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The Rector's Pen

By The Rev. Robert L. Banse, Jr.

Dear Friends.

Alleluia! He is risen!

According to Webster's New World Dictionary, Easter is "an annual Christian festival celebrating the resurrection of Jesus, held on the first Sunday after the date of the first full moon that occurs on or after March 21."

The Catechism of our Book of Common Prayer asks the question, "What is the significance of Jesus' resurrection?" The answer given is "By his resurrection, Jesus overcame death and opened for us the way of eternal life."

On the day itself, we pray, "O God, who for our redemption gave your only begotten son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen."

All of this is well and good, theologically and liturgically correct. But, of course, the above does not come even close to expressing the ineffable joy offered to us by God in this holy season. From the kindling of the paschal fire in the predawn hours to the first blast of the Easter brass and initial shouts of "Alleluia!", we are embraced by the realization, given through faith, that the door has been opened, the stone has been rolled away. No longer is death our final destiny. Yes, we are mortal. But by Christ, and in Christ, and through Christ, we too will experience death, not as the end, but as the gate that opens into larger life.

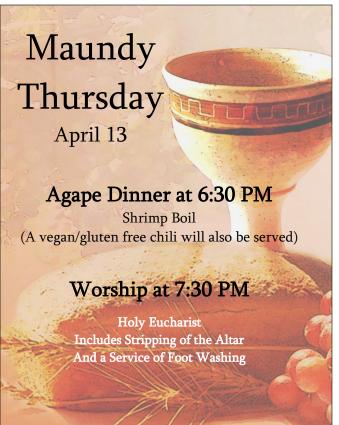
In the meantime, we live as an Easter people. Even in the midst of all that is warped and wrong in this present age, we live according to God's promises revealed on that first Easter Day. Even as the world obsesses over all the bad news, we proclaim the Gospel: In the darkness, there is light. In the despair, there is hope. In the

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Easter Sunday at Trinity

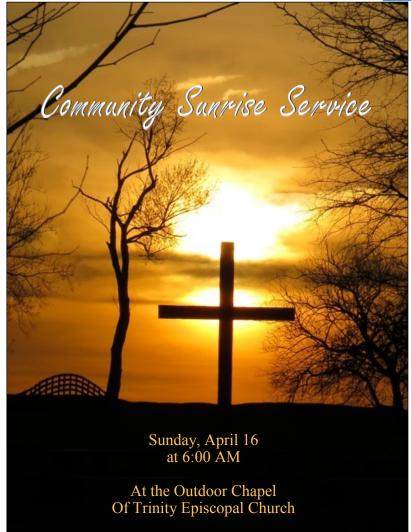


April 16
Holy Eucharist
&
Celebration Worship
8:00 AM

10:30 AM

"Lam the resurrection and the life."





On Easter at Trinity it is our tradition that everyone would bring a dish to share for our coffee hour.

Join us after church in Cox Hall for a wonderful spread of food, and then stay for the Easter Egg Hunt at noon!

Easter Coffee Hour



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Easter at Trinity (Continued)

All members of the Flower Guild are invited to decorate the church for Easter. We will meet at 9:30 AM on Saturday, April 15 in the Sanctuary.

Easter Church Decorating



Easter Flowers

If you would like to give Easter Flowers in memory or in honor of someone, orders are

due by April 9.

You can place your order online at www.trinityupperville.org (go to the GIVE page), or you can fill out the order form available in the worship bulletin or at the church office.

On Easter Sunday, help us to "Flower the Cross" in celebration of the resurrection of our Lord.

You may bring flowers from your garden, or you may use some of the flowers that are provided by our flower guild.

Join us in this meaningful Easter tradition!



Flowering the Cros



SOME News

By Robin Keys



A wee bit of Ireland by way of Upperville, VA traveled to So Other's Might Eat (SOME) in Washington DC on St. Patrick's Day where over 320 guests were fed a festivities appropriate meal, minus the green beer.

Thanks to Gina Hammond, who personally made and decorated a ton of shamrock cookies and to Mary MacDonnell who baked up a generous batch of Irish soda bread, our Friday fish repast complemented green SOME aprons in a gaily decorated Irish themed dining room.

