



# Trinity Tidings

April 2025

## Holy Week and Easter Day Schedule

### The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday April 13

10:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist (Rt. II) and  
Liturgy of the Palms.

### Maundy Thursday April 17

7:00 p.m. – The Holy Eucharist of the Institution.

### Good Friday April 18

Noon – Liturgy of Good Friday, *a said service*.

### The Sunday of the Resurrection: Easter Day April 20

*Please note the special service time*

10:00 a.m. – Choral Eucharist (Rt. II) and  
Lighting of the Paschal Candle.



*Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. Amen.*

BCP, pg. 101

### ***Important Upcoming Dates:***

**Sundays:** *Except Easter Day*

8:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist.

10:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist.

**Rummage Sale:** April 11-12.

**Holy Week:** April 13-19.

**Easter Day:** April 20.

**Decorating of the Church:** April 18.

**Vestry Meeting:** April 15.

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## Episcopal News Service

### **Episcopal priest, poet receives award for ‘demonstrated consistent excellence’ in writing**

[www.episcopalnewsservice.org](http://www.episcopalnewsservice.org)

Posted: March 11, 2025

By: Melodie Woerman

Episcopal priest and poet the Rev. [Spencer Reece](#) last week was awarded the John Updike Award from the [American Academy of Arts and Letters](#). The award, which comes with a prize of \$20,000, is given every two years to recognize a midcareer writer whose contributions to American literature have demonstrated consistent excellence.

It was established by Updike’s widow, Martha. Reece is the vicar of [St. Paul’s](#) in Wickford, Rhode Island, where he has served since late 2022.

The American Academy of Arts and Letters is a 300-member honor society whose goal is to “foster, assist and sustain excellence” in American literature, music and art. It is [congressionally chartered](#), and is headquartered in New York.

Reece told Episcopal News Service that when he got the email on March 6 telling him of the award, it came as a shock. “I kind of couldn’t believe it for a day or two,” he said. But, he added, “Being involved in a community of writers means a lot to me.”

This isn’t the only award Reece has received for his work. His first book of poems, “[The Clerk’s Tale](#),” written in 2004 when he was 41, received the Bread Loaf Writers Conference [Bakeless Poetry Prize](#). Many of the poems draw on his previous career as an assistant manager for Brooks Brothers.

After the book was published, [The New Yorker](#) devoted an entire page to its opening poem, which later served as the basis for a 2010 [film](#) by actor and director James Franco that debuted at a section of the Cannes Film Festival.

He has written two other books of poetry – “[The Road to Emmaus](#)” in 2013, which was a longlist nominee for the National Book Award, and “[Acts](#)” in 2024.

In addition to writing his own poetry, in 2017 he edited an anthology of poems, “[Counting Time Like People Count Stars](#),” written by girls at [Our Little Roses](#), an Episcopal-affiliated orphanage in San Pedro Sula, Honduras, where Reece taught poetry for two years. It was the basis for the [documentary](#) “Voices Beyond the Wall: 12 Love Poems from the Murder Capital of the World.”

In 2021 he published two works – a book of watercolors, “[All the Beauty Still Left: A Poet’s Painted Book of Hours](#),” and a memoir, “[The Secret Gospel of Mark](#).”

He has received a [variety of other honors](#), including fellowships from the Guggenheim Foundation and the National Endowment for the Arts, grants from the Fulbright Foundation and the Minnesota State Arts Council, a Witter Bynner fellowship from the Library of Congress, the Amy Lowell Poetry Traveling Scholarship, and a Whiting Writers’ Award.

Reece was ordained a priest in 2011 and has served in Spain and New York City in addition to his work in Honduras and Rhode Island.

When asked about overlap in his roles as priest and poet, he said that while poetry and sermon preparation are done mostly in isolation, sermons are different in that they appear in the public setting of worship. But in both instances, they are about how those words interact with their audience.

He also said that in recent years he has found his sermons and the research he does in writing them spilling over more into his poems.

Calling poetry his “great passion and great love,” Reece said that after the initial recognition that came his way two decades ago, he had begun to feel that the doors to the literary world had mostly closed to him. Getting word of the John Updike award left him not only surprised but “encouraged about my writing life.”

As if to validate that encouragement, he learned on March 10 that [The New Yorker](#) had picked up one of his poems – 21 years after his first appearance in the magazine and 10 years after it printed “My Great Grandmother’s Bible,” which also was included in the newly released “[A Century of Poetry in The New Yorker](#).”

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Trinity Episcopal Church  
Vestry Minutes  
February 2025  
As approved at the March Meeting

**Present:** Sally Ludlum, Warden; Jake Wilkins; Jenn Wilkins; Ann Sullivan; Virginia Becker, Treasurer; The Reverend James Clement, Rector.

**Excused:** Cathy Berner, Melisa Eichmann.

**Call to Order:** Fr. Clement called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m., with an opening prayer.

**Meeting Agenda:** Agenda approved with a motion made by Sally Ludlum, seconded by Ann Sullivan.

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made by Jenn Wilkins, seconded by Jake Wilkins to approve the January 23, 2025 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

**Committee Reports: Finance / Building and Grounds:**

**Finance:** Report presented by Ginny Becker, Treasurer. Sally Ludlum made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, which was seconded by Ann Sullivan. Motion carried.

