



# The Messenger

Trinity Episcopal Church, Columbus, Georgia

The Rev. Timothy Graham, Rector

The Rev. Andrew Blakemore, Associate Rector

Joseph Golden, Organist & Choirmaster

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## From the Rector

*The Rev. Timothy H. Graham*

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
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Oh! sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

This beautiful spiritual is included in many church hymnals. We usually sing this moving song every year during our Good Friday worship. The origins of the song are born out of the experience of slavery in years past. Most of us are now familiar with this song and we find deep meaning in the words and in the feeling that the tune evokes.

The questions in the song are not to be taken literally. None of us were physically present at the passion of Christ. Rather, the questions are meant to function as a form of being present in the memory of an event that happened long ago.

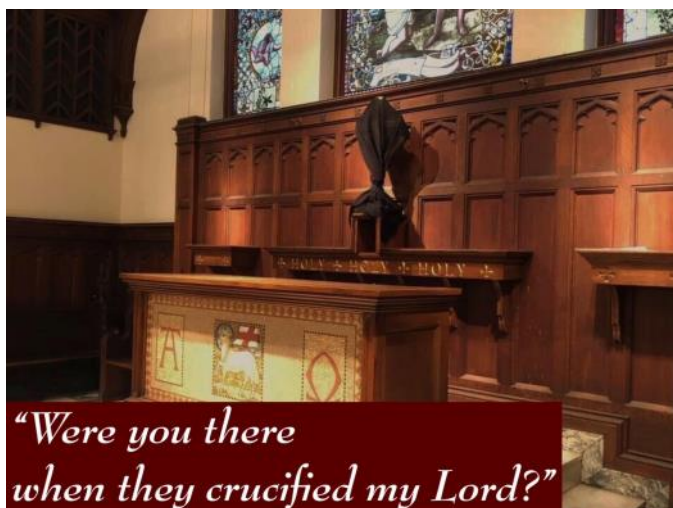
We are invited in this song, and in all the liturgies of the church and scripture appointed for holy week, to re-member the past to the present, to bring these historic events to bear on the now and make them part of our story.

The re-membering of the cross of Jesus allowed those who experienced slavery years ago to claim the Christ who knew their suffering and stood in solidarity with their oppression. When we sing the song today we also are helped to connect the sufferings of our present time with Christ's suffering on the cross. In "being there" in the story of Jesus and his journey to the cross and his death, we are also made aware of the promise of God's presence and the power of resurrection.

The church offers us an opportunity during Holy Week for us to participate in the amazing story of what God has done for the whole world. You are invited to journey with your church family to the cross, in the corporate worship at Trinity Church, so that each of us may also experience the joy of Christ's resurrection on Easter Day.

God bless you all.

Father Tim



*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*

**In Our Prayers:**

**Parishioners**

Bill Batastini  
Jenny Lind Berry  
Nancy Bloebaum  
Jack Collins  
Peggy Collins  
Joyce Curry  
Ginger Driver  
Ken Followill  
Becky Goldsmith  
Deana Graham  
Mary Johnson  
Mary Dana Knight  
Fred Korzan  
Harriot Lippmann  
Robert Marcus  
Karyn Marra  
Bob Miller  
Jo Myers  
Bill Perdue  
Jacquie Rawls  
Hazel Rust  
Fleur Stearns  
Kathryn Torres  
George Trussell, Jr.  
Walter Trussell  
Bob Upchurch  
George Wade  
Judy Wilkinson

**Friends**

Lisa Askew  
Gordon Bradford  
Katherine Bradford  
Jim Buntin  
Lisa Ellr  
Angela Haskell  
Mary Henderson  
Joe Higdon  
Tommy Holloway  
Doug Irvine  
Bob Kidd  
Jennifer Kidd  
Kim Kimbrough  
Devon Levy  
Kendra Neal  
Michael Owen  
Kathy Renno  
Paul Rickard  
Martha Robert  
Bob Scarborough  
Hildred Shearer  
Billy Steele

If you know of a parishioner who is in the hospital, has had a child, or is facing some crisis, please let the Parish Office know so our Parish family can respond.



