

PARISH VISITOR

Trinity Episcopal Church | 1900 Dauphin Street | Mobile Alabama

Our Clergy & Staff

The Reverend Dr Mary Jayne Ledgerwood, Rector

The Rev Deacon Terry Goff, Associate for Outreach

Jeremy Adcock, Organist/Choirmaster

Brother Jacob Luke Taylor, Parish Administrator

Susan Palmer, Finance Administrator

Amos Kidd, Sexton

Jasmine Moultrie, Parish Steward

Office Angels

Martha Fuller, Monday

Laurent Cadden, Tuesday

Doris Benson, Wednesday

Bill Howell
and Jessie Beaty,
Thursday

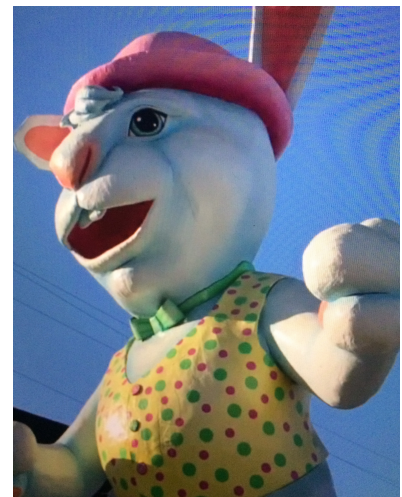
Office Hours
Monday through Thursday
9 to 3

Easter is coming soon!



The first service of Easter is actually the night before! The Easter Vigil is the most ancient service in the history of the Church and is one of the most beautiful. The service begins out of doors with the kindling of the fire from which the Paschal Candle is lit. Deacon Terry will then lead us into the dark church chanting the Exsultet. We will then hear of God's saving deeds, renew our Baptismal Covenant, and say our Alleluias once again! Remember, we buried the Alleluias on Fat

Tuesday. We will unearth them this night and place the scroll in the narthex for all to see. On Easter morning at the 8 o'clock service, we will welcome into the household of God baby Harper, granddaughter of Jill and Ricky Creel. Then at 9:30 the children will hunt for eggs as our Bunny Triplet will be back, thanks to Steve Mussell, to oversee the festivities. Our 10:30 Easter service follows the egg hunt. If you plan to attend any of these three Easter services, please make a reservation with the Parish Office, 251.473.2779 or email brotherjacob@trinitychurch.org





Our Trinity Garden is a member of MUG

Did you know that we are part of a local nonprofit network of community gardeners in Mobile and the surrounding area? Our garden is one of five church gardens among the 24 gardens listed as Mobile Urban Growers (MUG).

The mission of MUG is to assist the 25% of Mobilians who do not have access to fresh fruit and vegetables. "MUG combats this hardship by providing tools and support for local gardeners and by making fresh produce available and free for the community at large."

The fresh produce from our garden is shared with our friends in need through our Food Pantry. We recently pulled tons of turnips and greens for the Food Pantry.

Rogation Sunday is May 9

The Sixth Sunday of Easter Season, the fifth Sunday *after* Easter Sunday, is traditionally known as Rogation Sunday. The Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of the following week are known as the Rogation Days, days for fasting and prayer. The Thursday of that week is the Feast of the Ascension, which comes on a Thursday, the 40th day after Easter, when Easter Sunday is counted as the 1st day. Got all that?!

Rogare in Latin means 'to ask.' Rogationtide is a festival primarily focusing on the planting season when we ask God's blessing for an abundant harvest. This year we will mark the Rogation days with a Rogation procession around the boundaries of our parish as we pray the Great Litany.

This will be a great opportunity to be together to celebrate as a parish in our wide-open space and to invite our neighbors from the community to join us. With the Trinity Garden as the center jewel, our Meadow continues to take shape as an inviting space for all.

David Blaize is soon finishing up his Eagle Scout project, which is to enhance our garden with a fence and entrance. To ask God's blessing on the garden and the surrounding area will be a part of Rogation Procession.



Look what's happening on the sweet arbor in our Meadow. These two photos were taken a mere 11 days apart! A brand new wisteria bud on the left exploded into the vibrant purple vines on the right. God's Creation is so amazing!

Our Vestry & Officers

Mike Cadden, Junior Warden

Allison Castle

Jill Creel

Kate Flukinger, Clerk

Chris Gill

Ben Harris, Chancellor

Elizabeth Hill

Bob Howard, Senior Warden

Marie Lacy

Steve Mussell

Michel Nicrosi, Treasurer

Nathan Poole

David Quittmeyer

Carolyn Watts-Smith

The Parish Office and Food Pantry will be closed Easter Week

The Food Pantry will be closed on Easter Monday.

