



The Trumpet

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RISUS PASCHALIS - The "Easter Laugh"

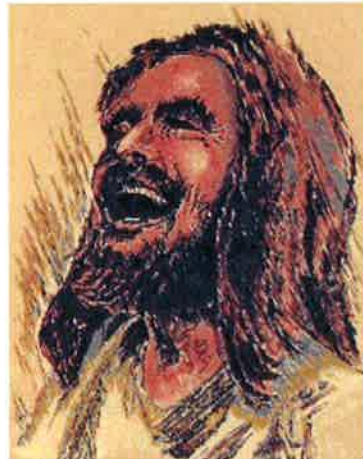
Yesterday in staff meeting we discussed what a gift the celebration of Palm Sunday was in spite of the inclement weather and the absence of Bervick the mule leading the procession. We talked about how many churches don't even recognize Palm Sunday. The liturgies of our church that commemorate the events of Holy Week are often taken for granted like the celebration of "Bright Sunday." What, you've never heard about "Bright Sunday?"

For centuries in Eastern Orthodox, Catholic and Protestant countries, the week following Easter Sunday, including "Bright Sunday" (the Sunday after Easter), was observed by the faithful as "days of joy and laughter" with parties and picnics to celebrate Jesus' resurrection. Churchgoers and pastors played practical jokes on each other, drenched each other with water, told jokes, sang, and danced. How appropriate that this year Easter week begins with April Fool's Day.

The custom was rooted in the musings of early church theologians (like Augustine, Gregory of Nyssa, and John Chrysostom) that God played a practical joke on the devil by raising

Jesus from the dead. "Risus paschalis - the Easter laugh," the early theologians called it.

In my previous parish we celebrated this ancient "Easter laugh" by observing "Bright Sunday" in the telling of jokes from the pulpit in lieu of a sermon.



I've always assumed, maybe incorrectly, that Trinity Church is too sophisticated for such frivolity. But we're not too sophisticated to appreciate the point of the celebration, that the greatest joke has truly been played on the devil because Jesus Christ is risen from the dead. Alleluia.

We sometimes forget what the prophet Nehemiah shared with us. "Go and enjoy choice food and sweet drinks, and send some to those who have nothing prepared.

This day is holy to our Lord. Do not grieve, for the joy of the Lord is your strength" (Nehemiah 8:9-11).

Now, in keeping with the spirit of "Bright Sunday" I offer you the following. Don't forget that the Easter season and all the Christian life is intended to be a life of celebration and joy.

How many Roman Catholics does it take to change a light bulb? None. They use candles. Charismatics? Only one: hands are already in the air. Episcopalians? Three: One to call the electrician, one to mix the drinks and one to talk about how much better the old one was. Unitarians? We choose not to make a statement either in favor of or against the need for a light bulb. However, if, in your own journey you have found that light bulbs work for you, that is fine. You are invited to write a poem or compose a modern dance about your personal relationship with your light bulb, and present it next month at our annual Light Bulb Sunday Service, in which we will explore a number of light bulb traditions, including incandescent, fluorescent, three-way, long-life and tinted, all of which are equally valid paths to luminescence. Amish - What's a light bulb?

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

LONGVIEW, TEXAS

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SCRIPTURE OF THE MONTH

Luke 24:1-6



On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb [of Jesus]. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they entered they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. Suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed appeared...and said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen!"

MISSION OF THE MONTH



The mission of Hannah House is to reach out to teens and young women in a crisis pregnancy situation; to provide an alternative to abortion such as adoption or parenting; to develop better decision-making, life, and parenting skills; to further education; to build stronger belief & understanding of the family; to glorify God and share His word and answers for today's world.

For more information about Hannah House ministries, visit their website at:
www.plministries.org

ST. MONDAY'S

APRIL 8TH - 11:30 AM

Menu - Fried Chicken with all the trimmings



Bill Bane will lead a sing-along of old favorite hymns and gospel songs



Bishop's Visitation

Sunday, April 14

Please plan to attend this special Sunday and celebrate the occasion of Bishop C. Andrew Doyle's presence with us.

