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Restoration Report

Our restoration project continues to go well. The tower is now essentially complete as the finials (decorative devices employed to emphasize the apex of a dome, tower, roof or gable) are now in place. The finials are fashioned in the same bright gold copper that is presently on the tower and will make the old steeple shine brilliantly on a sunny day. The Senior Warden has recently referred to the many comments from the community about the steeple being visible from many entrances to the city. Otherwise, meetings will be held after the consecration of the new bishop to discuss the continuation of the restoration process. You will be kept updated as the process continues. Stay tuned.

Getting Ready for Lent

It is about time to be thinking about Lent and the Episcopal Church's expectations for this observance of these important forty days. Lent is the most somber time of the church year, when worship in the worldwide Anglican Communion is devoid of some of the usual practices and accoutrements. No flowers are allowed on the altars during Lent except on the fourth Sunday (*Laetare*), and in many of our churches all crosses and images are veiled for the entire season. Remember, all Sundays in the Episcopal Church are feast days, even the Sundays of Lent; so they are not numbered among the forty days. All lesser saints' days are optional, the week days of Lent being Greater Ferias. If these days are observed, the season is always commemorated. *The Great Litany* may be sung in procession before the principal mass (BCP, p. 148). The *Gloria* is neither sung or said during Lent. Alleluia is also not said or sung during mass or the Holy Offices. Organ music is limited during the entire season. At Trinity, altar servers and choir will wear cassocks (black only) at mass without the usual surplice. Weddings are typically not solemnized during Lent. The *Book of Common Prayer* lists

Ash Wednesday and other week days as fasts, to be observed by special acts of discipline and self-denial. The *Stations of the Cross* is a most appropriate devotion for Lent, especially when recited on Fridays. The Church suggests that the faithful should receive the Blessed Sacrament at every opportunity and to take up additional prayer and spiritual practices in tribute to the time that Jesus was tempted and in the wilderness. The color of Lent is violet and the Holy Offices assume a more serious character. Remember that the processional hymn is omitted during Lent and the priests and altar party process in silence. Many visitors to Trinity during Lent comment on the stark nature of the church upon seeing the crosses under dark veils and even the magnificent stained glass seeming to take on a darker ambience. Here are some things to ponder as we anticipate Ash Wednesday.

Consecration of the IX Bishop

The Very Reverend Daniel Paul Richards will be consecrated to the Episcopate as the IX Bishop of Upper South Carolina on Saturday, February 26th, at 11:00 am in Trinity Cathedral in Columbia. He was elected on September 25, 2021 while still Rector of Christ Church of the Ascension in Paradise Valley, Arizona. The Bishop Elect was born in Cleveland, Mississippi and grew up mostly in Mississippi and Tennessee before moving with his family to Arizona while he was still in high school. He graduated *summa cum laude* from Grand Canyon University with a BA in Creative Arts in Worship and Performance, a ministry degree. He was ordained as a Southern Baptist Minister, but later accepted an appointment as Youth and Young Adult coordinator for the Episcopal Diocese of Arizona in 1997 and was confirmed as an Episcopalian that same year. He attended and was graduated from the Church Divinity School of the Pacific. He was ordained to the Diaconate and later to the Sacred Order of

Priests in 2003. The consecration of a bishop in the Episcopal Church (Anglican Communion) is a highly sacred, formal and ceremonial event dating back more than a thousand years. All Anglican bishops stand duly in the Apostolic Succession which is the unbroken line to the first Bishop of Rome and the Chair of Saint Peter. Each new bishop must receive the "laying on of hands" from at least three bishops in the Apostolic Succession; although, there will probably be a much larger number of bishops present, including the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church who will serve as Chief Consecrator. This is an event you might wish to attend if you have never seen the consecration of a bishop.

WANTED

The parish has need of Lectors (persons who read the lessons at Mass), Eucharistic Visitors (persons who take Communion to members who are homebound, in hospital or in nursing homes), Eucharistic Ministers (persons who present the chalice at Mass), Alter Guild (persons who dress the altar for Mass, prepare Fair Linens and generally care for the presentment of the High Altar and the Lady Chapel.), Worship Leaders (persons who are certified to read some of the Holy Offices or other services of the church which are not required to be read only by priests or deacons). Some of these positions do require licensure by the diocese, the bishop or certification by the parish priest. If you have interest in any of these areas of service, please advise the Senior Warden. We will see that you are carefully trained and that you are comfortable in the service. We request your prayerful consideration and your service will be greatly appreciated.

