

The Trinity Light

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Our Mission: *Trust in the Lord and Do Good.*

Our Vision: *become a parish that Trusts in the Lord and Does Good by coming together in Public Worship, Fellowship, and Reaching out to all.*



Between Times

If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation: everything old has passed away; behold, everything has become new! As we work together with God, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. Behold, now is the acceptable time; now is the day of salvation! The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. (From Paul's second letter to the Christians in Corinth)

The joyous services and celebrations of Easter are past. Summer and the eagerly awaited "normal" parish worship practices and events are not quite here.

We are in the "between times."

The Church designates these "between times" – the 50 days from Easter Day to the Feast of Pentecost - as "Eastertide." It is a period during which we rejoice in the Resurrection of our Lord, and reflect on how that stupendous event impacts our life and the life of our communities of faith. It is the ideal time to ask the questions, "If I am raised with Christ, does my behavior show it? Is my life resurrected as Jesus intends it to be, and, if not, why not? How can my life be more joyful as a faithful disciple of our risen Lord and a member of Trinity?"

The nine women and men of your Vestry (plus Mike Bannon, Treasurer, and Warren Jones, Parish Administrator) will be on a day long retreat with me this Saturday to ask and discuss these very questions about ourselves and about Trinity Parish.

I invite and encourage you to pray about these things in your life and in the life of your parish.

Pray for us as we come together on Saturday.

Worship with us on Sunday, as we conclude our retreat at the Altar rail, and with a blessing and commissioning of the Vestry.

God bless you, "in the meantime."

Rusty+

This Week at Trinity

April 18: The Third Sunday of Easter

10:30 a.m. - Holy Eucharist

10:30 a.m. - Live Streaming on Facebook

April 20: 6:00 p.m. - Cub Scouts

April 25: The Fourth Sunday of Easter

10:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer

10:30 a.m. - Live Streaming on Facebook

Remember in Prayer

We give Thanks for the Life and Ministry of:

Sarah Cater, Andy Hayes, Kate Saylor and Calvin Chappelle who celebrate their birthday this week;

We offer our prayers for those who have requested them:

Immediate Concerns: Harriet Waltman, Johan Beumer, Anthony Smiley, Jeremy Logan, Christy Logan and Ricky Butler.

Shut-Ins: Mary Smith, Voncille Lankford, Louise Lambert, Bill Lacy

Continuing Concerns: Robin Chadderdon, Crawford Kennedy, Sebastian Schaad, Bill Harper, Townsend Bullen, Blake Parham, Kelley Wright, Rilla Keith, Linda Summey, Harriet Landrum, Ellen Williams, and Steve Bingham

Is this what Easter is About

This time of year, reminds me of the start of my decades-old hobby: collecting photos of church signs. The sign that triggered this hobby was perched on a small trailer, in front of a country church. It read:

'The Lord is Risen. No Bingo.'

✠ *Forward Movement*

Parish Profile Update

Great progress is being made on the Parish Profile. We hope to have the profile ready for review in the next week to two weeks. There is a fantastic team working diligently to get the information correct and to present it in an attractive manner. We have closed responses for the Survey. This was sent electronically to most and through regular mail to those that don't have access to complete online. In total there were 70 respondents in all age ranges from the youth to senior adult members. The team is currently reviewing and interpreting the data that was submitted, as well as finalizing the Parish Profile segments. The segments in the profile are descriptions of life in our Parish, as well as our community. These topics range from the history of our area including demographics, school systems, entertainment, as well as events we have at Trinity and events we are involved in throughout the community. The responses that were open ended, for example, "What are the biggest challenges you see for a new priest at Trinity?" and "If you could see ahead two to five years, what do you hope would be different/expanded/changed at Trinity Episcopal Church?" A little more work is needed to analyze and present concise information for which direction we would like to proceed in finding the right person for Trinity's next Rector, as well as a Priest finding Trinity as their new home.