10:30 AM Rite of Confirmation
Reception immediately following
10:30 AM service

Youth News

This summer, Middle School and Senior High students from Trinity Episcopal Church will be heading to New Orleans. We will be joining in the efforts of The Epworth Project, a mission funded by the United Methodist Church, helping to rebuild homes left damaged by recent hurricanes. We will be working alongside 300 other students that week. The weather will be hot and the work will not be easy, however, we will have the opportunity to impact many lives while we are there. I am convinced that our students are ready for this trip. Here's how you can help Trinity students have a successful adventure.

First, pray for the team. Students are still signing up. We hope to take 11 students and four adults. Pray for safe travels and for safety while working.

Second, give money. The trip costs roughly \$250 per person. Some students can afford to pay this amount. Others will need scholarships. If you're able, give a gift to help fund this trip. Checks can be made payable to Trinity Episcopal Church, please be sure to put "Youth Mission Trip" in the memo. For the month of May, all money given in the loose offering during worship will go to the Youth Mission Trip.

Third, give supplies. In addition to funding this trip, students will also need to provide a variety of trip necessities required by The Epworth Project. We will need roughly 15 of each of the following items:

Cotton Work Gloves • Sunscreen • Disposable Face Masks • Gel Hand Sanitizer • Safety Goggles • Toilet Paper • Towels and Washcloths • Soap and Toothpaste • Insect Repellent • Air Mattresses • Earplugs • Water Bottles

As you see students around the church, tell them you'll be praying for them. Encourage them about this trip, and help them know that you will be supporting them as they travel to help others.

YOUTH LOCK-IN

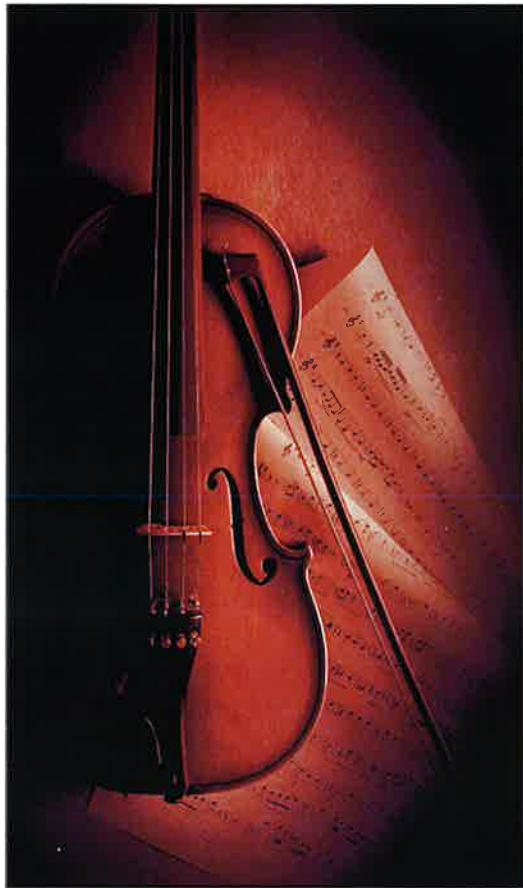
6:00 PM April 19 til 8:00 AM April 20th

Games • Snacks • Activities • Fun, fun, fun! More info? [Facebook.com/trinityepiscopalstudents](https://www.facebook.com/trinityepiscopalstudents)

SHARING FAITH SUPPERS • MAY 16, 2013

It's time again for the Sharing Faith Suppers! Last year over 80 Trinitarians participated in this amazing and inspirational Diocesan-wide event! Sign up for one of these casual suppers to "share your faith journey" with other parishioners. We need hostesses and moderators. If you are willing to host and provide a simple meal for 8 to 12 adults, please let us know. Participants must be seated together at one table so please keep this in mind! Hosts must have computer access, also. We need volunteers to serve as "moderators," too. A moderator will join in the supper and keep the conversation going with the help of "question" cards that are provided. A brief one hour on-line training will be available, if needed.

