



The Messenger

Trinity Episcopal Church, Columbus, Georgia

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April 2019

From the Rector



From the Rev. Timothy H. Graham, Rector

In the coming days we will experience the richness of the story of our salvation as God's people. We will hear about how God redeemed the world through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We will enter into that story and claim it again as our own story. The words, music and images of the holy season all help us realize the power of what God has done for us. One of the wonderful sights of Easter that I look forward to each year is the look of surprise and joy on the faces of children as they hunt for eggs. All of us need to experience that sense of surprise in our lives. May God surprise us again for this year with a deeper appreciation for the wonders of God's grace given to us. May God surprise us again with insights that lead us to new life, new energy, new opportunities, new ways to love and serve others in the name of Jesus Christ. I'll see you in church during Holy Week as we prepare to be surprised by God.

Blessings to you all. Father Tim

Fr. Tim Graham

Building a Spirit-empowered community that serves and celebrates Christ.

"Let my prayer come before thee: incline thine ear unto my cry;" Psalm 88:2

We pray God's protection for those serving in battle.

In Our Prayers:

- Bill Batastini
- Charlie Morgan
- Fleur Stearns
- Margaret Quintard
- Dr. Lloyd Hudson
- Lucius Morton
- Don & Nancy Bloebaum
- George Wade
- Ann Sturkie
- Hadley Scott
- Joyce Curry
- Tracy Mourer
- Paul Rickard
- Joey Burke
- Bob Miller
- Cecil Cheves
- Dexter Jordan
- Fred Korzan
- Lilly Myers
- Kathleen Bishop
- Gina Black Watson
- Doug Foster
- Betsy Blanchard Staples
- Barbara Korzan
- Majorie Naybor
- George Trussell, Sr.
- George Trussell, Jr.
- Bob Upchurch
- Aiden Elias
- Mackenzie Etheridge
- Gladys Sherwood
- Sharon Sprouse
- Ginger Calhoun
- Jessica Taylor
- Cammy Marchetti
- Bryan Wright
- Rudi C. Pierson
- Susan Brooks
- Virginia Turner (Ely)
- Presleigh Stephens
- Camilla Rich
- Jo Myers
- Betsy Blanchard Staples
- Mary Bennett
- Gordon Bradford
- George Cantrell

Easter Memorials and Thanksgivings

Special gifts of flowers and music for Easter 2019

Please complete this form and place it in the offering plate or return it to the Parish Office with your check made payable to Trinity. Specify "Flowers" or "Music" on your check. Gifts must be received **by Thursday, April 11**, in order to be printed in the Easter Sunday Order of Service.

Your name: _____

Please designate: _____ Flowers _____ Music

Gift Amount \$ _____

☐ In Loving Memory of *OR* ☐ In Thanksgiving
for:

Dear All,

As you know, we have focused on being fiscally responsible as a parish for a number of years which meant trying to keep our operating expenses in line with our operating income excluding endowment funds ("Count Me In"). In 2018, we were able to do just that! While we had planned on needing some savings to balance our budget in 2018, we did not have to use any of those Count Me In funds in 2018! Thank you to all who donated time and funds to help us achieve this milestone.

Coming into February of this year (2019), we faced a \$15,000 budget deficit, since we had increased the budget to provide raises for full-time employees who had not received such an increase in 4 years and would be at full staff with a new associate. However, a number of our fellow parishioners either pledged or increased their pledge to erase the budget deficit. I thank everyone who pledged this year and allowed us to present a balanced budget without having to include a portion from Count Me In funds. Sometimes, a budget can be taken for granted, but I assure you that is not the case at Trinity. We will continue to strive for balance going forward.

Finally, you may notice a few improvements around Trinity, which have resulted from generous gifts. For instance, we have benefited from security officers at Trinity due to such generosity, and the landscaping around our parking lot is also being refreshed thanks to a combination of the generosity of a parishioner and the City of Columbus. I can't thank all of you who give so much to Trinity in the way of monetary gifts and your valuable time. Without you, this place would not be so special.

Thank you,
Tim

2019 Trinity Church Lenten Series

Please join us on Mondays during Lent for lunch and speaker.

