My Dear People,

Alleluia, Christ is risen! After the long and somber season of Lent, these are good words to say. Indeed, they even seem to taste good when I say them! For we have gone from the bitter to the sweet, from the darkness into light, from death to new life in Jesus Christ.

This year at Trinity Church Oxford, as a part of an ongoing effort to introduce our community to the many powerful liturgies contained in the Book of Common Prayer, we observed a very robust Holy Week. We began with Palm Sunday, when we blessed the palms and processed around the church singing. Several people told me they saw some of our reclusive neighbors peeking out of windows and doors. What a wonderful way to show that there is indeed life within our walls! There were low masses on Monday and Wednesday. On Tuesday of Holy Week, I attended the Chrism Mass at the Philadelphia Cathedral. There I joined my brother and sister priests with Bishop Michel as he blessed the three Holy Oils. These oils are used throughout the church year, for anointing the sick, the newly baptized, and catechumens. From that Mass, I brought back a fragment of the consecrated Host, called fermentum, which was placed in with the hosts I consecrated on Maundy Thursday as a symbol of our unity with our Bishop, our Diocese, and the wider Church. On Maundy Thursday, we had the traditional stripping of the altar as well as a new custom for Trinity, the watch before the Altar of Repose, symbolizing time spent with our Lord in his agony in the Garden of Gethsemane. Those who participated found it to be quite spiritually nourishing. On Good Friday, we heard the singing of the Passion of St. John as well as the Solemn Collects, sung to tones used only on Good Friday. Finally, we all venerated the cross and received Holy Communion from the Sacrament consecrated the night before. Holy Saturday night brought another first for Trinity with the observance of the Easter Vigil. At dusk we gathered outside the church for the lighting of the new fire. From it the Paschal Candle was lit, as well as the other candles in the church. Our guest, the Rev’d Leslie Evans, served as deacon. She sang the ancient exsultet by candlelight. The climax of the service is the reintroduction of the long absent “Alleluia!” and the singing of the Gloria in excelsis to the loud ringing of the tower bell. The service concluded with the celebration of the first Holy Eucharist of Easter, sung to the ancient Mozarabic chant of Prayer D of the Book of Common Prayer. The week culminated with the festive and family-friendly Easter Sunday service. We enjoyed beautiful music from our Junior and Senior Choirs, as well as from the organ and a brass ensemble. Afterwards, the children enjoyed an Easter Egg hunt in our historic churchyard, and one lucky boy won an iPod for his attendance at Church School during Lent! We welcomed many new visitors, and the feeling of joy was palpable from everyone.

Our next big event will be the Annual Meeting on Sunday, April 25 after the single 9:00 AM Service. I hope that all members of the Trinity family will attend this meeting in which we will recap the past year’s events and officially move forward into the next. This is a vital part of our life together, and I commend it to everyone.

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Sincerely, Your Friend & Pastor,
The Reverend Richard J. Robyn

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As the weather warms and we move ever closer to the glories of summer, I hope that everyone has an opportunity to enjoy God’s creation in a fun and safe way, and that you find yourselves refreshed and reinvigorated for another year of ministry in this place.

Regarding the Rector

Communication

Due to numerous factors, we are reevaluating how we communicate as a parish — newsletters, emails, website, frequency, etc.

One thing we can do to save money and be more “green” is to decrease the number of printed materials we mail out. This saves paper, ink, and postage—all of which are costly.

Therefore, if you have access to email, please let us know so that we can send your copy of the Trinitarian electronically.

Notice of Annual Meeting and Vestry Elections

At our Annual Meeting on April 25th we will be electing Vestry members, three Diocesan Convention delegates and three Deanery delegates. Nominations may be made to Dottie Orr, Jeff Pyle or Stephanie Smith.

The Vestry meets on one Monday night a month for about 2 hours to conduct the business of Trinity. The term of office is for three years. A second term may be sought, but no one can serve for more than six consecutive years. They have to rotate off for a minimum of one year.

You will be expected to participate in the life of the Parish: to attend services regularly, to fill out your pledge card; and to attend some of the social and special events of the parish. You will serve on two committees of your choice, perhaps chairing one.

You will be scheduled with another Vestry member to count the Sunday offering and post to the parishioners’ accounts about once every six weeks.

Altogether you are looking at about three to four hours a month in addition to your worship.

Please give serious consideration to being a candidate for the Vestry.

~ Dottie Orr

Have you returned your Lenten Mite box? If not, please bring it with you to church on Sunday and place it in the Easter basket near the entrance.

If you would rather send a donation to the church office, you may do so. Please write the words “Lenten Offering” on the memo line of your check.

