

Trinity Tidings

From the Rector: Anamnesis: Holy Remembering



“(The ancient Easter) Vigil, is the keystone about which the rest of the church year is built. Other baptisms of the year reflect this primary baptismal rite. Other Eucharists of the year are, to use the analogy of Augustine of Hippo, the repeatable part of this rite. In the Great Vigil of Easter we celebrate and make present (anamnesis) the pivotal events of the Old and New Testament heritage, the passover of the Hebrews from the bondage of slavery in Egypt to the freedom of the Promised Land, the passover of our Lord Jesus Christ from death, and our own passover from the bondage of sin and death to the glorious liberty of new life in Christ Jesus.” (Marion Hatchett, Commentary on the American Prayerbook)

Anamnesis is a Greek word. Plato used it to refer to the innate knowledge present within humans from before birth. In the Christian usage, it means to make present the past events of our salvation history. *“Through anamnesis we become participants in the events, not as history, but as present realities in our lives, where the timelessness of eternity overcomes the centuries and proclaims, “You are risen with Christ.” (Leonel Mitchell, Praying Shapes Believing: A Theological Commentary on The Book of Common Prayer).*

“Anamnesis” is one of the theological terms that is sometimes difficult to grasp. In fact, I had a seminary classmate who would say “Gesundheit!” every time he heard the word. I like to describe anamnesis as a type of holy remembering. God’s time is called *kairos*, and our time is called *chronos*. Chronological time is linear, and we (at least for now) cannot climb into a DeLorean and meet our parents as high school students. But God is not constrained by space and time the way that we are, and for God, all time is eternal and contemporaneous. And so, at those times when we are following God’s commands to do things within this context of holy remembering, we are (mysteriously through the Holy Spirit) able to be in the present and past simultaneously.

How is Jesus present to us today? We can know him as he is present in the Sacrament of the altar, during the Eucharist and in the Reserved Sacrament. We can know him in our hearts through the Holy Spirit. We can know him through our brothers and sisters in Christ. We can know him through the world which he created.

In a liturgical church like ours, we also have symbolic ways of knowing Christ. A good example of this is the Paschal Candle. The Paschal Candle is meant to represent the risen Christ in our midst. At the beginning of the Great Vigil of Easter, the new Paschal Candle is blessed with these words:

*“Christ yesterday and today,
 the beginning and the end,
 Alpha and Omega,
 all time belongs to him, and all ages;
 to him be glory and power,
 through every age and for ever. Amen.”*

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Weekly Worship Schedule

Sunday

8 am: Rite I Holy Eucharist

10:30 am Rite II Holy Eucharist (with music)

7:00 pm: Compline

Wednesday

12:30 pm: Healing Service St. Athanasius Chapel

**~ Come Worship With Us! ~
 All are Welcome**

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FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN

A lot has happened since the last issue of the Tidings! Our vestry had a productive retreat, in spite of being delayed and condensed by two lovely March snowfalls. We shared a delicious meal together, tended to routine church business, and read and reflected on Acts 16:6-15 as we tried to answer the question, "What is God saying to us today?" I encourage you to read and consider that passage as well.



Holy Week and Easter were busy and beautiful. Many thanks to everyone who worked to make all of the services exactly what they were meant to be, all different and all special in their own way.

Spring Break happened to coincide with Holy Week this year. Jeff, Luke, and I took a quick trip to visit Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana. While I'm writing this, I'm reflecting on Deacon Jerome's recent sermon about the ways that God is guiding us through life. A couple of months ago, we ran into Gwen Wiens, a friend of TOTH and former Los Alamos resident, who happened to be in town. She and her husband Roger moved to Lafayette a couple years ago and he is a professor at Purdue. We mentioned to her that we were going to be visiting the university and she offered not only to show us around, but also invited us to stay at their home. This was a very generous offer as we had always been friendly, had done some theatre and TOTH fashion shows together, but were not particularly close. We graciously took her up on that offer and very much enjoyed staying at their beautiful historic home, sharing meals and stories, and putting in many miles touring the campus. One of the most memorable parts of the trip for me was the beautiful prayers that Roger offered before each meal. He thanked God for the food, the fellowship, and the friendship. And then, Roger asked God to be with Luke and us as we thought about where Luke would go to college. Up until that point, I hadn't really considered God as being a part of this decision. I was caught up in the acceptance letters, rejection letters, and scholarship applications and sort of forgot that this is part of God's plan for Luke. As we prepare for Luke to go to school, I find great comfort knowing that God is guiding the decisions we make and his path forward. I am grateful to Gwen and Roger, not only for their wonderful hospitality, but for reminding us that we are loved and led by God, our GOAT, the greatest of all time.