Your Clergy and Staff will be taking a time of sabbath during Easter Week, April 5 - April 10.

Your Rector will be available and accessible for pastoral emergencies.

From our Rector

Now, I would not consider myself a gardener, but I sure tried when we all gathered in mid-March to pull the last produce, clean the garden, and ready the soil to plant some more. I think I lasted about two-and-a-half hours, and my muscles were mighty sore the next day! But I had no regrets from the experience of soaking up some Vitamin D and, even better, basking in our gentle, no-rushed, shared conversations about nothing and everything.

Being together. We all have missed it so much since a global virus brought us to our knees. But I would get back down on my knees in the garden again any day if it means being together.

At Trinity we share so many wonderful opportunities to be together—of course, we worship together, we sing and pray together, we play and serve together, study and grow together, we celebrate and even grieve together.



Being together is what Christian community is all about. One cannot be a Christian without the rest of us! I sense a health and vitality coming back to our lives. With vaccinations now so much more accessible, I think we are becoming more comfortable with venturing out of our own four walls.

Our community, our life and ministry together at Trinity, is a lot like our special garden. We need to tend our relationships, nurture and support one another, and literally get down on our knees together in thanksgiving for our mighty God and all that God has given us to care for and enjoy.

Together we are Easter People who share the love of Christ with all whom we encounter and welcome into our midst. I'm so excited, as I am sure you are too, for springtime, for new growth, new opportunities, fresh experiences. I am deeply grateful that God has brought us together as a Trinity family.

To love and lead,
Mary Jayne+

Call for Choristers

One of our own parishioners Andrew Truetel is studying at South for a Bachelor's in Music Education with a concentration in Choral Education. As part of a course requirement, Andrew must teach an anthem to a choir. So if you want to be a part of that choir and sing the anthem this Easter Season, please contact Andrew, matreutel@gmail.com. Rehearsals will begin Wednesday, April 7 at 6 pm in Trinity's Rehearsal Hall. Andrew says reading music and pitch matching are appreciated but not required!

Trinity features Guest Organist Trey Lemley



On Sunday, April 18, we are delighted to welcome Trey Lemley to Trinity as our Guest Organist. He holds a Master's in Music (Organ Performance), as well as many other degrees. He is also Senior Librarian of the Biomedical Library at USA.

We wish you Godspeed, Jeremy!

Our Organist/Choirmaster Jeremy Adcock will be leaving us after four years of ministry. His last Sunday is April 11. "After much prayerful consideration, it is with sadness but at the same time joy,"

says Jeremy about his leaving. He explains that "with added responsibilities and hours at my full-time job, I have accepted an organist position in town that requires less of my time." Jayme



and Jeremy also just moved to a new apartment closer to Christ United Methodist Church here in Mobile, where Jeremy will be serving. We will celebrate Jeremy with a proper send off in between services on April 11. Then to play for us after the 10:30 service on that day, Jeremy has chosen John Weaver's *Toccata* as his grand finale postlude. Godspeed, Jeremy and Jayme!

Rector appoints parishioners to Music Ministry Discernment Team

Trinity Church has a rich history of traditional and classical music offerings. We have an extensive music library, a lovely handbell set, an exquisite organ, and a grand piano and other instruments that enhance our music department.

The Rector has invited William Gill, Rita and Bill Treutel, and David Quittmeyer to lead us through a time of deep discernment regarding our music program. As the Music Ministry Discernment Team they will engage us in ongoing conversations about how God is calling us to expand our music offerings on Sundays as well as other times.

We can expect special music offerings this Easter Season, such as Andrew Treutel's anthem (see article to left). Plans are also in the works to revive the handbells this summer, and we are dreaming of concerts, youth choirs, and more!

Does your pledge matter? Yes!

Consider this example of life in a two-income household: they have a mortgage and other household expenses that they know they must pay every month. If they are unaware of how much their paychecks will be each month, they would certainly fret over whether or not they will be able to pay the bills. It's no different when planning our church budget. You can pledge anytime by using these links. [Here](#) to print a pledge card. [Here](#) to read the letter from the Stewardship Committee. [Here](#) to learn about proportional giving. If you have questions contact our Finance Administrator, susan@trinitymobile.org.

Is Trinity Moving?

No, not physically anyway, but we are no longer using our Post Office Box. The PO Box was acquired after the 2012 tornado when the Post Office was not allowed to deliver to a construction site. We no longer need to pay almost \$400 a year for the box when delivery can be made to our physical address. From now on please use this address only: 1900 Dauphin Street, Mobile AL 36606.