The offerings this year will be sent to Episcopal Relief and Development’s ongoing effort in Haiti.

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Music Notes

“Awake, arise, lift up your voice, let Easter music swell.” These words are taken from a very popular Easter hymn by Christopher Smart. It certainly reflects the joy that we will experience on Easter morning, as we celebrate with the sound of trumpets, and the singing of our Alleluias. The 9:00 o’clock Mass will welcome our risen Lord with music by the Junior Choir, Brass Choir, and Senior Choir, and will include the singing of the “Hallelujah Chorus” as the Mass is ended. The Music Ministry invites you to worship with us on Easter and extends our deepest gratitude for your financial support of the Music Fund. We wish everyone a Happy and a Blessed Easter.
SOLI DEO GLORIA! Mary Sampson, Organist/Choirmaster

Easter Memorials

Flowers: John and Mary Sampson in loving memory of Clyde and Dorothy Sampson, John and Mary Rogers Marzen; Chuck and Chris Claypoole in loving memory of Harold and Shirley Claypoole; Paul Graf in loving memory of Herman and Kate Graf; Edith Dersch in loving memory of Mary and Fred Dersch; The McGee family in thanksgiving for friends and family; Berenice Glatthorn in loving memory of loved ones; Kathryn Rampson in loving memory of my husband, Richard F. Rampson, my mother and father, William and Elizabeth Dougerty; Pam McCracken in thanksgiving for family and friends; Ruth H. Banks and Verna Kahrklin in loving memory of our loved ones; Gloria Bressi in thanksgiving for my loving family; Vicki Sayers in loving memory of Harry Van Sant; Vicki Sayers in loving memory of Dingo, Pat Daulerio; The Mills family in loving memory of Thibe and Stewart Mills; The Maile family in memory of loved ones; The Geliebters’ in loving memory of all of our deceased family; Mr. and Mrs. John Spadea in loving memory of loved ones; Judy Santinni in loving memory of Blaise F. Santinni; Beverly Kent in thanksgiving for family and friends; Al and Myrna Tuttle in thanksgiving for grandchildren; John and Wendy Gilbert in thanksgiving of Luke and Sarah Gilbert, Corey and Christian Woods; Fred and Dottie Orr in thanksgiving for Corey, Christian, Luke and Sarah; Harry and Donna Woods in thanksgiving for Corey, Christian, Luke and Sarah; Father Robyn in loving memory of Beatrice Bickings, Edith Rice and Anne Strahan; Henry and Clara D’Amico in loving memory of Rev. Noble Smith and in thanksgiving for Rev. Phyllis Taylor; Jason and Susan McConomy in loving memory of our grandparents and in thanksgiving for the Annand and McConomy families; John and Lois Annand in loving memory of Sarah and Oscar Felke and loved ones; John and Lois Annand in loving memory of Eunice and John Annand, Sr. and loved ones; Thomas Rolland in loving memory of Julia T. Carter Tugbeh and in thanksgiving for Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Rolland; Sylvia Longman in loving memory of our loving father and wonderful husband, Jack Longman; The Miller family in loving memory of loved ones; Lyn Davis in loving memory of Olivia Schmacher and in thanksgiving for Stefany Davis; Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Goenner in loving memory of our parents, Doris and Harry Goenner, Frances and John Anselmo; Shirley Dougherty in loving memory of Albert and Helen Jones and Albert Jones, Jr.; Elizabeth Jones in loving memory of Albert Jones.

Music: Mary Sampson in thanksgiving for the Choirs of Trinity; Paul Graf in loving memory of Herman and Kate Graf; Marjorie Tucker in loving memory of Samuel L. Tucker; John and Mary Sampson in thanksgiving for our children and grandchildren; Gloria Bressi in loving memory of my beloved husband, Peter; Mary Sampson in loving memory of Msgr. Joseph P. Marzen; Mr. and Mrs. John Spadea in thanksgiving for family and friends; The Geliebters’ in thanksgiving for all the Franciscan Orders; The Maile family in loving memory of loved ones; The Mills family in thanksgiving for Chelsea and Stew Mills; Vicki Sayers in thanksgiving for Lois Annand, my dear friend; Vicki Sayers in loving memory of Pearl VanSant and Christina Vogel; Judy Santinni in thanksgiving for Sadie, Grant, Hannah, Emilia, Adelina and Andrew; Beverly Kent in loving memory of family and friends; Al and Myrna Tuttle in loving memory of family and friends; John and Wendy Gilbert in loving memory of William and Nancy Snyder, Alfred and Grace Orr; Fred and Dottie Orr in loving memory of William and Nancy Snyder, Alfred and Grace Orr; Harry and Donna Woods in loving memory of Nancy Snyder and Eleanor Woods; Peter Datos in loving memory of Mary Datos; Henry and Clara D’Amico in loving memory of all deceased family members and in thanksgiving for Mrs. Mary Sampson; John and Mary Sampson in loving memory of Anthony Witz and Judy Marzen; John and Lois Annand in thanksgiving for our children and grandchildren; NK Achike in loving memory of Ada Henry; Dorothy Flaherty in thanksgiving for the well being of my family; Sylvia Longman in loving memory of my dear husband, Jack Longman and in thanksgiving for all the years together; Robert Miller and Lisa Padilla in thanksgiving for Amanda, Matt and Isaiah; Lyn Davis in loving memory of Olivia Schumacher and in thanksgiving for Stefany Davis; Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Goenner in thanksgiving for family and friends.