All told, with the breakfast production included, over 700 homeless and hungry men and women were fed at 71 O Street, NW, a typical day in the operation of one of the District's most active daily feeding programs. Trinity Church has been involved in preparing and serving a meal there now for 30 years.

With all the ovens working and a thoughtful group of Georgetown students on hand to assist, we set about diligently. Kitchen duties were led by: Jim Gemmer, a champion at dishwashing; Len Shapiro, the green bean king; and John MacDonnell and Carol Miller who cooked the abundance of fish.

The aforementioned Gina and Mary laid out all the breads and cookies, along with Ann MacLeod and Maggie New. Robin Keys tried to be useful out in the dining room.

The previous day, our own Rev. Rob Banse assisted with the assembly of the rice casserole, handily chopping carrots, celery and green peppers. Joining Rob were: Holly Bimba, Ellen Hall, Bob Eliot, Jennifer Young, Carolyn Parks, Robin Keys and Ann MacLeod.

Please consider joining us on Thursday, May 18 when we will cook again in Cox Hall and the following morning Friday, May 19 when we will travel to Washington, DC.



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anger, discrimination, and hatred, there is love. Why? Christ lives. Christ lives here in our world. Christ lives within each one of us. His kingdom has already come.

Eternal life bursts out of the tomb in the resurrected life of Jesus Christ on Easter day. Every day now holds the Gospel's resurrection promise while we await eternal life. That, my friends, is a hope and a promise well worth celebrating.

Welcome, Easter!

Faithfully in Christ,



Did You Know?

Last month we wrote about guilds, the work their members have done at Trinity and particularly the work of the Mary D. Neville Guild.

This month we focus on one more defunct guild and two who perform a great deal of work every Sunday at Trinity. In the early years at Trinity, the Needlepoint Guild performed the yeoman's task of doing all the needlepoint for the fabric of the church in both the second building and this current building. Much of this work was spearheaded by Mrs. Colin

MacLeod, Ann MacLeod's mother-in-law, who was a master at her craft. While the term Guild is no longer used for this work at Trinity, often we have volunteers come forward to undertake a specific needlepoint project.

Two important guilds who add immensely to our worship are the Altar Guild and the Flower Guild. At one time, this work was combined simply as the Altar Guild but as the work requirements escalated, the division of labors was made.

For all services, the Altar Guild is responsible for the preparation of the altar especially for the Eucharist and this includes the cleaning and storing of all the altar silver; the cleaning, storing and changing of the altar coverings; maintenance of the candles and any other jobs at the request of the celebrant.

The Flower Guild is responsible for the flowers on the altars. This includes cutting local flowers, when available, ordering supplemental flowers, creating the magnificent flower arrangements that adorn the altars and other parts of the church each week (except during Lent) and removing those flowers after the weekend. This guild also is responsible for church decorations for all weddings, funerals and special services. Trinity has a longstanding tradition of not allowing florist arrangements in the church.

Next month: What is Meade Parish?





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This Lenten season has provided some great time for prayer and reflection for me, and I hope has been fruitful and refreshing in many ways for you, too.

Priorities. This word has been on my mind recently.

There are certain times of the year when people generally seem busier than others, and I believe Lent, like Advent, is often one of those seasons. Perhaps it is because Spring Break takes place during this season for many, and often that break includes some sort of vacation or travel time. For others, it's the start of sports and games for the spring season. If we're not involved in any of those, we manage to get caught up in the nice weather and somehow always find plenty to keep us busy!

As I talked with a good friend on the phone the other day, she said that it seemed like my schedule was busier than normal this Lenten season. I realized that I had listed off all the things on my plate to her, as if none of them were things I had decided to add to the plate. I made it seem like they were things that were happening to me, not things that I had chosen to prioritize.