All registration is done on line via the Diocesan website and participants are assigned by the Diocese to a host supper. To sign up, go to: faith.epicenter.org Cherry Sikes is again coordinating the event. For more information, or to sign up as a host or moderator, call Cherry at (903) 746-7677. Cherry will also assist parishioners without computer access.



MUSIC IN APRIL AT TRINITY CHURCH

SERVICE OF COMPLINE

April 14th - 8:30 PM

Come for a very special time of prayer and meditation as the men's Compline Choir leads this ancient monastic Evening Prayer service. Refreshments following service in Guild Hall.

EAST TEXAS YOUTH CHORUS

April 23rd - 7:30 PM

MUSIC AT TRINITY MASTERWORKS CONCERT

April 30th - 7:30 PM

Please join us as the East Texas Community Chorus joins forces with the Kilgore College Chorale and orchestra in a presentation of the monumental "Ein Deutes Requiem" by Johannes Brahms. You will not want to miss this extraordinary event!

Admission is free of charge

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empty bowl

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april 7, 2013

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Trinity School of Texas

Spring Gala

2013

Friday, April 26 • 6:00 PM
Pinecrest Country Club

DINNER
SILENT AUCTION
LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
AWARDS CEREMONY

TICKETS \$85 PER PERSON AND MAY BE PURCHASED BY
CALLING (903) 753-0612, EXT. 225

The Episcopal Diocese of Texas Presents:

The Conference

Camp Allen Conference & Retreat Center
May 3-5, 2013

You may have attended Christian Formation or Stewardship programs in the past, but THE Conference is a first for our Diocese combining Evangelism, Christian Formation and Stewardship into one weekend. You will hear from four Keynoters, eight workshop leaders, and participate in helpful round table discussions on these important topics. Underwritten by the Diocesan Office, Bishop Andy Doyle commented, "I'd love to see our clergy bring teams of people so they can take full advantage of the expertise our speakers have to offer."

The Conference Featured Speakers



The Rev. Bill Miller was the former rector of St. James' Austin and Trinity, Houston. He started the jazz/gospel service at both churches and repeated the popular offering of worship at St. Michael's, Kauai, Hawaii, where he now serves as rector. His new book on congregational development will be published this spring.

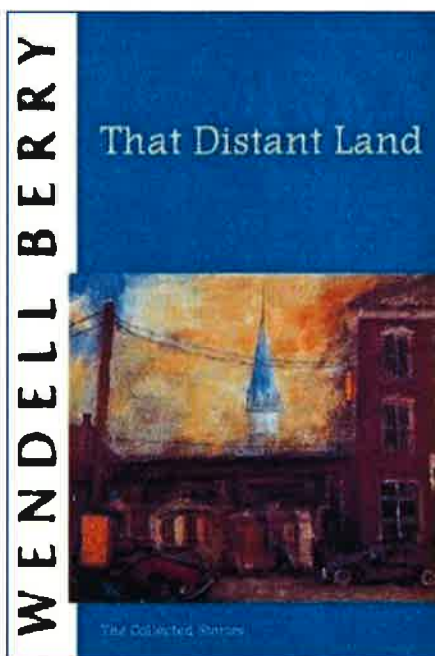
The Rev. Bill Tully, retired as rector of St. Bartholomew's, NY City in January 2012. While rector, he literally reinvented the dying church of a few hundred people inside and out, upgrading facilities from worn to resplendent and adding more than 3000 parishioners during his tenure of nearly two decades.