April 1. - The Rev. Danny Dieth, First Presbyterian Church, Columbus, GA

April 8 - The Rev. Allen Pruitt, St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Lagrange, GA

Confirmation

Sunday April 14 at 10.30am

Celebrant: Bishop of Atlanta, Robert C. Wright

This is also Palm Sunday and the beginning of Holy Week



Rev. Kyle Stillings -

Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen. -*The Book of Occasional Services 2003, p.26*

The above prayer is a seasonal blessing that is an alternative for use during Holy Week after communion. For me it is a simple summary of our central narrative as Christians. We pray for grace from God not because of our own merits, but because of the work of Jesus Christ upon the cross done on our behalf. During Holy Week we hear again each year about the Passion (from the Latin for “suffering,” there is nothing of romance in this story) of our Lord and savior. There is a rapid transition from Jesus’ triumphal entry into Jerusalem to his betrayal, mockery of a trial, and execution. These transitions are jarring, and intentionally so; they are meant to shake us awake, and force us to confront our cruellest and most sinfully violent impulses. Many churches read the gospel on Palm Sunday as a play in order to further draw the congregation into participating in the reality of Christ’s suffering and death.

We participate in the betrayal and death of God. This ought to break our hearts. It should break our hearts wide open, but that wound of grief and sorrow also opens us up to allow Jesus to enter into our hearts. We remember our participation in sin, but also Jesus Christ’s participation in redeeming our lives upon the cross. We prepare ourselves for the wonder and glory of Easter morning when with joy and relief we see that our God is stronger than our weakness and cruelty, stronger than the forces of sin and evil, stronger even than death.

Lauren Blanchard

We are really excited about the rest of our Wednesday Night activities for the year! We have a new four week rotation and we hope you enjoy what we have planned and will join us in the weeks to come. The categories include: Arts/Crafts (1st Wed.); Meet a Ministry (2nd Wed.); Game Night (3rd Wed.); Models of Prayer/Devotions (4th Wed.), and Movie Night (for the occasional 5th Wed. in a month). This theme will remain the same, but each week will be a new activity. If activities aren’t child friendly, we will have something special planned just for the kids. It will be a lot of fun for everyone! We hope you’ll join us in April!



MUSIC NOTES:

The Trinity Choir continues in its preparation of music through the end of Lent and into Holy Week and then to Easter Day.

We are welcoming guest instrumentalists on selected Sundays this Spring: Jeanne Martz, flute; Traian Sturza, bassoon; and Dr. Paul Vaillancourt, marimba

The Trinity Handbell Choir will start rehearsals the week after Easter Day, preparing for a special musical offering during the Easter Season. If you would like to participate in this group, please contact the church office or speak with Joseph Golden or Aesook Moon. ALL ARE WELCOME. Come and "Ring for Joy" in that most glorious of seasons!

New choir recording coming next Fall: The success of the Trinity Choir's Christmas CD has prompted us to plan another CD, this one titled "Great Hymns of the Faith," featuring some of the most loved and revered songs of our faith throughout the centuries. Organ, Brass and Timpani will accompany and will also present instrumental works as well. More about this in the near future.

Soli Deo Gloria,
Joseph Golden and Aesook Moon

Holy Week at Trinity

Palm Sunday, April 14th - Easter Sunday, April 21st 2019

Palm Sunday

Bishop's Annual Visit

8:00am HE I (Chapel)

10:30am HE II and Confirmation(Nave)

Please gather on the front lawn before worship.

Maundy Thursday

12:00pm HE & Stripping of the Chapel Altar

6:30pm HE, Footwashing, & Stripping of Nave Altar

Nursery available for 6:30pm worship.

Good Friday

12:00pm Stations of the Cross (Nave)

6:30pm Good Friday Liturgy (Nave)

Nursery available for 6:30pm worship.

Holy Saturday

8:00pm Easter Vigil at Linwood Cemetery

721 Linwood Blvd, Columbus, GA 31901

This rich service begins in darkness outside Lummus Chapel with the lighting of the new fire, from which the Paschal candle is lighted. Lessons are read followed by the renewal of baptismal vows. This is the first Eucharist of Easter. The service ends in the chapel in glorious light with alleluias resounding.

Easter Sunday

8:00am HE I (Nave)

Nursery available.

NO Sunday School

10:30am HE II (Nave)

Nursery available.

The Children's Easter egg hunt follows this service.