For us as human beings, we always find plenty of things to do, though we don't always want to take credit for accumulating our To-Do list. Certainly, there are times when we cannot help certain circumstances in our lives, and we must rely on God and our loved ones to support us and help us through those times. But for other times, when life is going on as usual, we (myself included!) often make excuses for why we don't have time to do certain things. As Christians, the most important thing on our daily list is to spend time on our relationship with God; yet, how hard it is for us to make the time!

Priorities. Being a Christian is about prioritizing our relationship with God, placing worship of God and living out the Gospel above all else. Jesus says in the Gospel of Matthew, "Seek first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness," telling us to put our relationship with God first and foremost.

When Christians live this way, with God at the front and center of our lives, people will take notice. In our families, kids will observe how faith is being modeled and prayerfully will follow suit. One of the best ways to share the good news of Jesus with others is by modeling, which includes prioritizing. This may mean making small schedule adjustments, and it may mean making life changes (sometimes both!). These are often not comfortable or easy decisions.

In the Gospel of John, Jesus' words are clear, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing." When we put God first, He will work through and in us in incredible ways we cannot begin to imagine!

As we continue on this Lenten journey, soon entering into Holy Week and into the season of Easter, I ask you to reflect on and pray about your priorities. This season is one of the best to rethink the ways our lives are headed and to redirect our focus and priority on our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who did indeed make His way to the cross on our behalf, out of His great love for us all.

In Christ,

Kachal+



Summer Camp News

By Rachel Rickenbaker

Shrinemont is the beautiful Episcopal retreat center located in Orkney Springs, Virginia, a community in western Shenandoah County. It's no more than an hour from Trinity Church. This summer, they have diverse offerings for kids' camps, as well as family camps, for all ages! Many kids have gone to Shrinemont for summer camp and have had an amazing experience.

On April 30th, the director of Shrinemont Camps, Kirk Gibson, will be with us at Trinity for a talk at 9:30am during the Sunday School time. He will talk with us about Shrinemont and the many opportunities they can offer us. I hope parents and anyone interested will join us! For more info, check out: www.shrinemontcamps.net.



Summer Camp

Also, stay tuned for news about a Trinity parish retreat in the fall!

58th Annual Stable Tour: May 27-28





Be a Donor!

Our Stable Tour allows the church to donate between \$50,000 and \$75,000 to mission outreach causes annually!!

This is possible because of the tremendous support of our donors.

Won't you partner with us to fund the work of local and global ministries doing the Lord's work in many ways by being a sponsor?

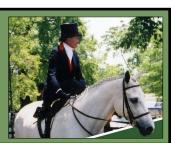
Donate online at www.trinityupperville.org, or pick up a sponsor form from the church office.

Get Involved!

The Stable Tour works because you do!

We rely on an army of volunteers on the weekend of the tour, and in the days and weeks leading up to the big event!

To volunteer, go to www.trinityupperville.org and click the "volunteer" button in the Stable Tour section.



Purchase Your Tickets!

Starting Monday, April 3!



Tickets may be purchased online at www.trinityupperville.org, or from the church office during regular business hours.

Advance Sale Price: \$25 (until 5/1) Group discounts available.





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On Sunday, May 7th, The Rt. Rev. Ted Gulick, one of our three Diocesan bishops, will be with us! At the 10:30 service that morning, he will help to confirm several of our eighth and ninth graders. Confirmation is the practice by which those baptized at a young age decide to make a mature public affirmation and commitment to the responsibilities laid out in their Baptismal vows and receive the laying on of hands by the bishop. We, as members of the Church, will gather for



worship of our Lord and to support these Confirmands in their commitment to Jesus Christ and to participation in His Body, the Church. This is also an opportunity to meet Confirmation one of your bishops. A reception will follow the 10:30 service. We hope you will be the 10:30 service. We hope you will be present for this morning of celebration and community!





tewardship News

By Dan Murphy & Jim Hoecker

Dear Member and Supporter of Trinity Church –

Thank you for sharing with the Trinity community your life as a follower of Christ. We are writing to remind you that Trinity's continued financial health and the integrity of its campus are not birthrights. We work at maintaining our mission and our facilities every day.

