

# Trinity Times

A newsletter for the members and friends of Trinity Episcopal Church

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## Lent - Easter - March - 2008

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Greetings,

The month of March brings us an early Easter this year. Holy Week will be here before we know it.

We will begin Holy Week with Passion Sunday and Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. When we think of passion, we think of something quite different than what is the meaning in the Bible. This meaning is to suffer, to endure suffering and pain. We hear the Passion Story, the story of Jesus suffering and know that our God cries and dies as we do.

Our God gets hurt, stabbed, suffers in pain on the cross, is whipped, has five wounds in his body, and while enduring his pain in the midst of his suffering on the cross, cries "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

For some people, their image of God is one who lives safely up there in heaven, where there is no illness, no cancer, no wars, and no hatred. That is where God lives, up there, up where it is safe, up there, removed from it all.

It is just the opposite. Our God left the safety of heaven and came down to Earth. God became a real human being, and therefore he suffered and died, like the rest of us do.

When I envision this journey to Jerusalem, I see a man who is committed to a ministry of healing and reconciliation even knowing that his own suffering would be required for the healing to occur.

We will follow Jesus through his journey from that first entrance into Jerusalem to the cross. As

we take this journey with our Lord, we are called upon to consider our own journey; a journey through a life that is a gift from God.

I find myself facing storms along this journey just as all of you do, but as I consider what is to come this season of Lent into Holy Week, I know that God is not in some safe place in the sky, but right here in my heart and in yours.

The core of who we are, is in the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ, deep within ourselves.

I examine closely the storms that present themselves to me and know that I just need to show the storm how "big" my God is as I continue on my journey.

From these experiences, we are called upon to consider how we can ease the storms of others. It is the will of God that we, individually and collectively, respond to the needs of others. We may suffer in some way, sacrifice in some way to assure we carry out the ministry that is part of our journey through life.

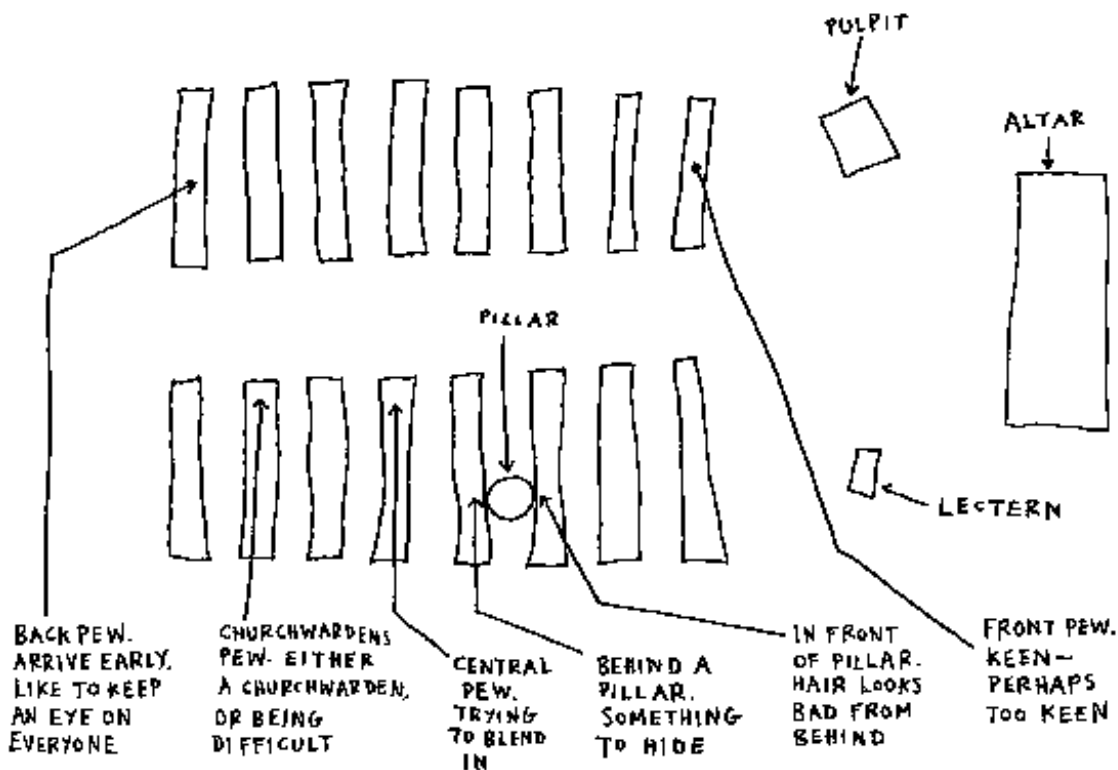
As a community of faith, let us go forward with the needs of others foremost in our minds and to bring others through the storms of their pain and suffering to a Christ who resides here on earth through all of us and for all of us.