All things come of thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee. ~ 1 Chronicles 29.14

The Finance Committee met several times to prepare the 2021 Budget for Trinity Church. At the March Vestry meeting we presented and discussed the proposed Budget, which was unanimously approved. Although the Budget does show a deficit of \$20,000, we feel confident that we will be able to more than cover our expenses this year. Pledge commitments for 2021 are not quite as high as the year before due in part to the Covid crisis. Gratefully we continue to receive pledge commitments, some as recent as late March.

The Committee has streamlined financial statements and our fiscal structure. We continue to explore and discuss innovative ways to generate revenue to support our ministries, such as grants and the new Friends of Trinity campaign.

Lately we have discussed the need to address our many deferred capital maintenance and repairs. Through Operation Reclamation, we are hoping to raise 100K to help pay for the replacement of the Parish House windows, repair the HVAC system, and ground our lightning protection system. For details about this campaign, click [HERE](#) for a brochure. If you would like a copy of the brochure, please contact the Parish Office.

Cash flow through this portion of the current calendar year has been steady and strong. We are in a good position as to cash flow at this point in time, and the Committee will continue to monitor our monies and report to the Vestry accordingly.

Faithfully,
Pat Rodgers
Finance Committee Chair

Drop off eggs for the Easter Egg hunt

Our traditional, annual Easter Egg Hunt will be between services at 9:30 am on Easter Sunday. Please drop off a dozen filled eggs for each of your children participating at the Parish Office by 3 pm on Maundy Thursday, April 1. Please remember, no chocolate or nut-filled eggs.

Flowering of the Cross

We will also continue the tradition of flowering the cross. Children are invited to bring flowers from their yards to place in our wooden flowering cross to represent the transition from Good Friday to Easter, from Jesus' death to his joyful resurrection.

Confirmation Class and Bishop's Visitation

Bishop Russell Kendrick will visit us on Trinity Sunday, which is May 30. Inquirers Class for both adults and youth will begin on Sunday, April 18 in between services. This six-week class is designed to prepare confirmands for the rite of Confirmation and is also open to anyone wishing to learn more about the Episcopal Way. If you are desiring to explore the possibility of becoming an Episcopalian, contact maryjayne@trinitymobile.org.

Holy Week and Easter Services



Come Worship With Us!

Palm Sunday, March 28

**8 am Holy Eucharist in the Church
10:30 Holy Eucharist in the Church and live on Facebook**

**Wednesday Noon Holy Eucharist in the Church
Wednesday Facebook Reflections Continue**

**Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday
March 29, 30, and 31 at 6 pm
Stations of the Cross in the Church**

**Maundy Thursday
April 1 at 7 pm
Holy Eucharist in the Church**

**Good Friday, April 2
All Day in the Meadow Stations of the Cross
Noon Service in the Church
6 pm Stations of the Cross in the Church**

**Easter Services at Trinity
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call the Parish Office, 251.473.2779
or email brotherjacob@trinitymobile.org.**

**Saturday, April 3
Beginning in the front of the Church
7 pm Easter Vigil**

**Easter Sunday, April 4
8 am Baptism and Holy Eucharist in the Church
9:30 Easter Egg Hunt
10:30 Holy Eucharist in the Church and Live on Facebook**

**Nursery is available during Palm Sunday
and Easter Sunday services.**

Art Classes resume after Easter

The Art Class at Trinity, led by DG Ewing, will resume April 16, the Friday after Easter Week. In the past the class has created many wonderful pieces, including art for Trinity Christmas cards. DG has admired Carol Suffich's angels (see article to right) and is considering creating something similar for the Trinity family to purchase as gifts. All are welcome to join DG and our other many talented artists in our midst for this time of creation and fellowship.

Faith & Work

Each Wednesday of every week—except for Easter Week!—we offer a midday service of Holy Eucharist. This is a wonderful time to take pause in your week by worshiping God in your holy space at Trinity. If you work in Midtown or Downtown, consider making this part of your prayer discipline. How wonderful to invite someone as well to worship with you. The service is usually no more than 30 minutes, a perfectly holy lunch break.



Angels come to life on the old clerestory shingles

These old shingles came from our clerestory wall * pictured below. These breathtakingly beautiful angels were painted by our very own dear Carol Suffich. Everyone who sees them wants one! We're not sure yet, though, how this will unfold, but we hope to figure it out by Christmas. Under one angel reads "It came upon a midnight clear that glorious song of old." Another reads "Sing O Sing this blessed morn, unto us a child is born."

We found these shingles deep in the undercroft, and there are plenty more. Carol first took one home to experiment and

then another, and now there are three. Our Art Class is planning to paint the shingles as well.

* In architecture, a clerestory is a high section of the wall that contains windows above eye level. The purpose is to admit light, fresh air, or both.



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