FOR GOD so loved
John 3:16
 the world that He gave
 HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON,
 that whoever believes in Him
 SHOULD NOT PERISH BUT HAVE
 EVERLASTING LIFE

Feast Days in February:

The Presentation

The Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Temple is observed on February 2nd. Other traditional names for the feast are the *Purification of the Blessed Virgin*, *The Meeting of the Lord* and *Candlemas*. In many of the liturgical churches, *Compline* on this feast day marks the end of the Epiphany Season. In the Church of England, the Presentation of Christ in the Temple is a principal feast and is celebrated on February 2nd, or on the Sunday between January 28th and February 3rd. The event is described in the Gospel of Luke (2:22-40). According to the Gospel, Mary and Joseph took Jesus to the temple forty days after his birth to complete the ritual purification of the Holy Mother after childbirth, and to perform the redemption of the firstborn in obedience to the Law of Moses (Leviticus 12 and Exodus 13:12-25). Luke explicitly states that Mary and Joseph took the option provided for poor people (those who could not afford a lamb) in Leviticus (12:8) by sacrificing "a pair of turtle doves and two young pigeons." As they entered the temple, they came upon Simeon the Righteous. The Gospel records that Simeon had been promised by God that he "should not see death before he has seen the Lord's Christ" (Luke 2:26). At this encounter, Simeon prayed the famous prayer that has now become known as the *Nunc Dimittis*. This prayer which we repeat in our Daily Office of Evening Prayer, prophesies the redemption of the world by Jesus. *Candlemas*, another name for this feast, arises from the ancient custom of blessing candles at this time in memory of Simeon's declaration in the *Nunc Dimittis* that the infant Christ is the "Light to enlighten the nations."

The Nunc Dimittis

Lord, you now have set your servant free to go in peace as you have promised; for these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, whom you have prepared for all the world to see: a light to enlighten the nations, and the glory of your people Israel. Luke 2:29-32 (BCP, P. 120).

Saint Matthias

We celebrate the *Feast of Saint Matthias the Apostle* on February 24th. Matthias, according to the *Acts of the Apostles*, was chosen by the remaining eleven apostles to replace Judas Iscariot following Judas' suicide. His calling as an apostle is unique in that his appointment was not made by Jesus who had already returned to the Father; and it was made before the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the early Church.. There is not a mention of Matthias as a

disciple or follower of Jesus in the three Synoptic Gospels. According to Acts 1, in the days following the Ascension, the assembled disciples who were about 120, nominated two men to replace Judas, Joseph Barsabas, who was surnamed Justus and Matthias. Then they prayed: *Thou, O Lord, which knowest the hearts of all men, shew whether of these two thou hast chosen, that he may take the part of this ministry and apostleship, from which Judas by transgression fell, that he might go to his own place. And they gave forth their lots: and the lot fell upon Matthias; and he was numbered with the eleven apostles (Acts 1:23-26 KJV)*. No additional information is to be found about Matthias in the Canon of the *New Testament*. In the writings of the ancient historian, Nicephorus, Matthias began his preaching career in Judea, then in Aethiopia (modern day Georgia) and was stoned to death in Colchis.

Pre-Lenten Season

The Pre-Lenten Season (also known as *Shrovetide*) is the Christian period of preparation before the beginning of the liturgical season of Lent. The Pre-Lenten season begins on Septuagesima (2/13/22), including Sexagesima (2/20/22), Quinquagesima (Shrove Sunday) as well as Shrove Monday and culminates on Shrove Tuesday, also known as Mardi Gras (Fat Tuesday). The next day is, of course, Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent and falls on March 2nd. During the season of *Shrovetide* it is customary for Christians to ponder what sacrifices they will make for Lent. On Shrove Tuesday many traditional Christians such as Roman Catholics, Anglicans Lutherans and others, make a point of self-examination, of considering what wrongs they need to repent, and what amendments of life or areas of spiritual growth in which they wish to seek God's help. Even today many Anglicans make an appointment on Shrove Tuesday with their parish priest to be "shriven" (to make a confession and receive absolution before the beginning of Lent) A more whimsical hallmark of *Shrovetide* is the opportunity for a final round of merry-making associated with carnival and "Fastelvan" before the beginning of the somber season of Lent. *Shrovetide* is not a penitential season.