God's Peace,

Mother Trula



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## Budget Summary, January 2008

**Please note:** The total income figure reflects the carry-over from 2007, which was 8,675.45 and includes Altar Guild and Memorial funds.

Thank you to everyone for helping us untangle the pledge numbers. It is greatly appreciated.

	January	Year to Date	YTD Budget
Pledge Income	1,435	1,435	2,250
Investment Income	1,101	1,101	2,325
Total Income	11,848	11,848	14,350
Expenses	5,657	5,657	5,970
Net	6,190	6,190	8,380

### Spring Cleaning can help others

Believe it or not, Spring is very nearly here. When you get the bug to start clearing out over-stuffed drawers and closets, remember that your cast offs can help. Clothing that is in good condition can be donated to Catholic Charities, who provide clothes to job seekers who have nothing suitable. Outdated cell phones, empty ink cartridges and PDAs can be given to the Abuse and Rape Crisis Center, which recycles them and receives funds for their programs.

### Vestry News

Correction: from last month's newsletter. We ARE still seeking an additional vestry member for 2008. The wardens and vestry are the caretakers of the church ... overseeing its day to day operation, working with the rector to maintain the health of the congregation, living the mission of Trinity as well as seeing to the care of the buildings. Vestry meetings are the third Sunday of the month at 9 a.m. Please prayerfully consider if you are called to this ministry.



**A Moveable Feast**

*(thanks to Pat Gurney for this item)*

Easter is always the 1st Sunday after the 1st full moon after the Spring Equinox (which is March 20). This dating of Easter is based on the lunar calendar that Hebrew people used to identify Passover, which is why it moves around on our Roman calendar.

Based on the above, Easter can actually be one day earlier (March 22) than it will be this year (2008) but that is pretty rare.

This year is the earliest Easter any of us will ever see the rest of our lives! And only the most elderly of our population

have ever seen it this early previously (95 years old or above!). And none of us have ever, or will ever, see it a day earlier! Here are the facts:

1) The next time Easter will be this early (March 23) will be the year 2228 (220 years from now). The last time it was this early was 1913 (so if you're 95 or older, you are the only ones that were around for that!).

2) The next time it will be a day earlier, March 22, will be in the year 2285 (277 years from now). The last time it was on March 22 was 1818. So, no one alive today has or will ever see it any earlier than this year!

**Holy Week**



**March 16 - The Sunday of the Passion, Palm Sunday**  
(Vestry meets at 9 a.m.)



**March 20 - Maundy Thursday, Holy Eucharist and stripping of the altar, 7 p.m.**



**March 21 - Good Friday.** Liturgy for Good Friday, 7 p.m.

**March 22 - Holy Saturday**  
The Great Vigil and First Eucharist of Easter, 7 p.m.



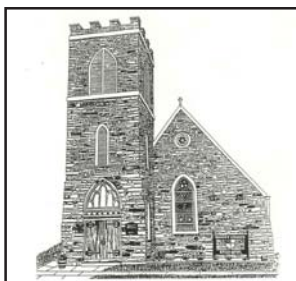
**March 23 - The Sunday of the Resurrection, Easter Day**

Sunday worship is at 10 a.m.



**Daylight Savings**  
Time begins Sunday, March 9. Set your clock ahead one hour Saturday night.

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**March at Trinity**

**Holy Week and Easter**