Rhonda Baughman, Profile Chair

Pledge Offering

Budgeted Weekly Pledge Income	\$	3,354
Received Sunday, April 11	\$	5,650
Budgeted Year-to-Date Pledge Income	\$	50,310
Received Year to Date	\$	59,055
Over/(under) Budget.....	\$	8,745

A copy of the most recent Financial report is posted on the Kitchen Hall bulletin board. Contact any Vestry member or the Treasurer, Mike Bannon if you have questions about the budget or financial situation.

Sunday Ministers

Easter III April 18, 2021

LEM - Susan Powers
Acolytes - Phillip, J.P. & Tyler Baughman
Lector - Richie Bailey
Epistoler - Charlotte Lackey
Intercessor - Suellen Young
Altar Guild - Beverly Roberts, Sandy Hallmark
Flower Guild - Lucie Wadsworth
Vestry of the Week - Elizabeth Recchio
Meet & Greet - None
Greeters - Sandy Hallmark, Beverly Roberts
Flowers -
Women Who Care - Sandy Hallmark
A/V - Calvin Chappelle, Nana Waldrip

Easter IV April 25, 2021

LEM - Tim Bailey
Acolytes - Jack Pinckard, Rutledge Rogers
Lector -
Epistoler -
Intercessor -
Altar Guild - Sue Beumer, Anna Chappelle
Flower Guild - Belyn Richardson
Vestry of the Week - Lucie Wadsworth
Meet & Greet - None
Greeters - Sandy Hallmark, Beverly Roberts
Flowers -
Women Who Care - Sandy Hallmark
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HYMN NOTES

“I Come with Joy to Meet My Lord” Hymn #304

Brian Wren (b. 1936) is one of the most vibrant voices in modern hymn writing. Most hymnals contain at least a couple of his hymns. For example, “I come with joy” appears in forty-plus hymnals in North America. He has written approximately 250 hymns. Wren was born and raised in Romford, Essex, England, and has B.A. and Ph.D. degrees from Oxford University. Although he was ordained in the United Reformed Church in Great Britain, he is now an American citizen. He is Professor Emeritus at Columbia Seminary in Decatur, Georgia, and has been honored as a Fellow of the Hymn Society in the United States and Canada. He and his wife, United Methodist minister Susan Heafield, often collaborate in composing congregational song and share a ministry which provides creative worship resources.

“I Come with Joy” was written in 1968 for Wren’s congregation in Hockley as a summation of a series of sermons on Communion. Rather than focusing on the Lord’s Supper as a memorial observance of the suffering Christ on the cross, this hymn emphasizes the Eucharistic dimensions of the feast. “Eucharist” is a term from the Greek that denotes thanksgiving – joy when approaching the table. The first stanza in this hymn is from a first-person singular perspective. The individual worshiper comes to the Table ‘forgiven, loved, and free.’ These refer to earlier ritual actions in the liturgy. The second stanza places the individual worshiper in the broader context of Christian fellowship, part of “the new community of love.” In the third stanza the perspective changes from that of “I” to “we” as the Table bridges the barriers that divide us and Christ’s love ‘makes us one.’ In the fourth stanza “we meet the Lord” and sense His presence at and in this meal. The final stanza serves as a benediction, for in this meal we have been molded into the body of Christ and sent into the world to witness as Christ’s “people in the world.”

In recent years Brian Wren has revisited this text and revised the opening line to read “I come with joy, a child of God.” This change strengthens the relationship between Christ and his children – a family that gathers around the table.

1. I come with joy to meet my Lord, forgiven, loved, and free,

In awe and wonder to recall his life laid down for me.

2. I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed,

The new community of love in Christ’s communion bread.

3. As Christ breaks bread and bid us share, each proud division ends.

That love that made us makes us one, and strangers now are friends.

4. And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His presence, always near,

Is in such friendship better known: we see and praise him here.

5. Together met, together bound, we’ll go our different ways,

And as his people in the world, we’ll live and speak his praise.

Sarah

Please Join Us As We Honor
Highschool Graduates

Hannah
Beumer
and
Blake Jones

Sunday
2 p.m.

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