



The Trumpet

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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THE HOPE THAT IS WITHIN US

Alleluia! Christ is risen. The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Our Easter worship at Trinity was glorious. I want to thank all the people that made it possible; the choir, our guest musicians, ushers, greeters, the altar guild, those that served at the altar and of course you who worshipped in word and song. It was a remarkable day.

It was made even more special for Pamela and me as my childhood friend and his significant other were visiting us over the Easter weekend. I didn't have any opportunity to talk with them after the Easter service as I was busy with others and they needed to get back on the road to Boerne. The tears that we both shed at the altar as I blessed both them however said it all.

I wondered to myself how I would share the good news with someone like my dear friend; someone who by his own admission is perfectly comfortable with his current spirituality. The world has changed. People today, versus forty years ago, are much more comfortable living their lives without any reference to God, let

alone to an organized religion or faith community. In the past we could just beat someone over the head with the Bible about their need for a Savior, but today people are less convinced of their need for a Savior. Many of the people we come in contact with from day to day are simply happy with their lives.

So how do we share our faith with others who need to know Christ? I think we do it exactly the way we as a congregation did it this past



SHARING OUR HOPE

Easter. We let them experience first-hand our life in Christ and then trust that God will grab them at exactly the right moment of their lives. "[Paul] planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase." *1 Corinthians 3:6* God does use us however to share the good news with them when the timing is right. Sometimes we are

even blessed to be the harvester. So it is imperative that we are able as St. Peter writes "to give an answer for the hope that is within us." *1 Peter 3:15*

Maybe a great place to start is by sharing our faith journey with one another within the parish. Then when someone like my friend inquires as to 'what is Jesus all about?' we have an answer - an answer that comes from our own deep relationship with God.

On the evening of May 15th the parish will be participating in "Sharing Faith" dinners conducted across the diocese. These are small gatherings in the homes of parishioners, sharing a meal and having life giving conversations in response to sets of questions provided for the evening. I want to encourage you to sign up for these "Sharing Faith" dinners. This is great way to begin meaningful conversations with church friends, both old and new, about the hope that is within us.

For more information please contact the coordinator for these events at Trinity Church, Christy Collins.

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LONGVIEW, TEXAS

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VESTRY

<u>Class of 2014</u>	<u>Class of 2015</u>	<u>Class of 2016</u>
Claire Alford	David Balliett	Lucy Germany
Bill Charles	Scott Jones	John Hall
Todd Holman	Elise McClure	Kim Howard
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Dinah Rushing, Junior Warden		
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Kristen Hoover, Clerk of the Vestry		

MISSION OF THE MONTH

YOUTH MISSION TRIP

Trinity's Mission of the Month for May is the Youth Mission Trip to Oklahoma City. The trip is scheduled for June 30th - July 4th. We will be painting homes damaged by recent tornadoes. In addition to painting homes, we will be seeking ways to interact with the homeowners, and looking for other areas of their homes where we can serve the homeowners (yard work, cleaning, minor repair, etc). As with last summer, we'll be working alongside about 400 students from several other youth groups. I am convinced that our students are ready for this trip, and I'm so thankful for the adults who have committed to go on the trip with us. I'm thrilled to have the opportunity to attend this with our Trinity youth and adults.

Please remember to pray for the students and adults who are going on this trip:

Kate Sparks	Lakin Styles	Will Perry	Pilar McElmore
Emily Sparks	Nicole Mayfield	Hunter Grotemat	Tisha Grotemat
Abbie Sharp	Jessica Baker	Jacob Baker	Jacqui Baker
Verona Williams	Brandon Fugler	Alyce Sparks	Tim Baker

Each student will pay \$300 to attend this trip, however, there are additional expenses (renting two vans, some food expense, trip supplies) above and beyond the per person cost. As you are 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 will go to the Youth Mission Trip.

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.