Donations to the Memorial Fund were accepted in loving memory of Eunice Annand, mother of John Annand, from Fred and Dottie Orr.
People of all faith traditions, even none at all, are welcome to attend Mass at Trinity. Please join us!

Sundays:
7:30 am  Morning Prayer  
8:00 am  Holy Eucharist (spoken)  
10:00 am  Holy Eucharist (with choir)  
Sunday School during the 10 a.m. Mass

April Lesson Calendar
These are the Bible readings appointed for the Sundays in April.

April 4: Easter I
Acts 10:34-43  
Psalm 118  
1 Corinthians 15:19-26  
John 20:1-18

April 11: Easter II
Acts 5:27-32  
Psalm 150  
Revelation 1:4-8  
John 20:19-31

April 18: Easter III
Acts 9:1-6  
Psalm 30  
Revelation 5:11-14  
John 21:1-19

April 25: Easter IV
Acts 9:36-43  
Psalm 23  
Revelation 7:9-17  
John 10:22-30

Worship Schedule

Holy Week:
• Palm Sunday (3/28) - 9 a.m Mass  
• Mon., Wed. (3/29,3/31) - 10 a.m. Mass  
• Maundy Thursday (4/1) - 7 p.m. Mass  
• Good Friday (4/2) - 12 noon Mass  
• Easter Even (4/3) - 7:30 p.m. Great Easter Vigil  
• Easter Sunday (4/4) - 9 a.m. Mass

Sunday, April 11 & 18:
• 7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer  
• 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist (spoken)  
• 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist (with choir)  
• Sunday School during the 10am service

Sunday, April 25:
• 8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer  
• 9 a.m. Combined Holy Eucharist (with choir) followed by Annual Meeting

Events at Trinity

• Annual Meeting: Sunday, April 25, after the 9am combined Eucharist  
• Girls Friendly Society: Meets in the Children’s House from 7pm-8:30 pm—April 6, 13, 20, 27  
• Jr. Choir: Rehearsals in the Church after the Sunday 10 am Mass  
• Sr. Choir: Rehearsals in the Buchanan Building on Sundays at 8:45 am; Sing at the 10 am Mass on April 11 and 18; Sing at the 9am Mass on April 25  
• Music & Worship Committee: TBA  
• Property Committee: Wednesday, April 14 at 7pm in the Buchanan Building  
• The Trinitarian: Submissions for the May issue are due April 15, 2010 to: trinitarianeditor@yahoo.com  
• Women of Trinity: Tuesday, April 13 from 10am to 2pm in the Buchanan Building  
• Vestry Meeting: Monday, April 19 at 7pm in the Buchanan Building  
• Wardens’ Meeting: Thursday, April 15 at 9:30am in the Church Office

Community Outreach

Alcoholics Anonymous Mtgs: Sunday Nights, 7:00PM-9:30 PM; Location: Buchanan Building.

Narcotics Anonymous Mtgs: Friday Nights, 7:30PM-9:00PM; Saturday Nights, 12:00 MIDNIGHT—Location: Buchanan Building.
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7:30 AM Morning Prayer
8:00 AM Holy Eucharist
10:00 AM Holy Eucharist

Church School
10:00 AM Classes during the academic year.

Our Mission
Our mission is to follow our Lord Jesus Christ and to spread His Gospel; to seek and to serve God in all persons; to worship in the Episcopal tradition; to respect our colonial heritage; and to share our gifts and resources with others.

Visit us on the web!
www.trinitychurchoxford.org

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Welcome the Newly Baptized
We pray for Adelaide and Jaina who are to be baptized on Sunday, April 11th, at Trinity.

The Banns
I hereby publish the banns of marriage between

Jessica Lynn Annand and Scott Andrew Lyons

If anyone knoweth any reason why this marriage ought not to take place, thou art bidden to declare it.

This is the second time of asking.

The Rev. Richard J. Robyn