob Elsner
Sam Elsner

Altar Guild:
Michele Wells, Chairman
Myra Keith
Ruth Freeman
Lewis Ashley

Lectors (Lay Readers):
Mary Ann Campbell
Jennie Leverich
Dick Haldeman
Ruth Freeman
Betty Tucker

Acolytes:
Lewis Ashley
Andrew Hartsfield

Eucharistic Visitors:
Lewis Ashley
Hank Baggett
Cynthia Jefferies
Jennie Leverich
Rob Elsner
Sam Elsner

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

Thank you, Jesus
It is probably appropriate to reflect at Easteride on those many people who have reported special blessings and graces received in their lives from their association with Trinity in its almost two hundred years of ministry. We have received numerous letters and have many reports of these special blessings. For its entire history, Trinity has been a beacon to the Faith to those thousands of people who have been casually walking down Trinity Street and have not been able to resist entering the church for a quiet time of reflection and prayer. There have been so many young brides who have no connection to Abbeville or the Episcopal Church, but just had to have their wedding in our church. Over the years we have received literally thousands of visitors on Saturday afternoons who have come to say a prayer, light a candle, sing a favorite hymn, or just sit and watch the sun play in the stained glass. It is an adventure in itself just to read through Trinity’s guest register and see many entries like the lady from London who wrote: “I have been looking for something for a long time and found it today in this beautiful and quiet place. Thank you!” Or the young teen who simply wrote “K.O.O.L.”! The Lord has always worked in mysterious ways his wonders to perform and we are so pleased it has pleased Him to use Trinity in his many blessings to his people. We have recently received the following email which speaks for itself. It is just another example of how people have found solace and hope at Trinity in times of trouble and despair in their personal lives.

Dear Trinity Friends:
Several years ago, my father, a presbytery in the Church of Scotland, spent a sabbatical year in Greenville preaching and leading seminars on centered prayer. My mother had died the year before and he did not want to be away from me for a year, so he brought me with him to beautiful South Carolina. At this time in my life I was troubled, agnostic and angry at God for taking my mother. My father was scheduled to preach in a large Presbyterian Church in Abbeville and we came over on a Saturday afternoon. Some kind of spring festival was going on and the town was full of people. When my father looked down Trinity Street and saw Trinity Church, he was intrigued and we walked down to see the church. When we entered the church was full of visitors, and was beautiful, adorned in spring flowers and the alter in the Lady Chapel was aglow in candlelight from where people had said their prayers. The organ and the violin were playing softly and a young priest was singing the beautiful setting of the 84th Psalm, “How Lovely is Thy Dwelling Place.” When the musicians took a break, the organist and the violin lady walked around greeting the visitors and finally came over to greet me. They were very caring people and made me feel comfortable. When the priest joined us the conversation continued and the violin lady asked if they could pray for me. She was clearly concerned as she had perceived my troubled spirit. Her prayer was powerful and the Holy Spirit hit me like a bolt of lightning and raised me to an unimaginable state of grace and redemptive conciliation. May Christ be praised! We returned to Scotland at the end of the year and after considerable contemplation and prayer, I was accepted into the Seminary and am now a priest and vicar of a small parish in Aberdeen. I am anxious to visit Trinity again one day with my wife and daughter. I have read your newsletter for years and am so glad it is on your website. I have prayed often for Trinity and the restoration. I left Trinity that day with the joy of the Lord in my heart. I remember that the last thing I said before leaving the church was the wonderful picture of the Redeemer in the stained glass above High Altar, and thinking “how lovely is thy dwelling place.”

Ian Fraser
Aberdeen, Scotland

FOR THE SICK
O God of heavenly powers, by the might of your command you drive away from our bodies all sickness and all infirmity; be present in your goodness with all your sick servants, that their weakness may be banished and their strength restored; and that, their health being renewed, they may bless your Holy Name; through Jesus Christ or Lord. Amen. Book of Common Prayer, P.458.

The Lord bless thee and keep thee. The Lord make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee. The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.