MUSIC IN MAY AT TRINITY CHURCH

SERVICE OF COMPLINE

May 11th - 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. **This is the last service of Compline until September.**

MUSIC AT TRINITY CONCERT SERIES

EMERALD STRING QUARTET

May 31st - 7:00 PM

Please come and enjoy an evening of beautiful chamber works performed by the incomparable Emerald String Quartet.

Admission is free of charge




ST. MONDAY'S

MAY 5TH - 11:00 AM

Menu - Taco Salad with all trimmings & homemade desserts

Program will feature
The Pleasant Hill Quilters Group
 will present
"The Secret Codes of the Underground Railroad"

Ladies of the group will bring quilts and will talk and sing about each one that was used in various ways as communication on the Underground Railroad. ***You won't want to miss this!***



How has your faith impacted your life? Join the Diocese of Texas for an evening of Sharing Faith at small community dinners. This night of listening and sharing can strengthen your community bonds and your faith. Last year, participants truly felt that something really profound came out of this simple meal and conversation.

The evening will begin with a simple meal in parishioners' homes across the diocese. Each of us has our own personal faith story, and sharing our stories deepens our own faith as well as helps others to recognize how God has worked in their lives.

To register to participate, or for more information, go to www.epicenter.org/sharingfaith. To make this night a success, we need volunteers to "host" a dinner and other volunteers to "moderate" the conversations. If you would like more information about these roles, or for any other questions, contact Christy Collins at 713-689-4603 or chrisrichco@gmail.com



Senior Recognition Sunday

May 18th

During the 10:30 AM Service

If you have a graduating senior student, either high school or college that you would like to have recognized on this special day, please contact **Tim Baker**, Director of Student Ministries by Wednesday, May 14th at tbaker@trinityparish.org

May Youth Activities

May 4th • Sunday School Donuts
9:00 AM

May 18th • Guys & Girls Small Groups
5:30 PM to 7:00 PM

May 25th • Youth Serve at Martha's Kitchen
11:45 AM

A peek ahead...

June 7th • School's Out! Lake Party
Location: Lake Cherokee - More information coming soon. Check Facebook page for more information - [Facebook.com/trinityepiscopalstudents](https://www.facebook.com/trinityepiscopalstudents)

June 16th - 19th
Youth serve at Trinity Vacation Bible School



Baccalaureate Service
Thursday, May 15th • 6:00 PM



Graduation Ceremony
Friday, May 16th • 7:00 PM

APRIL VESTRY REPORT by Lucy Germany

Trinity's vestry meeting on April 15 reflected optimism from several sources—financial good news, forward movement by the Task Force on Facilities which, led by Todd Holman is in early stages of progress on the master plan for the future of Trinity Church and Trinity School of Texas, and new focus on stewardship, an essential ingredient in advancing vision for the parish.

Three Trinity members—Beverly Todd, Dot Fricks and Tali Wilkinson—proposed by the Nominations Committee for membership on the Trinity School of Texas Board of Trustees were approved by the vestry as proposed.

Treasurer Barney Jones presented a bright financial picture for the previous month, with all bills paid, a “really good plate offering total for the month” and an increase in mission giving.

Todd Holman reported that he, Fr. Kevin, David Houston and Jeff Potter met with the City of Longview regarding proposed closing of several

streets which, because of traffic, present a danger to students of Trinity School and Trinity parish children. “It was a pep rally kind of meeting,” Holman said, “The first agreeable meeting on this subject in a long time.” The group noted substantial positivism, on the taking of the first step in securing the safety of children -- an application for the abandonment of Olive Street.

The next step will be taken to the City Council for approval, rather than to Planning and Zoning which is a healthy signal for the approval of the desired project. “Once approval is given we can go ahead with plans,” Holman said, “Things are falling into place.”

Work on the planning phase will be the task of the vestry which will continue all along the way to keep the parish informed. “We’re looking at a long term project” said Senior Warden Bill Charles, noting that the feasibility study is the first major step, to be followed by the gradual development of the vision. The completion of the

plan as a whole may require fifteen or more years, but there seemed no doubt on the part of the vestry that slow and gradual is the right process. “Time is not important,” said Fr. Kevin, “We need a vision for this church—something besides our regular worship. This is what God is calling us to be—a people of vision. It is not a dream but a beginning reality!” The vestry, he said, has agreed to proceed, “to give us ownership of this forward-looking plan.”

