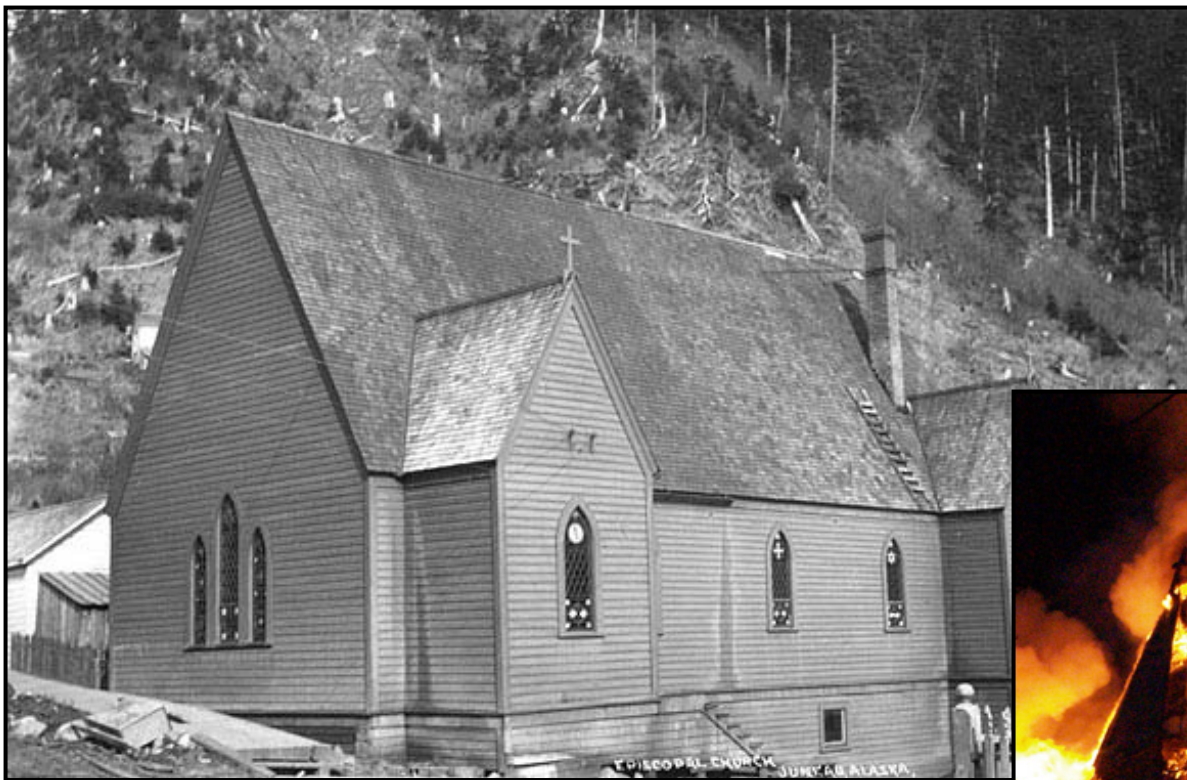


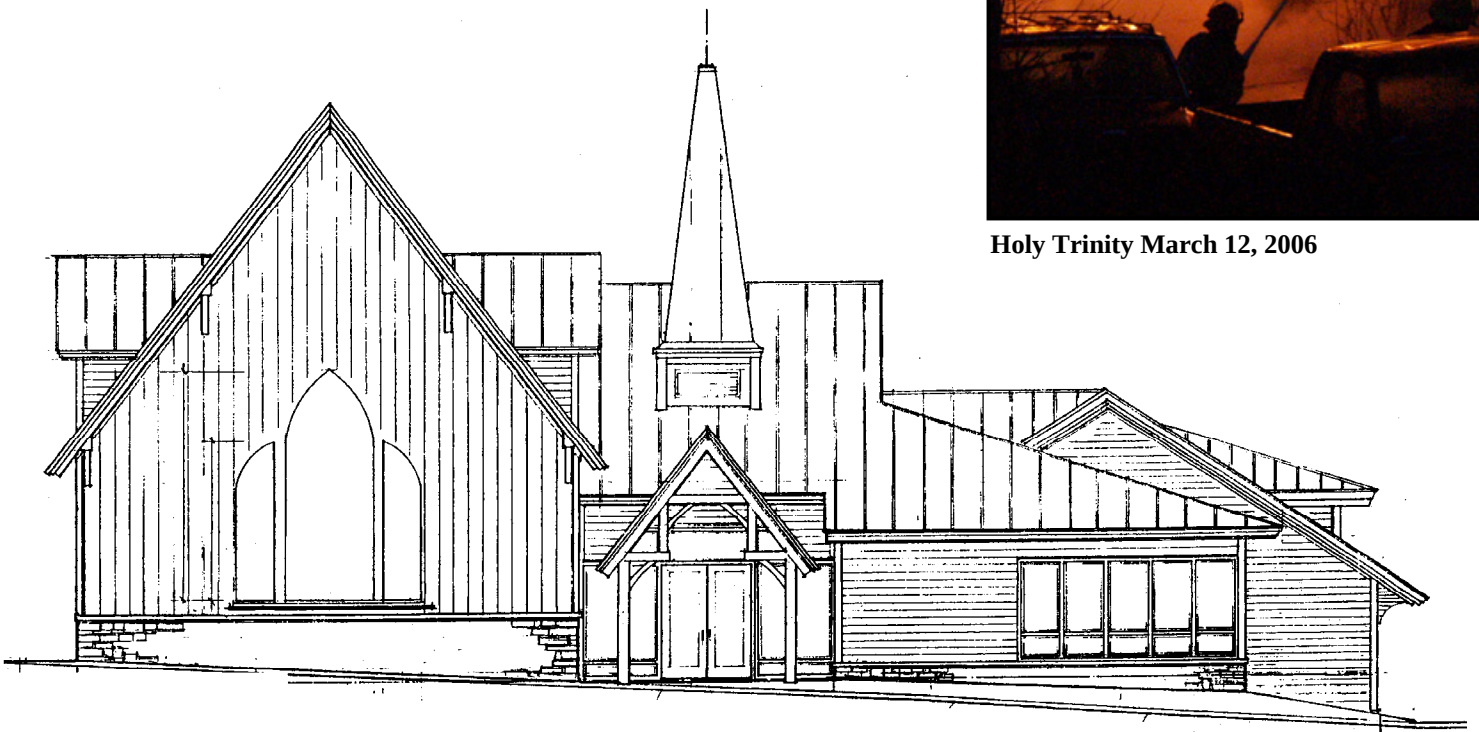


Holy Trinity 1903

A Liturgy of Praise and Thanksgiving for the
Breaking of Ground for
The Church of the Holy Trinity



Holy Trinity March 12, 2006



Holy Trinity 2008

August 4, 2007

Juneau, Alaska

GATHERING TOGETHER

The Music before the service is by Martha and Jim Stey (courtesy of Gold Street Music).

This is the day that the Lord has made.

All **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

We are gathered at this site to break ground for a building that will once again be the meeting place of the Church of the Holy Trinity;

where prayer and praise are offered and God's presence is celebrated in word and sacrament;

where young and old are nurtured in faith and built up in love;

a place from which we are sent into the world to fulfill Christ's ministry;

a place open to beauty and wisdom, where we experience God's gifts of music and theatre, art and education, playtime and study;

a place where community gathers together.

All: **Glory be to God**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Old Testament Lesson: Ezra 3:10-11

Sharon Gaipman

When the builders laid the foundation of the temple of the Lord, the priests in their vestments were stationed to praise the Lord with trumpets, and the Levites, the sons of Asaph, with cymbals, according to the directions of King David of Israel; and they sang responsively, praising and giving thanks to the Lord, 'For he is good, for his steadfast love endures for ever towards Israel.'

And all the people responded with a great shout when they praised the Lord, because the foundation of the house of the Lord was laid.

Northfield from The Sacred Harp

Lena Simmons, Jill Matheson, Jon Pollard, John Robertson

Tune: Jeremiah Ingalls, 1800 Words: Isaac Watts, 1701

How long, dear Savior, O how long does this bright hour delay? Fly swift around, ye wheels of time, and bring the promised day. From that third heaven where God resides, that holy, happy place, the new Jerusalem comes down, adorned with shining grace.

New Testament Reading: Ephesians 2:19-22

The Reverend Wilson Valentine

Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

The Message

The Reverend Hunter Silides