The Rt. Rev. Greg Rickel is bishop of Olympia (Washington State) and former rector of St. James', Austin. Bishop Rickel has served the wider church as a stewardship consultant for the Stewardship Office of the Episcopal Church and for the Episcopal Network for Stewardship. He has articulated a vision for his diocese of congregational development, attracting younger church members and stewardship of all creation.

The Rev. Judy Fentriss-Williams is Professor of Old Testament at Virginia Theological Seminary where she joined the faculty in 2002. She is a graduate of Princeton and Yale Universities, and formerly served as director of Black Ministries Program at Hartford Seminary.

For more information, or questions related to registration:
heatherl@campallen.org or call (936) 825-7175

BOOK REVIEW *from the library of Fr. Kevin*



On a particularly sleepless night I grabbed off the shelf Wendell Berry's *That Distant Land* and slowly began to immerse myself into the small Kentucky community of Port William. Port William, Kentucky is the imaginary context for more than forty books written by Berry. The town resembles his own home of Port Royal, Kentucky (population 116) where Berry has farmed 125 acres for over forty years. Berry writes most of his short stories and his poetry in a tree-house stand located on his farm.

The richness of Berry's writings is the way in which he creates for his readers an imagination of a different way to live in the world; a world where people are more tied to the land and to the people of their community. Critics of Berry's writings have suggested that this is no more than nostalgia for bygone days. I, on the other hand, think Berry offers us a vision of a life that can be lived even in the city. It is a vision of life where people are more conscious of their relationship to the earth, "our island home," as well as their relationships with other people. Berry's writings might even suggest to us how we could live our lives as a church community.

The imagination for Berry's writings is heavily influenced by the Christian tradition and is therefore a favorite among many pastors and theologians. Pastor and author Eugene Peterson said that Berry was one of the top seven sources for his spiritual theology. Ragan Sutterfield writes in *Christianity Today*, "Berry is a careful reader of the Bible, which I found out during an interview at his home. He quoted easily from the Gospels and Paul's epistles. He is attractive to Christians because he offers a vision of care for creation that is tied up with the sacredness of life. 'What Christians offer is an understanding that the world is not ours, that we are not the ones that give things value,' he told me in his warm, gentlemanly Southern drawl."

TST REPORT

TST's Costa Rican Cultural Plunge

Bret Lacy, TST Senior

A High School group from Trinity School of Texas went on an exciting, fun filled trip to Costa Rica during this year's Spring Break. We went on the trip to learn about cultures other than our own and to see how the lives of kids our age are different from what we are so used to.

We had the privilege of visiting three different schools. Our first visit was to a school for younger children who learned and lived the way American children do. They learned to read and write English and also knew firsthand what American life was like. The second visit was to a High School full of kids our own age. We were able to spend time together comparing our lives in America to theirs in Costa Rica. We were able to make new friends and also gained companions on Facebook. Our last trip was to a school that ranged from first grade all the way to sixth grade. This school was for kids who did not know how to speak English and were not as privileged. It was this school that gave our group a stronger sense of the differences between their culture and ours. It was here that we all were able to make true friends. The language barrier was not enough to keep us all from walking away that day with a new friend.

The trip was a great success. We were able to do many fun activities from zip lining to hiking in the rainforest. However, the most fulfilling part of the trip was when we were able to share time with an assortment of kids who were younger, older, and the same age as. We were able to learn about the differences of life between the countries and were also able to compare the similarities. It was a great experience that I am sure no one who went will ever forget about.

Vestry Update

Claire Alford, Vestry Member

Spring is here! I feel alive and refreshed. There is a revival going on inside me. I woke up today feeling this way after last night's vestry meeting. Fr. Kevin opened our meeting with prayer, as always, but this time he invited the vestry members to participate. As we felt led through the Holy Spirit, we shared prayers that meant something to each of us. At once, the presence of the Holy Spirit filled the room, while prayers and visions for our church sprang forth. There are amazing blessings that are happening here at Trinity Episcopal Church.