“Stewardship is a big part of the project,” Charles said; “it is a way of life about which we will begin to educate our people”. He said plans were in the making to offer a once-a-month stewardship prayer, as a part of the prayers of the people.

The vestry concluded the meeting with optimistic comments about the work in progress, and the openness that will enable it to be fully claimed by all members as an important step forward for their church.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS



Volunteers needed for VBS
June 16th -19th

Please contact Tisha Grotemat
tgrotemat@gmail.com

or call the church office 903-753-3366



Every Sunday at 9:15 AM
July 6th
through
August 10th



Happy Birthday

5/02	Scott Jones	5/11	Georgia Scott	5/25	Clair Balliett
5/03	Bryan Wilks	5/11	Bolton Alford	5/25	Christian Howard
5/03	Maddy Bane	5/15	Pearl Thorpe	5/25	Patricia Cunningham
5/06	Linda Thomas	5/16	Stephen Sparks	5/26	Don Conoly
5/07	Karen Frith	5/19	Owen Robertson	6/27	Sloane White
5/07	Wyvonne Willoughby	5/20	Jeanne Scott	5/29	Heather Bane
5/08	Karen Hall	5/21	Annabeth Baker	5/30	David Sawyer
5/09	Wiley Thomas	5/21	Crystie Owen	5/31	Leo Butter, Jr.
5/09	Ernest Thomas	5/24	Douglas Johnston		

Happy Anniversary

5/12	Don & Dianne Conoly
5/21	Tom & Trudy Taylor
5/25	Reagan & Debra McLemore
5/26	Alan & Tovah Robertson
5/27	Doug & Barbara Johnston
5/27	Terry & Beverly Todd
5/29	Jim & Diana Mears
5/30	David & Clair Balliett
5/31	Stan & Julie Hayes

Trinity Service Calendar

Month of May – Lectionary Year A

Date	May 4 The Third Sunday of Easter	May 11 The Fourth Sunday Of Easter	May 18 The Fifth Sunday of Easter	May 25 The Sixth Sunday of Easter	June 1 The Seventh Sunday of Easter
Verger	S. Alford	M. Wilks	J. Barbe	S. Alford	M. Wilks
Acolytes 8:00 10:30	G. McWhorter Team 1	T. Gignilliat Team 2	G. Hoover Team 3	T. Gignilliat Team 1	G. Hoover Team 2
Lay Readers 8:00 10:30	G. McWhorter J. Welge L. Sticher L. Germany	B. Charles G. Rushing J. Fowler C. Collins	J. Welge G. Hoover R. McPhee S. Thomas	B. Charles G. Rushing J. Sloan G. McWhorter	G. Hoover J. Hall N. Collins E. Smith
First Reading Psalm Second Reading Gospel	Acts 2:14a,36-41 Ps. 116:1-3,10-17 1 Peter 1:17-23 Luke 24:13-35	Acts 2:42-47 Ps. 23 1 Peter 2:19-25 John 10:10	Acts 7:55-60 Ps 31:1-5 15-16 1 Peter 2:2-10 John 14:1-14	Acts 17:22-31 Ps. 66:7-18 1 Peter 3:13-22 John 14:15-21	Acts 1:6-14 Ps 68:1-10,33-36 1 Peter 4:12-14 5:6-4 John 17:1-11
L. E. M. 8:00 10:30	G. McWhorter J. Welge J. Hall L. Germany	B. Charles G. Rushing J. Fowler C. Collins	J. Welge G. Hoover J. Sawyer J. Fowler	G. Rushing B. Charles G. McWhorter J. Sloan	G. Hoover J. Hall N. Collins J. Sawyer
Altar Team	Mann Team	Baker Team	Collins Team	Campbell Team	Crittenden Team
Usher	Crittenden Team	Alexander Team	Kirkindoll Team	Thorson Team	Crittenden Team
Greeters	Barbe Team	Kirkindoll Team	Gray Team	Skeans Team	Barbe Team
L. E. V.		J. Mraz M. Arnold		L. Leath M. Arnold	
Parish Security	T. Devon	T. Kirkindoll	T. Todd	D. Sapp	T. Kirkindoll
Vestry Counters 8:00 10:30	B. Charles D. Rushing C. Alford K. Howard	D. Rushing B. Charles C. Alford T. Skeans	B. Charles A. Welge C. Alford K. Howard	B. Charles A. Welge K. Howard Scott Jones	T. Holman E. McClure J. Hall A. Welge
Flower Delivery	M. Harkrider L. Leath	J. Barth M. Arnold	J. Walters C. Wilks	C. Prior D. Fricks	D. Skeans M. Harkrider
Coffee Hour	D. Rushing	M. Maly	Men of Trinity	D. Fricks	D. Skeans