As you recognize, stewardship is the life of the church; pledging is an act of faith that commits us to be active in that life. That's why, in 2017, Trinity's stewardship campaign continues to seek your participation in supporting the Church. We are therefore eager to fulfill our goal for this year -- 100% participation, irrespective of the size of individual contributions.

Our Vestry feels strongly that stewardship is an integral part of Church membership. We believe that giving can be a liberating experience, as a personal matter and in sharing in the care of our ministries, facilities, staff, and outreach efforts.

Here's what we can report to date. The Church has received 160 pledge cards in the current 2016-2017 cycle, out of the roughly 200 active giving families and individuals in the Church. That means we are currently at 80% of our goal. If you are among those who have not submitted your 2017 pledge card, won't you do so today - at whatever level you deem appropriate -- and help Trinity achieve its 100% goal? Thank you!

Together, with God's help, we can move mountains!





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Vestry Notes



Our Vestry met on Thursday, March 16th for its monthly meeting. The minutes for the meeting will be filed and will be available for your review. The meeting was held on Thursday this month so as not to conflict with the Wednesday Lenten dinner series that Rob is leading on the Five Marks of Love. If you have not joined us yet for that, you should come next time. It's a refreshing and lively discussion about how we can live more fully into God's calling.

Welcome to Spring 2017! The clocks are moved up, the days are getting longer. Hopefully the last snow has fallen and the blooming flowers, greening pastures and, of course, the Cherry trees are reappearing everywhere. Thanks be to God for another season of renewal and resurrection.

At our meeting in March, we received the Treasurer's reports and I'm pleased to pass on that our finances remain in good order. While our plate collections are slightly behind budget, our pledge collections for 2017 are ahead of budget and we received a few catch up payments from 2016. I think that is a good trend and I like to believe that you all have listened and responded to Vestry's plea that we take ownership of our beautiful place we call Trinity. Thanks to all of you for your dedication to Trinity and your diligence in helping us to stay on track with our commitments and goals. We remain hopeful that those who have not yet done so this year will prayerfully consider making a pledge of support to Trinity's missions. We are all in this together and we still need your help in order to realize our full potential. As I said last month, it is never too late to make your pledge and it will ensure that we can support the missions and programs that we have set for the year.

We received a full report from Buildings and Grounds primarily focused on the much needed repairs that are underway in the Nursery. From fully rewiring the building to plumbing, painting and new floors, the refurbished old building is hardly recognizable. I invite you to go over and take a look when you have time. If you've noticed the lighting in the sanctuary is better and brighter, that's because the first phase of that project has been completed too. The old dimmer unit in the basement is gone and new light controllers are in place. The next phase will be to improve the lighting in the choir. B+G continues to use the Facility Condition Assessment in planning future renovation priorities. As always, we're in this together so if you see something that needs attention, please let us know.

We also received a detailed report from our Music Director, Christian, on the process and progress of repairing Trinity's Aeolian-Skinner organ. We are fortunate to have located two experts on this type of organ who have completed an examination of needs and we are awaiting their proposal. If we accept the proposal, a plan will be created to supplement the \$50,000 gift received from the Lambert Foundation to the Organ Fund so we can complete the project.

Not to be forgotten at this time of year, and actually at the start of our meeting, we received a report on the 2017 Stable Tour. This year's tour is shaping up to be a grand one with several farms that have not been on the tour for a several years. The committee is in full swing and you will be hearing much more about this as we get closer to Memorial Day weekend. Watch for the May edition of the Country Spirit magazine for a cover story on the tour!

That's all for now- Thank you again for your prayers, participation and support.

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According to Raymond Glover, Editor of the Hymnal 1982, "the use of the hymn "All Glory Laud and Honor" at the procession on the Sunday of the Passion has been a strong tradition in the Episcopal Church since the appearance of the hymn in the 1871 edition of the Hymnal". In fact, both the words and music, as well as the tradition go back even further.