Pancake Supper

On Shrove Tuesday, March 1st, Anglicans throughout the world will be eating pancakes and so will we. This old, and much loved tradition in the Episcopal Church, offers an excellent time for a parish and com-

munity get-together. For the past few years Trinity has offered the pancake supper as a gift from Trinity to the community. As is our custom, there will be no charge for the supper, but donations will be accepted and we will see that everyone is well fed. Once again, our gracious friends at the Church of the Sacred Heart have allowed us the use of their parish house which will accommodate many more guests than ours. Traditionally, in the history of the Church, Shrove Tuesday marked the last day before the beginning of Lent when the faithful were not supposed to consume milk, eggs, butter or other popular food items as a part of their penitence for Lent. If a family had these items on hand, they would spoil during the long season of Lent. With the addition of a little flour, the solution quickly presented itself in pancakes. In France and New Orleans, Shrove Tuesday is also known as "Fat Tuesday." In many Episcopal congregations, this supper is prepared and served by the men of the parish, but at Trinity, the ladies get in on the fun also. If you would like to help with the preparation and service of the supper, contact Lewis or Dick. This popular annual community "no charge" supper will be advertised in the Press and Banner. Please feel free to invite all your friends. If you are aware of any families who are having difficult times, make them aware of the supper date and times. This is all you can eat, the price is right and we make the best pancakes in town in a relaxed and comfortable environment. We will begin serving at 5:00 pm and conclude about 7:00 pm. At our last pancake supper we served more than 100 guests. Please invite your friends to join you the next day for the Ash Wednesday Mass and the Imposition of the Ashes. Please bear in mind that this event could have to be cancelled due to the covid virus situation at the time the supper.

Addendum:

We have just received this additional information about the consecration of the new bishop. The general public is invited and may request tickets. Please see full information about how to attend on the diocesan website (edusc.org). We will probably be taking a group from Trinity and providing a live streaming opportunity from the church. The Senior Warden will announce in due course the various ways you may witness the event. All required precautions for the pandemic are explained on the website.

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

FEBRUARY 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
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	1	2 The Presentation Of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Temple (Altar: White)	3	4	5
6 5 th Epiphany 10:00 am Bible Study 11:00 am Holy Eucharist	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 6 th Epiphany 10:00 am Bible Study 11:00 am Holy Eucharist 12:00 Noon Vestry Meets	14 Saint Valentine's Day Put A Smile on Someone's Face	15	16	17	18 Martin Luther, Pastor And Reformer, 1546	19
20 7 th Epiphany 10:00 am Bible Study 11:00 am Holy Eucharist	21 President's Day	22	23	24 Saint Matthias The Apostle (Altar: Red)	25	26
27 Last Epiphany 10:00 am Bible Study 11:00 am Holy Eucharist	28	29	All Lessons and Readings from the Revised Common Lectionary			

February 6, 2022

Celebrant: Father Manning
Eucharistic Minister: Lewis
Lector: Dick
Acolyte: Andrew
Altar Guild: Michele
Altar Colors: White
1st Lesson: Isaiah 6:1-8, {9-13}
Psalm: 138 *Domine, ne in furore*
The Epistle: 1 Corinthians 13:1-11
The Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

February 13, 2022

Celebrant: Father Manning
Eucharistic Minister: Lewis
Lector: Charlene
Acolyte: Andrew
Altar Guild: Myra
Altar Colors: White
1st Lesson: Jeremiah 17:5-10
Psalm: 1 *Beatus vir qui non abiit*
The Epistle: 1 Corinthians 15:12-20
The Gospel: Luke 6:17-26

+ Jesus +

Our hearts were made for you, O Lord, and they are restless until they rest in thee. Saint Augustine of Hippo

February 20, 2022

Celebrant: Father Manning
Eucharistic Minister: Lewis
Lector: Dick
Acolyte: Andrew
Altar Guild: Michele
Altar Colors: Green
1st Lesson: Genesis 45:3-11,15
Psalm: 37:1-12,41-42 *Noli aemulari*
The Epistle: 1 Corinthians 15:33-38
The Gospel: Luke 27-38

February 27, 2022

Celebrant: Father Manning
Eucharistic Minister: Lewis
Lector: Mary Anne
Acolyte: Andrew
Altar Guild: Lewis
Altar Colors: Green
1st Lesson: Exodus 34:29-35
Psalm: 99 *Dominus regnavit*
The Epistle: 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2
The Gospel: Luke 9:28-36 (37-43a)

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

02/13—Audrey

02/22--Ruth

Vestry Meeting, February 13th, immediately following Mass.