MAY 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 7:00 PM TST Senior Ring Ceremony	2	3
4 Regular Sunday Schedule 9:00 AM Youth Sunday School Donuts	5 11:00 AM St. Monday's 5:00 PM Tai Chi 5:30 PM DOK	6	7 10:00 AM TST Choral Concert 12:15 PM Holy Eucharist 6:00 PM Theology on Tap 7:00 PM Chancel Choir	8 5:00 PM Tai Chi	9	10
11 Regular Sunday Schedule 8:30 PM Compline	12 5:00 PM Tai Chi 6:00 PM Endowment Board	13 6:00 PM Senior Men's Dinner	14 12:15 PM Holy Eucharist 6:00 PM Theology on Tap 7:00 PM Chancel Choir	15 Sharing Faith Suppers 5:00 PM Tai Chi 6:00 PM TST Baccalaureate Service	16 2:00 PM Upper School Closing Exercises 7:00 PM TST Graduation	17
18 Senior Recognition Sunday at 10:30 AM Men of Trinity Breakfast 9:00 AM Parish Hall 5:30 PM Youth Guys/Girls Small Groups	19 5:00 PM Tai Chi	20 6:00 PM Vestry Meeting	21 12:15 PM Holy Eucharist 6:00 PM Theology on Tap 7:00 PM Chancel Choir	22 8:00 AM - Noon TST Closing Exercises 5:00 PM Tai Chi	23	24
25 Regular Sunday Schedule 11:45 AM Youth Help at Martha's Kitchen	26 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED In observance of Memorial Day	27	28 12:15 PM Holy Eucharist 6:00 PM Theology on Tap 7:00 PM Chancel Choir	29 5:00 PM Tai Chi	30	31 7:00 PM Emerald String Quartet Concert
<p><u>REGULAR SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE:</u></p> <p>8:00 AM Rite I Holy Eucharist 9:00 Coffee Hour 9:15 AM Christian Education 10:30 Rite II Holy Eucharist</p>						

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May Special Events

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| 4th | Youth Sunday School Donuts, 9:00 AM |
| 5th | St. Monday's / Pleasant Hill Quilter's Group, 11:30 AM, Parish Hall |
| 11th | Compline, 8:30 PM, Nave |
| 15th | TST Baccalaureate Service, 6:00 PM, Nave |
| 16th | TST Graduation Ceremony, 7:00 PM, Nave |
| 18th | Youth Small Groups, 5:30 PM |
| 25th | Youth Serve at Martha's Kitchen, 11:45 AM |
| 31st | Emerald String Quartet Concert, 7:00 PM, Nave |

June Special Events

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| 3rd | DOK, 5:30 PM, Parish Hall |
| 7th | Youth Lake Party Event (Check youth Facebook page for time and place) |
| 16th - 19th | Vacation Bible School, 9:00 AM - Noon |
| 30th - 7/4 | Youth Mission Trip to Oklahoma City |