I am honored to be a part of such a loving and praying parish. I know, if I have a prayer request, someone at Trinity will pray for me. Thank you, Father God and thank you, Trinity Episcopal Church. Isaiah 56: 7 "These I will bring to my holy mountain and give them joy in my house of prayer."

Highlights from the March Vestry Meeting

- Gary Whitwell reported that the Southwest Association of Episcopal Schools has renewed their accreditation through 2019. He also reported that the facilities task force has interviewed a number of architects who will help Trinity School create a site plan. The next step is to coordinate with the Trinity Episcopal Church facilities task force to develop a site plan for both institutions.
- The board gave final approval of the Trinity School governance documents. These documents were recently changed to reflect changes in the government at TST. The documents will be submitted to the bishop for final approval.
- Barney Jones reported in the Treasurer's Report that February ended with a funds surplus. The Vestry was encouraged with this news.
- Father Kevin reminded the Vestry of the Bishops upcoming visit on April 14th.
- The Vestry responded favorably to a proposal from Tim Baker and Chris Grotomat regarding a youth basketball camp planned for this summer. The camp presents an opportunity for TST/TEC to work together to create a free camp for students seeking basketball skills and mentoring.



Happy Birthday

4/02	Kelly McBride	4/09	Charles Fricks	4/20	Tom Phillips
4/02	Max Clark	4/09	Christa Howard	4/24	Kay Pigeon
4/04	Tinka Amos	4/11	Connor Barbe	4/24	Bobby Mann
4/05	Edwin Buckner	4/12	Rolin McPhee	4/24	Lakin Styles
4/05	Craig Johnson	4/12	Barbara McClellan	4/26	Henry Yarbrough
4/05	La Juan Snider	4/14	Anna Marie Clark	4/26	Kelly Hunter
4/06	Elizabeth Cargill	4/14	Alexis Schimmel	4/28	Stan Hayes
4/07	Kathleen Connolly	4/15	Scott Stevens	4/29	Kate Wilkinson
4/08	Helen Little	4/15	Noah Collins	4/29	Reagan McLemore
4/08	Micki Maly	4/17	Barbara Johnson	4/30	Jennifer Calk
4/08	Elise McClure	4/18	Bonnie Singer		
4/08	Tom Taylor	4/19	Summer Styles		

Happy Anniversary

4/02	Stephen & Alyce Sparks
4/15	Dick & Betty Hurst
4/19	Robert & Marilyn Hampton

