Easter at Trinity

We celebrated a glorious Holy Week and Easter at Trinity. The culmination of the Holy Week Actives were our Easter Worship Services and our annual congregational pictures.
Focus On: Choir Members

Anne Godinich

I am a cum laude graduate of Texas A&M who two weeks later eloped with a young Marine Corps Lt who promised me a life that would never be boring. That promise has never been broken. We climbed pyramids in Mexico, Hindu temples in Thailand, an active volcano in Hawaii, and a glacier in New Zealand. I hydrofoiled to Macao, hydroplaned while pulling a trailer, and hydroponic(ed) four greenhouses full of tomatoes. I straddled the equator, swam over shipwrecks, wrapped a python around my neck and stuck my arm up a goat to help it give birth. Like I said, never boring.

People ask how we landed in Marshall and we say, “we chose Marshall” (insert shock and awe here). We have never regretted choosing to raise our family in a small town or on a small farm. With every barnyard animal possible from a pet pig to llamas. Our children, Katie and Cody, are by far the greatest gifts God has given us. And we thank Him every day for them and Mike, Katie’s husband who is a Marine Corps Captain, and The Perfect Son-in-Law. It has been quite an adjustment for this city girl that once lived in New York, Los Angeles, Hawaii, Houston and Dallas. Our current location is at the dead end of a county road outside Harleton where we designed and built our home. I love the peace and quiet of the country and hope to never leave it. I have held various jobs and served on various boards, blah blah blah — save it for the eulogy, but my favorite job was serving as Librarian at Trinity Episcopal Day School for ten years. Nothing has been more rewarding than opening up the world of books to children whether they be two years old or junior high students.

I am a cancer survivor, a sugar addict, a rabid reader and an ambitious gardener.

I am a grandmother to the two most wonderful grandchildren in the world (Michael and Jack) with one on the way. I love to sing, visit with the choir girls, laugh at our misbehaving choir men on the back row, and give Jim Johnson fits about his song selections. Sorry, Jim.

So, last but not least, I am a Trinity choir member.

Pauline Shew Manly

Pauline was born to J. E. and Eudine Toon Shew on 9 February 1944 in Cass County, Texas. Reared in a Christian home as a Baptist, Pauline received sound Christian values which have guided her all her life. Pauline graduated from Linden-Kildare High School in 1962. After graduation she moved to Dallas, Texas where she became a supervisor at the First National Bank for fifteen years. In February 1978, she married then Major Charles Manly, and the couple made their home in Marshall, Texas. At that time, Pauline was confirmed and joined Trinity Episcopal Church. They have two children. Pauline has always been interested in music, her favorite instrument being the piano. She has studied under several teachers, the last one being Jim Johnson, the choir master at Trinity Episcopal. While in high school, Pauline played the piano for Center Hill Baptist Church in Linden and later for Galilee Baptist Church in Dallas. When the family moved to Alexandria, Virginia for a few years, Pauline played the piano for Woodlawn Baptist Church there. She has sung in several choirs, and now sings with Trinity Episcopal Choir, thanks to Jackie Weeks, who encouraged her to join.

While in Virginia, Pauline also managed the Ft. Myer Thrift Shop. She and her family have traveled extensively in America as well as in Europe. Pauline has always sought to expose her children to music, art, and culture. Thanks to Pauline, her daughter is accomplished in dramatics and plays the harp. Heather is a graduate of the Central School of Speech and Drama in London, England, thanks in no small part to Pauline’s encouragement and support. Among Pauline’s interests are traveling, concerts, and dramatic productions.
Dear Beloved in Christ:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ.

Here we are in the middle of the Easter Season yet for many they consider Easter over, it was one day, the one Sunday and then it is passed. The reality is that as followers of Jesus Christ we live in the midst of Easter throughout the year. The light of Christ’s resurrection from the dead happened on a particular day but the manifestation of that light is to fill all our days, as individuals, as families, as a church, as a community, and as a nation.

One of the books of the Apocrypha is the Book of Judith. Judith was a widowed woman who lived in ancient Israel who through faith and courage saved her people from being conquered. In Judith 5:17 one of the advisors for the enemy general tells him, “As long as they did not sin against their God they prospered, for the God who hates iniquity is with them.”