Hank brings an excellent Bible Study every Sunday at 10:00 am in the parish house, sometimes illustrated with his own art work. Please consider joining this group which concludes just in time for Mass.

You may pick up your new copy of Forward Day by Day devotional magazine on the library table in the rear of the nave—large and small print available. If you are unable to attend church, you may request a copy from PO Box 911, Abbeville, SC 29620.

Come near to God and he will come near to you.

James 4:8

Trinity Episcopal Church

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Our Mission Statement:

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

Our Bishop

The Very Reverend Daniel Paul Richards
Bishop-Elect

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.

Invitation from the Presiding Bishop

I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's Holy People, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. (Ephesians 3:17-19).
In the first century, Jesus of Nazareth inspired a movement. A community of people whose lives were centered on Jesus Christ and committed to living the Way of God's unconditional, unselfish, sacrificial, and redemptive love. Before they were called "church" or "Christian," this Jesus movement was simply called "the Way." Today I believe that our vocation is to live as the Episcopal branch of the Jesus Movement. But how can we together grow more with Jesus Christ as the center of our lives, so we can bear witness to his way of love in and for the world? The deep roots of our Christian tradition may offer such a path. For centuries monastic communities have shaped their lives around rhythms and disciplines for following Jesus together such a pattern is known as a Rule of Life. The framework you now hold—the Way of Love—outlines a Rule for the Episcopal branch of the Jesus Movement. It is designed to be spare and spacious, so that individuals, ministry groups, congregations and networks can flesh it out in unique ways and build a church-wide treasure trove of stories and resources. There is no specific order you need to follow. If you already keep a Rule or spiritual disciplines, you might reflect and discover how that path and this one may intersect. By entering into reflection, discernment and commitment around the practices of *Turn-Learn-Pray-Worship-Bless-Go-Rest*. I pray we grow as communities following the loving, liberating life-giving Way of Jesus. His

way has the power to change each of our lives and to change the world. Your brother in the Way of Jesus.

+Michael

The Most Reverend Michael Curry
Primate and Presiding Bishop
The Episcopal Church, USA

Grant, O God, that your Holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
From the Episcopal Church Website

Letters from Our Friends

Dear Trinity Friends:

May we share our great news with you? Our 20-year-old son who will graduate from college in May, told us last week that he has a calling to the Christian ministry and would like to become an Episcopal priest. Much of the credit goes to your church. He spent several years making many visits to Trinity attending your Saturday Afternoons at Trinity program in which he sang for your visitors, played his trumpet, and generally enjoyed the fellowship at Trinity on Saturdays. He is making his application to enter your seminary at Sewanee (University of the South) to study for the priesthood. We are very proud of him and very much appreciate your influence on this important decision in his life. Mr. and Mrs. Owen Lawson.

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Lawson:

Of course, we know and love Sam. He will make a wonderful priest and draw many souls to Christ. May Christ be praised. Editor.

Saturday Afternoons at Trinity

We began Saturday Afternoons at Trinity almost twenty years ago to give the many visitors to our church a place to be quiet, rest and pray. Many visitors just sat quietly and watched the sun play in the beautiful stained glass, while others offered their prayers in the Lady Chapel and lit candles for themselves and their friends. Many young people enjoyed a time to sing or bring their instruments to play along with the organ. Sometimes we said our Anglican Rosary and sometimes were joined by our Roman Catholic friends to say the Roman Rosary (The Hail Mary). There were many manifestations of the presence of the Holy Spirit which brought peace and joy to many of our guests. We are now in the process of resuming this program which had to be discontinued for the three years were out of our church building. You are invited to join us when you can.