**Music, Music, Music**

On Maundy Thursday, at the 6:00 p.m. service in our beautiful courtyard, we will present the premier presentation of a new 4-part Men's Chorus version of the well known Holy Week hymn, "Go to dark Gethsemane," arranged by the Organist Choirmaster, featuring the men of the Trinity Choir.

On Saturday evening at Linwood Cemetery, we will have our annual ringing of the bells leading us into the first Eucharist of Easter.

Easter Day, at 10:30, we will have our traditional Trinity Brass and Timpani ensemble providing additional excitement to that glorious day.

With Holy Week and Easter Day coming rather late this year, we will be bringing our first regular choir season since the lockdown to a close shortly after those important events and moving to a Summer mode until mid-August.

The Trinity Choir members have worked diligently to overcome the Covid mandates and have provided varied offerings from traditional Anthems, Spirituals and the Jazz idiom. We plan Summer offerings that will include vocal and instrumental soloists and groups.

In the early Fall, we will especially welcome back our friends from Wolf and Clover and a renewed Trinity Choir.

Stay tuned.....!  
Dr. Aesook Moon &  
Joseph Golden  
Organist/Choirmaster



## Meet Father Andy!



Grace to you and peace in Jesus Christ our Lord!

I still remember when Father Tim first called me to find out a little bit about me, and to tell me a little bit about himself, about Trinity, and about the city of Columbus. It was a hot & sunny day last August, and I was in the very first week of my chaplain residency at Scottish Rite children's hospital in Atlanta. I had never heard of Trinity before that day, and I had never stepped foot in Columbus. But as Father Tim told me about this historic city along the river, lovingly describing the congregation he serves, I began to wonder. For the next eight months, I became immersed in the duties of a chaplain, meeting countless families and accompanying them through disorienting, often painful experiences of injury and illness. At the very same time, though, I was praying about the unforeseen possibility of life in a whole other city, and the call to walk in faith with you at Trinity.

There is so much to look forward to about serving at Trinity! In the month ahead, I'm especially eager to move through the liturgies of Holy Week. Every passage from Palm Sunday to Easter offers us a chance to renew our faith, in and through some of the most ancient traditions of the church. There is no better way than Holy Week to connect more deeply with Trinity, to encounter first-hand the many things that make it a sacred space, and one of the most unique and historic parishes in Georgia. I am also excited to work closely with Fr Tim in 'drawing the circle wider,' finding new ways to open our doors to a world changed by the pandemic and to the flourishing streets of downtown Columbus. The wellspring of Anglican spirituality runs deep at Trinity, and I want to draw upon it, offering it to all who seek to love God and serve Christ in one another.

As your associate rector, I can't wait to get to know you better, and want you to know who I am too. Here's some basic information about me:

- I grew up in Southeastern Kansas, with an older brother, a younger sister, and an alley cat I adopted and named TJ. The rest of my family is still in Kansas, and they still look at me sideways when I call them "y'all!"

- I am joyfully married. My wife, Nicole, and I met at the University of Kansas. She is a science teacher, currently finishing up her school year in Decatur. If you have not met her yet, you will - she has already fallen in love with Trinity Columbus!
- My parents taught me to love learning, and before entering seminary I studied social sciences, world religions, and mathematics. Reading and writing are still a big part of my spiritual growth, and I'm always wading through some work or topic in theology.
- It is hard to be a bookworm in Georgia, though, with all the warm weather and natural beauty of this state. Nicole and I like to grow garden vegetables. She is an avid gravel cyclist with a few races under her belt, and we both enjoy running and trail hiking. We can't wait to start taking bike rides and long walks around town and along the river!
- Nicole and I have lived in Georgia now for about five years. I came to Atlanta to earn my M.Div. from Candler School of Theology at Emory University, graduating from Candler during the onset of the pandemic in 2020.
- As a seminarian, I served at Holy Trinity Parish in Decatur, GA for three years. After graduation, I moved to Saint Columba's Episcopal church near Lake Lanier and served as the director of youth ministry there. I was ordained a deacon in December, and am now set to be ordained to the priesthood on June 25th, at the Cathedral of Saint Philip.