I can understand why the Book of Judith is not part of the Canon of the Bible; it says some difficult things. Imagine that, a nation told not to sin or they will be punished. That is a pretty strange concept in our day of individualism. It sounds as if it is awfully judgmental. It isn’t inclusive, it means if God has said something he means it. Also, that there is the expectation for the faithful to follow what the Lord has declared. Often people fall into the line that Christ loved everyone, and would not exclude anyone. That’s true He won’t.

However it is not God who excludes a person; a person can exclude themselves by the choices that they make. At the end of Matthew Christ tells us (Christians) to “teach all that I have commanded you.” One of the key things that Jesus taught was obedience to the Father. Jesus included everyone, but some people made the choice to walk away and remain in their sin. There are those today who sit in Church every Sunday feeling assured that they are all right because they are in church or they are this or they are that. There are those who think if they are worshipping God once a month or so, sort of checking in that God’s cool with that. Point of fact is they have walked away from Jesus so they might remain comfortable in our sin, for they assume since they called themselves Christian they are redeemed.

It is something we are all guilty of at some point in our lives, myself included. There are things in my life that I would much prefer to keep as my business and not God’s. Unfortunately, He reminds me it is all His business and that when I turn from Him and lean on or depend on myself in any area of my life I am sinning against Him. At the same time, from past experience I have learned that when I have turned from God I have not prospered, I have failed. Even in difficult times when I have leaned on God rather than myself, I have prospered in that I have had the presence of His strength and His love to see me through has been poured out upon me.

A person call themselves a grapefruit, but that doesn’t make it so. The essence of a grapefruit is its nature. The essence of a Christian is their nature; a nature that is seeking after and worshipping God.

Before we dismiss the sayings, like one in Judith, that lets us know that we will indeed be judged as a nation, as a people, and as individuals. We had better prayerfully reconsider our position. What we are doing is betting that our concept of God, our inept understand, can truly comprehend the mind of the Creator, that we can make our thoughts, our morality His thoughts and His morality, God’s has stood for millenniums; He just might have a point that we should pay attention to.

We will each die in our pride of self, or live in the person of Christ Jesus, it is the daily decision we each must make daily. After all, this is Easter and in Christ all can receive new life.

Pax et Bonum,
Fr. John
Our Vision:

Our vision for Trinity Episcopal Church includes
Growing a dynamic youth program.
Reaching out to our community outside the walls with the love of Christ.
Increasing spiritual and congregational growth for our parish.

Women of Trinity

Women of Trinity were treated to an interesting "History's Mysteries" tale narrated by Dr. Mary Thompson-Price for their April meeting. You've been advised of the fascinating programs presented at these monthly meetings...sure hate to see you miss them. Not only are the programs great, but the camaraderie and food just can't be beat. Edwina Thomas made a luscious chicken entrée...you just should have been there! The May meeting will be the last meeting until we start up again in September (after all, it takes us awhile to come up with these amazing programs!) We'll end this year with our festive finale at Roseville Bed and Breakfast and would love to have you join us, even if it's your first WOT experience. Julie Trexler guested at the April meeting...hope she comes back!! That goes for Susie Bogue, Terry Harper and Carol Meyer, too...it's been wonderful seeing fresh new faces at our meetings. If you'd like to join us for the May 21st meeting at Roseville at Noon...the lunch is just $15...just call Stacey at the Church office or Sandy Toussaint at 903/938-3372...come and bring a guest. Otherwise, we'll see you in September!! Ciao!