The original historic chant tune for this hymn text is one of the oldest tunes on record, being one of only four medieval chant tunes with surviving notation of both pitch and rhythm. It was probably written in the sixth-eighth century and was found in manuscript fragments from the ninth-tenth century. As such, it gives us the best idea of how chant was sung in the medieval church. The tune we now use for this great hymn is *Valet will ich dir geben* which was written by Melchior Teschner in Fraustadt Germany in 1613 and has grown in use ever since.

The text of "All Glory Laud and Honor" was written by St. Theodulph, Bishop of Orleans. The story goes, albeit unlikely, that

Theodulph was imprisoned at Angers for conspiring to overthrow King Louis I, which Theodulph denied. On Palm Sunday, 821, Louis the Pious, King of France, was at Angers and took part in the usual procession of the clergy and laity. As the procession passed the place where Theodulph was incarcerated he stood at the open window of his cell, and amid the silence of the people, sung this hymn which he had newly composed. The king was so much delighted with the hymn that he at once ordered St. Theodulph to be set at liberty and restored to his seat, and ordained that henceforth the hymn should always be used in processions on Palm Sunday.

For those of you who think our services last too long, it should be noted that St. Theodulph's original hymn, written in Latin, had no less than 38 verses. While even I am glad that over the years hymnal editors have pared it down to the five we now commonly sing, I leave you with the one I dearly wish had not been left out.

Be thou, O Lord, the Rider, And we the little ass That to God's Holy City Together we may pass.



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	May 7	May 14	May 21	May 28	
Altar Guild	Gina Hammond, Debbie Gerbich, John Greely, Jim Hammond, Nancy Phenicie			Jolly DeGive Natalie Epstein Patty Jarvis	
Flower Guild	Carolyn Smith Arla Lewis Mary MacDonnell Gretchen Zeltner Alix Coolidge Mark Thompson Linda Newton	Anne Coyner Barbara Augenblick Sally Fletcher Becky Hoecker Cindy Mullett Cathy Boswell	Valerie Dove Beth Gibbens Susan Grayson Kelly Johnson Lynn Wiley Joan Eliot	Celeste Wheelwright Stephanie Bates Sarah Ellison Brooke Myatt Nicky Perry LeighO Wood	
Memorial Flowers		Judy Washburn	Jim & Gina Hammond		
8:00 AM Service: Holy Eucharist Rite I					
Lay Eucharistic Minister	Lewis Martin	Jeff Millington	Ellen Hall	Carol Miller	
Lector	Cheri Martin	Walta Warren	Carol Miller	Beth Lamond	
Ushers	Robert Bonnie John Miller	Holly and Chuck Bimba	Sarah and Greg Ellison	Nicky Perry Walta Warren	
Healing Ministry	Clyde Lamond Cheri Martin				
Coffee Hour		Robin Keys		Stable Tour	
10:30 AM Service: Holy Eucharist Rite 2					
Lay Eucharistic Ministers	Johanna Jackson Randy Mullett	Ken Knapp Sheryl Mazzatenta	Michael Main Sabine Bibb	Arch Randolph Pamela Wynfield	
Lector	Barbara Augenblick Page Gravely	Randy Mullett Arch Randolph	Stephanie Reynolds Bucky Slater	Sheryl Mazzatenta Joe Fluet	
Ushers	Jolly deGive Bunny Schick Ray Ewing	Pamela Wynfield Elizabeth Courts Barbara Augenblick	David Hartley Mac Hartley Jim Hoecker	Chip Chapman Brett Bibb	
Healing Ministers	Michael Scholes Stephanie Knapp	Ginny Fluet Joe Fluet	All Ministers		
Ambassadors	Marguerite Sweeny	Dorsey deButts	Brett Bibb	Ed Moore	
Coffee Hour	Parish Life/Bishop's Visit	Rachel Rickenbaker/ Youth Sunday		Stable Tour	





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Vacation Bible School

June 12-16



Registration is now open for all children!

Join us for music and games, skits and snacks, drama and crafts, smiles and laughter! We'll spend a week diving into God's Word as we experience how God created each of us for unique purposes.



Registration is on a first come basis, and spaces are limited, so sign up early!

Visit www.trinityupperville.org, or contact Rachel in the church office.

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