TRINITY SERVICE CALENDAR

MONTH OF APRIL - LECTIONARY YEAR C

Date	4.7.2013 Easter 2	4.14.2013 Easter 3	4.21.2013 Easter 4	4.28.2013 Easter 5	5.5.2013 Easter 6
Acolytes	8:00 - J. Welge 10:30 - TBA	8:00 - T. Gignilliat 10:30 - TBA	8:00 - G. Rushing 10:30 - TBA	8:00 - T. Gignilliat 10:30 - TBA	8:00 - G. Rushing 10:30 - TBA
Lay Readers	8:00 1st - W. Charles 2nd - J. Welge	8:00 1st - G. McWhorter 2nd - J. Hall	8:00 1st - G. Hoover 2nd - G. Rushing	8:00 1st - J. Welge 2nd - W. Charles	8:00 1st - G. McWhorter 2nd - G. Rushing
	10:30 1st - N. Collins 2nd - B. McClellan	10:30 1st - B. McClellan 2nd - B. Butler	10:30 1st - R. McPhee 2nd - A. Sharpe	10:30 1st - Z. Brown 2nd - K. Sparks	10:30 1st - L. Sticher 2nd - A. Baker
L.E.M.	R. Chalice G. Rushing G. McWhorter	R. Chalice J. Fowler J. Welge	R. Chalice L. Germany W. Charles	R. Chalice J. Sawyer J. Hall	R. Chalice J. Sloan J. Welge
First Reading Psalm Second Reading Gospel Reading	Acts 5:27-32 Psalm 118:14-29 Revelation 1:4-8 John 20:19-31	Acts 9:1-6 Psalm 30 Revelation 5:11-14 John 21:1-19	Acts 9:36-43 Psalm 23 Revelation 7:9-17 John 10:22-30	Acts 11:1-18 Psalm 148 Revelation 21:1-6 John 13:31-35	Acts 16:9-15 Psalm 67 Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5 John 14:23-29
Altar Team	L. Baker Team	E. Campbell Team	B. Crittenden Team	L. Baker Team	E. Campbell Team
Flower Delivery	E. Cargill T. & D. Skeans	D. Fricks C. Wilks	B. Crittenden Z. Brown	L. Leath P. Twining	J. Walters B. Wood
Vestry Counters	8:00 - G. Whitwell E. McClure 10:30 - T. Holman N. Collins	8:00 - G. Whitwell C. Alford 10:30 - T. Skeans S. Jones	8:00 - G. Whitwell B. Charles 10:30 - C. Alford TBA	8:00 - E. Campbell TBA 10:30 - TBA TBA	8:00 - TBA TBA 10:30 - TBA TBA
Usher Team	Team # 5	Team # 1	Team # 2	Team # 4	Team # 5
Greeters	Team # 3	Team # 4	Team # 5	Team # 1	Team # 2
Verger	G. Whitwell	S. Alford	J. Barbe	G. Whitwell	S. Alford
Sunday School	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
Children's Chapel	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
Coffee Hour Host	C. Walker	DOK	Men of Trinity	C. Sikes	D. Rushing
Parish Hall Security	T. Kirkindoll	J. Crittenden	D. Tracy	T. Devon	G. Plier
L.E.V.	L. Leath J. Mraz		D. Conrad W. Charles		L. Leath D. Conrad

APRIL 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<i>1</i> CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED 5:30 PM Evening DOK	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i> 12:15 PM Holy Eucharist 6:00 PM Book Study Wittmayer's Home 7:00 PM Chancel Choir	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>7</i> Regular Sunday Schedule 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM Empty Bowl Event FUMC, Longview	<i>8</i> 11:30 AM St. Monday's	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i> 12:15 PM Holy Eucharist 6:00 PM Soup, Salad & Small Group 7:00 PM Chancel Choir	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>13</i>
<i>14</i> Bishop C. Andrew Doyle Visit and Confirmations 10:30 AM Service Reception following 10:30 AM Service 8:30 PM Compline	<i>15</i>	<i>16</i> 6:00 PM Vestry Meeting	<i>17</i> 12:15 PM Holy Eucharist 6:00 PM Soup, Salad & Small Group 7:00 PM Chancel Choir	<i>18</i>	<i>19</i> <div style="border: 1px dashed black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> Youth Lock-In - Trinity Outreach Center April 19, 6:00 PM - April 20, 8:00 AM </div>	<i>20</i>
<i>21</i> Regular Sunday Schedule Men of Trinity Breakfast 9:00 AM Parish Hall	<i>22</i>	<i>23</i> 7:30 PM East Texas Youth Chorus Concert	<i>24</i> 10:00 AM TST Service of Holy Eucharist 12:15 PM Holy Eucharist 6:00 PM Soup, Salad & Small Groups 7:00 PM Chancel Choir	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i> 6:00 PM TST Spring Gala Dinner Pinecrest Country Club	<i>27</i>
<i>28</i> Regular Sunday Schedule	<i>29</i>	<i>30</i> 7:30 PM Masterworks Concert Featuring Brahm's Requiem				
<div style="border: 1px dotted black; padding: 10px;"> <p><u>REGULAR SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE:</u></p> <p>8:00 AM Rite I Holy Eucharist</p> <p>9:00 Coffee Hour</p> <p>9:15 AM Christian Education</p> <p>10:30 Rite II Holy Eucharist</p> </div>						