In Christ,
Kandice Favorite



We know that the Great Vigil, and the use of a Paschal Candle, has been part of Christian liturgy since the earliest centuries of the Church. There are a number of ancient traditions involved with it:

- There should be a new candle each year. Symbolically, all lights and fires are extinguished before the Easter Vigil. The Paschal Candle is lit from the new fire of Easter, which symbolizes the light or the resurrection rising in the midst of darkness and death. Ideally, the candle will be made of natural bees' wax or at least of a majority of bees' wax. The ancient form of the Exultet, the Easter proclamation chanted at the beginning of the Great Vigil, actually has a line about giving thanks for the work of God's creatures, the bees!
- The Paschal Candle should be larger than the other candles used in the church, and should be on a special stand, placed in a prominent location during the Great Fifty Days of Easter.
- It is often decorated with a cross, symbols of the resurrection, the Greek letters Alpha and Omega, and the year. At the beginning of the Great Vigil of Easter, the Paschal Candle is blessed with the words above. The celebrant then places five grains of incense, in the form of wax nails, one each into the four points and center of the cross on the Candle.
- The celebrant lights the Paschal Candle from the new fire, saying: *"May the light of Christ gloriously rising dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds."*
- During the Easter Vigil, the Deacon carries the candle through the church, leading the faithful to the baptismal font. The Easter Vigil is the Christian Passover, and the Paschal Candle represents the pillar of fire leading the children of Israel out of the bondage in Egypt into the Promised Land.
- All the candles in the church are extinguished at the end of the Good Friday service. When they are relit for the first time during the Easter Vigil, it is from the flame of the Paschal Candle.
- The Paschal Candle is placed in the front of the church for each baptism and funeral, representing the risen Christ at the time of our rebirth in baptism through water and the Holy Spirit, and at the time of our being brought from death to eternal life.

You may have noticed that we are using a different candle this year. That has to do with the traditions listed above, and that the candle represents the Risen Christ. As a long-time liturgy nerd and instructor, I tend to be more particular about certain things than the average priest. That said, I try to avoid basing things on my subjective opinions, and make principle-based decisions instead. My rule of thumb is to try to find the intersection of 1) the tradition of the Church, 2) what is theologically appropriate, 3) what is dictated by the rubrics (the italicized directions in the prayerbook, 4) local custom, and 5) practical application.

Here are some photos from this year's candle, and from a display at Canterbury Cathedral:

[the two below are from Canterbury]



HOUSE OF HOPE NEWS

Julie Bulthuis

The Trinity on the Hill House of Hope Team went to Juárez, Mexico, February 14-17 to build a home for a beautiful family. The family was Sandro and Michelle (below) and their 3 sons. We worked through Missions Ministries, a non-denominational Denver-based organization. Missions Ministries has been building homes in Juarez for many years.

This year, our team was comprised of 12 people: Jon, Julie and Sara Bulthuis, John Gibson, Joanna Gillespie, Karen Humphrey, Maria Saunders, Kim Selvage, Claire Singleton, Beth and Roger Smithson, and Seneca Tsoodle. Thanks to the fundraising efforts and generous donations, we were able to also purchase a stove, refrigerator, cistern, and beds for each member of the family.

In addition to building the home, we also did a food outreach (below) for the community. We served lunch to over 50 children and some adults. The team led craft activities for the children (shown below) after the outreach lunch. We were so grateful for the support of our Trinity on the Hill family. We plan to do a Mexican dinner fundraising evening where we will share more photos of our trip.



Helping paint their new home



Sandro and Michelle



The whole team and the finished house



Craft activities



Holding up the walls



Food outreach

Pictures from Maundy Thursday, the
Easter Vigil, Easter Day—and the
Moores on spring break!



Pictures: Maggie Moore, Sam McRae, and
Louise and Petr Jandacek





Sundays:

- **Holy Eucharist Rite I** at 8 am, in person only.
- **Holy Eucharist Rite II with music** at 10:30 am, in person and via Facebook live at www.facebook.com/trinityoth
- **Compline**, 7 pm in the Sanctuary. Prayers by candle-light, with plainsong. All welcome!

Tuesdays:

- **Women Alive** at 7:30 am via Zoom (3rd/5th Tuesdays); in Sherrill Hall (2nd and 4th Tuesdays). Contact Rozelle Wright or Claire Singleton for the link. First Tuesday walks around sunrise, followed by breakfast.

Wednesdays:

- **Service of Healing**, 12:30 pm in St. Athanasius Chapel. In-person only.