Join Father Andy on Wednesday, April 6, at 6 PM in the Parish Hall for a yummy meal followed by a program where we will decorate our own Paschal candles in preparation for Holy Week. Reservations are not required, but we would appreciate a heads up if you're coming so we can prepare enough food!

# TRINITY KIDS NEWS!

Hi, my friends! I miss you all so much! I know it has been so long since I've seen you, but I WILL be back!

I'm writing with answers to 4 questions - read on.

## 1. Where in the world is Mama D?

As you know, I was having a marvelous time in Italy until I got injured. I broke my tibial plateau, a few smaller bones, and tore up my meniscus. I "got" to have surgery in Rome and then come home and have it all done again! After the second surgery, I had one month of a completely straight leg and then three more months with my bad leg completely non weight-bearing. In the last two weeks, I have been able to begin putting weight on that leg, and I am at Physical Therapy teaching my brain and leg to work together again so I can walk! I'm getting there! I want you all to know that I'm home because the doctor feels like I need to give myself the rest of the school year to make sure the fixes are strong before I work with kids again. It is very strange not to be around you all, but I'll be back at it this summer.

## 2. What's happening every Sunday at Children's Church?

Two very fine folks have been hired to lead the children each Sunday, and I am working closely with them on plans. You all know my son, Harry, and his good friend, Harper, from VBS every summer. They are the best, and they would LOVE to have more of you coming on Sundays. Come see what's happening and spend time with two cool peeps!



## 3. When is VBS this summer?

Great question! We are teaming up with First Pres again, and we are going to have a blast! Save the dates and pass it on - **June 6-10** - best week of the summer! I'll be ready to have some fun with you!!



## 4. What are our plans for Easter?

How about an Easter Egg Hunt? Just like every year, you all will come out of church from the Easter Service, line up with your baskets, and fly around the churchyard searching for eggs!

I hope these answers help you know what's what, and I am counting on you all to finish this school year strong by coming to Children's Chapel to learn and have fun together. Harry and Harper will be waiting to see you! And I'll see you soon when I can walk!!

Love you all so much,  
Mama D



# Holy Week at Trinity 2022

Palm Sunday, April 10 - Easter Sunday, April 17

Trinity Episcopal Church 1130 First Avenue Columbus, GA

## Palm Sunday

April 10

- 9:00 AM Outdoor Worship  
with Holy Eucharist
- 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II (Nave)  
\*Gather Outside for Procession

## Wednesday

April 13

- 11:30 AM Holy Eucharist with  
Prayers for Healing (Chapel)

## Maundy Thursday

April 14

- 12:00 PM Holy Eucharist &  
Stripping of the Altar  
(Nave, No Foot Washing)
- 6:00 PM Brief Outdoor Worship  
with Holy Eucharist &  
Foot Washing (Courtyard)

\*In the case of rain, this service will be held in the Parish Hall.

## Good Friday

April 15

### 12:00 PM Good Friday Liturgy (Nave)

In this service, we'll hear scripture on our Lord's Passion, including a dramatic reading of John's Gospel. There will be a time for venerating the cross, and communion will be served from the reserved sacrament from Maundy Thursday celebrations.

### 6:00 PM Walking Stations of the Cross

Join Trinity's clergy, Fr. Tim Graham and Fr. Andy Blakemore, as we walk and pray with Jesus along the way of his suffering and death. This service will begin on the front steps of Trinity and will travel a few blocks around Downtown. Be sure to wear comfortable shoes.

\*In the case of rain, there will be a meditative Evening Prayer service in the chapel.

## Holy Saturday

April 16

### 12:00 PM Brief Prayer Service (Chapel)

## Easter Vigil

April 16

### 8:00 PM Holy Eucharist at Linwood Cemetery

This rich service begins in darkness outside Lummus Chapel with the lighting of the new fire, from which the Paschal candle is lit. 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

- 9:00 AM Outdoor Worship  
with Holy Eucharist

- 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II  
(Nave)