Concert to be held at Trinity

Christian songwriter and singer, Micah Tyler is coming to Trinity on Saturday, May 17th at 6:00 PM for a concert with a reception to follow his performance. There is limited seating so reserve your free tickets now by calling the office at 903-938-4246.
Birthdays

1 Jackson Howard 17 SaraAnne Clark
1 Robbey Simmons 17 Amanda Palmer
2 Randy Reeves 17 Scott Rectenwald
2 Mia Abraham 17 Dudley Taylor
4 Harold Hoffmeister 18 Dylan Minatrea
4 Jack Roe 18 Carol Meyer
6 Hannah Tondee 21 Lily Price
8 Ken Haynes 21 Lake Littlejohn
9 Dick Boyd 26 Jerry Tanner
13 Elizabeth Staggers 27 Jack Sanders, Jr.
14 Ben Whaley 27 Catherine Cope
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Church Financials and Attendance for March 2014

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Average Sunday Attendance to date 182 165
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Sunday Attendance to date 2369 2150
Attendance all other Services 3726 3640

Tuna Salad

1 pkg Uncle Ben’s long grain & wild rice
(cook as directed)
1 c mayonnaise
1/2 c sour cream
1/2 c diced celery
1/4 c diced bell pepper
2 (7 oz) cans tuna

Mix all ingredients together & chill. Before serving add 1 cup cashew nuts & dash of red pepper.
Junior Daughters of the King

Coming up May 4 at 1:00 pm the girls will have their garden service project here at the church. We will meet in All Saint’s Hall and clean up and plant the flower beds. Also, in May we have our end of year pool party coming!

Daughters of the King

Men of Trinity

The next gathering for Men of Trinity is May 12 @ 5:30 pm. We meet in All Saint’s Hall with fellowship and dinner. Mike Martin will be our cook for the night! Come and enjoy!
Being Reformed

Seminary was a great experience for me. My undergraduate work taught me how to open up my mind and allow others to teach me. It taught me how to listen and evaluate others with whom I disagree. So when I started reading Anglican theology, which was rooted in the orthodoxy of the Church fathers, yet informed by the theological ideas of the Reformation, I was intrigued and eventually convinced. I think there are a lot of misconceptions about the Reformation. For example, some think being “Reformed” means being anti-Catholic. They think it means throwing out all our vestments and art, among other things. It is true that some Reformers went way overboard and did some crazy things. But let’s not let bad eggs ruin a God thing. The truth of the matter is that the Western Church, or the Roman Latin-speaking Church, was corrupt. The ministers didn’t teach Scripture and they were more concerned about obtaining riches and power rather than teaching the Word of God. Therefore, God raised up men who brought us back to the heart of the matter. The Reformers put the focus back on what the text of Scripture teaches, and that’s where the power of God is, in the word. The Reformers were not teaching new things. They were rediscovering things lost. And one thing most people miss about the Reformers is that they were trying to reform THE Church, not start new ones. Don’t forget the heroes of the Reformation. Don’t forget people like William Tyndale, who died for the belief that we should worship God in our own tongue and read his word in our own language. In Anglicanism, we have documents on doctrine, devotion, and discipline. Our doctrine is found in the Thirty-Nine Articles of Religion. The Articles are full of Reformation theology. I encourage you to read them and study them. When I did back in 2009, it became an important part of realizing the Anglican tradition was my home.

In youth news, please keep our summer plans in your prayers, mostly the mission trip. We will be having one more fundraiser soon so please keep that in mind. Senior Recognition is Sunday morning, May 18, at breakfast. We will recognize our lone senior Ellen Bray. We congratulate Ellen on her achievement, and we wish Ellen the very best in her future plans. May 18 is also Youth Sunday. Make sure and tell a young person you have seen serving as a lector that he or she did a great job. Some of them get nervous, and it would be great to get encouragement in what they are doing!

God’s Peace,
Scott

Ten Trinity School Students Qualified for State PSIA

Trinity Students attended the Regional PSIA Competition in March. The Following Trinity students will be going to the State Competition later in the Spring. Congratulations to each of them for doing such a terrific job and working so hard. The students moving on to State are: Cade Moore – Spelling, Jamie Patel – Math, Gabe Campbell – Ready Writing, Alyna Khey – Maps, Graphs and Charts, Jack Taylor – Spelling, Bijou Bright – Creative Writing, Diya Mistry – Spelling, Catherine Gallant – Maps, Graphs and Charts, Esther Stutes – Poetry Interpretation, and Paige Miller – Ready Writing.
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**Behold, I come among you as one who serves.**

**Luke 22:27**

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