Thursdays:

- **Men's Group**, 7:30 am, Sherrill Hall
- **Bible Study**, 12 noon, Library

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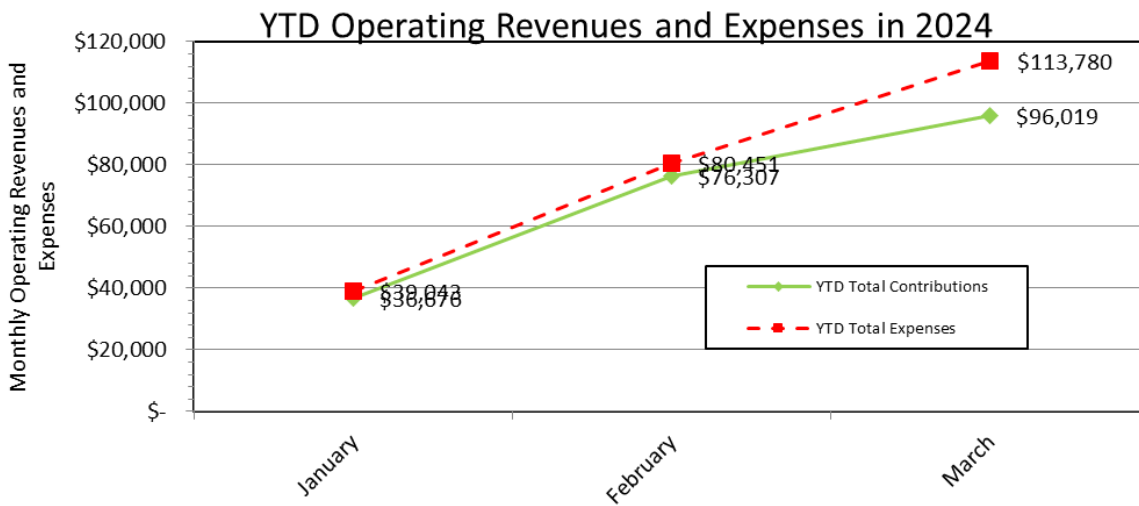
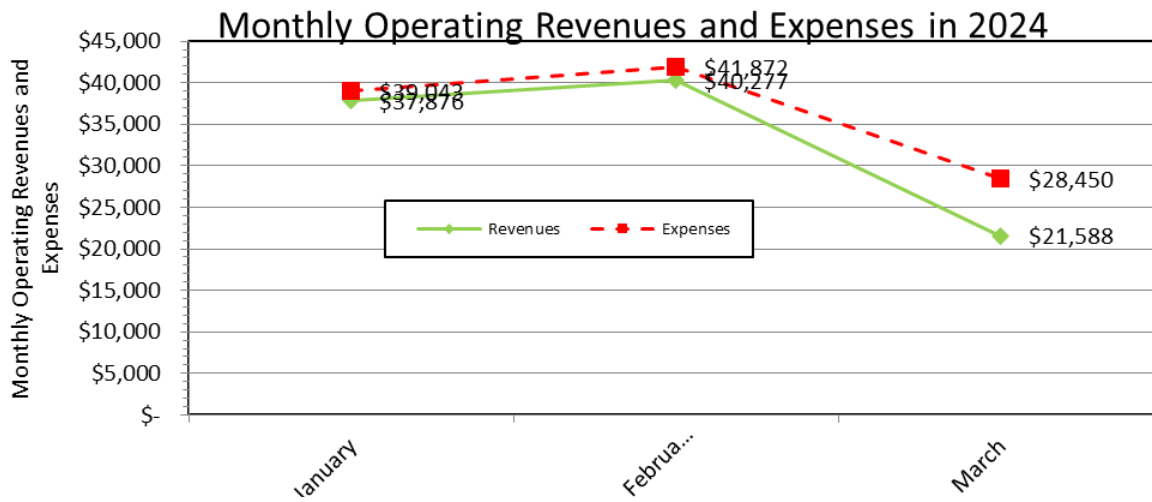
The Mission of Trinity on the Hill is to share the power and joy of God's love, to fully embrace all God's children, and to respond to the needs of our community and the world in the spirit of Jesus Christ

The next regularly scheduled issue will be in June. Submission deadline: Friday, May 24. Publication in early June.

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TOTH March Financial Status

I present the financial status of TOTH for the month of March 2024. This year we are seeing revenues hover slightly below expenses. In March our expenses fell to \$28,450 for the month, but revenues also dropped to \$21,588. Our annual cumulative shortfall is sitting at \$17,761. In light of this trend, last month the Vestry voted to suspend additional mortgage payments from the budget. Donations that have been requested to apply to the mortgage principal will continue to be applied according to the donors' wishes. We were also sending an additional \$460 per month to the mortgage that was in the budget and sending half of monthly rent to the mortgage principal reduction. The \$460 extra payments and the rent revenues dedicated to mortgage reduction are now being placed in a restricted account. At the end of the year the Vestry will decide whether to apply that to the mortgage, or it may decide to use it to cover any deficit at the end of the year.



Throughout the year the Vestry will continue to manage the budget and make changes to help reduce expenses to match the current contribution levels.

In other finance news, the Finance Committee will revise the financial policies this year. Any input is welcome.

Thank you. Leni Moore, Treasurer

CUTHBERT AND FRIENDS, PART 2:

OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS



SOME OF MOTHER MARY ANN'S FRIENDS VISITED TOOTH



BARBARA CAME TO VISIT THE OFFICE AND CUTHBERT



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