- **General Fund:** Along with regular monthly expenses, the following invoices were paid to: Doyle Security Systems, Heritage Pipe Organ, The Observer, Axiom Office Imaging, Bahgat & Laurito-Bahgat, and the Workers' Compensation Board.
- **Building Fund:** The balance at the end of January was \$5,611.93.
- **Memorial Fund:** The balance remains \$3,072.28.
- **Music Fund:** The balance at the end of January was \$239.36.
- **DFT Agreement:** A new 3-year agreement was signed, which resulted in a savings of approximately \$17 per month.

**Buildings & Ground:** reported by Fr. Clement.

- The downspout near the kitchen window will need to be replaced when the snow thaws. It detached from the down spout due to ice build-up and was apparently run over by a vehicle in the driveway.

**Congregational Ministries:**

**TECW:** The Epiphany Tea scheduled for February has been postponed until Sunday, March 16, due to weather conditions. The event will begin at 2:00 p.m. with presenters Jake Wilkins and Professor Ted Lee who will discuss their recent trip to Honduras.

**Rector's Report**

- Ash Wednesday services will be held on March 5, with Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes at 10:00 a.m. (said service) and 5:30 p.m. (with hymns). A notice will be placed in The Observer newspaper.
- The parish Bylaw committee recently met on February 2. The committee is currently reviewing bylaws from other congregations as a first step to compiling a draft to present to vestry.
- Lenten Program and Supper will be scheduled for four Wednesdays during Lent. Information will be provided soon, including in the upcoming newsletter.

**Old Business:** N/A

**New Business**

- The 2024 Parochial Report for the parish was presented to Vestry by Fr. Clement for review. Jake Wilkins made a motion to approve the report as submitted, Ann Sullivan seconded. All in favor. The report will be submitted to the diocese and to the Church on the next business day.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:16 p.m. with a motion made by Jenn Wilkins, seconded by Jake Wilkins. Carried. Vestry concluded its time together with prayer. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 11, 2025 @ 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by: Jennifer Wilkins

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## Parish Notes



### A Reminder

Order your Easter lilies by **Sunday, April 6!**

A sign-up form is located in Garland Hall or contact the Trinity Flower Guild.

The decorating of the church for the Easter season will be on **Friday, April 18**, after the Good Friday service. All are invited to join together for this special event!



### Chancel Choir

We appreciate our parish choir, which provides Sunday worship with glorious music! Please consider a contribution to the parish Music Fund to help support our student choristers. Please with the parish treasurer for more information. Thank You!

### From the Parish Treasurer

Thank you for your timely pledges. First quarter giving statements will go out early in April. Let me know if you have any questions.

In appreciation,  
Ginny Becker

## TECW

\*\*\*No Meeting in April\*\*\*

### Epiphany Tea

Thank you to all who were able to attend the delayed Epiphany Tea. It was a delightful and informative afternoon. Special thanks to Jake Wilkins for bringing this opportunity to us and sharing his own experience.

### Rummage Sale: April 11-12

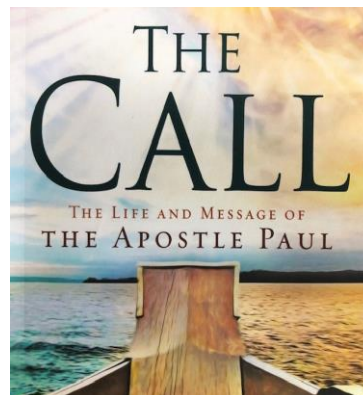
Start sorting!!!

We will need lots of hands for set up please put this on your calendar. Every hour of help goes a long way to our success.

Sale starts Friday 9-3 p.m., Saturday 9-noon. We will need some fresh volunteers to help with the pack up/clean up on Saturday.

Item Drop-off: items may be left starting Sunday April 6<sup>th</sup> in the vestibule of Garland Hall and Monday through Wednesday: 9:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. Thursday: 9 -10 a.m. only.

Volunteer sign-up: A sign-up sheet for volunteers in Garland Hall, Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup>. If you only have an hour to help sort and place items where they need to be that makes all the difference.



### Lenten Supper and Program:

Wednesday, April 2,  
at 5:30 p.m.

The final session of our Lenten study series based on Adam Hamilton's book, The Call: The Life and Message of the Apostle

Paul, will take place on Wednesday, April 2, in Garland Hall. A Lenten supper will be served. Session Four: Called to Be Faithful – *Paul's Death and Legacy*.



## **Parish Register**

### **Transfer out**

Sallie S. Pullano

*Church of Our Saviour, Rock Hill, S.C.*

## **In Memoriam**

- 4 Virginia Maytum
- 9 Marjorie Hamann
- 15 Connie Van Scoter
- 30 Beth Parker

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Donald Fellows, Organist

Sara Jagoda, Custodian

#### **The Vestry of the Parish**

Sally Ludlum, Warden

Melisa Eichmann

Jennifer Wilkins

Jake Wilkins

Cathy Berner

Ann Sullivan

Virginia Becker, Treasurer

## **Birthdays**

- 7 Holly Gould
- 7 William Weatherlow
- 8 Graciela Rey
- 9 Michael Liener
- 16 James Ivey
- 19 Megan Kyte
- 23 Robert Weatherlow
- 24 Benjamin Kyte
- 24 Charles Cinque

## **Wedding Anniversaries**

- 11 Melisa and Chris Eichmann
- 18 Fr. Bob and Patty Arnold
- 20 Russell Kyte and Bridget Russell
- 25 Marilyn and Bob Maytum



Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

--- *The Collect for The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday.*

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Ephesians 1:2*