THE BLESSING

The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Let us pray. Blessed are you, O Lord our God, king of the universe. You fill the entire world with your presence; your name is hallowed through all the earth.

Heavenly Creator, we thank you for the men and women who you called to witness and proclaim the good news of your love in Juneau over the last 112 years. We ask you now to bless all those who have worked or contributed to renew the work they started, as we once again set apart this site + for the building of a church.

May this continue to be a place where all may come to know the presence of Christ, experience the joy of his friendship, and grow in his love. **Amen.**

BREAKING OF THE GROUND

Praise the Lord, all you nations!

All: **Extol the Lord, all you peoples!**

For great is God's steadfast love toward us,

All: **And the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.**

The ground is turned by members of the McPhetres Family.

With faith in Jesus Christ, this work is begun and this ground is broken in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

Creator, bless this water. As it touches the land and these people here present, may it heal our souls and bodies, and banish every hostile power. May all that it touches find new life and new purpose and may all that we do here be pleasing in your sight, O Creator.

Springs of water, bless the Lord.

Give God glory and praise for ever.

Everyone is invited to dip sprigs into the blessed water and sprinkle the land and each other.

THE PRAYERS

Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty;

All: **For everything in heaven and on earth is yours.**

Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom;

All: **And you are exalted as head over all.**

O Lord our God, in you every good work has its beginning. Grant that what we have undertaken this day to the glory of your name may be successfully completed to the good of all your people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen .**

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love, defend you on every side, and guide you in truth and peace; and the blessing of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, remain with you all evermore. **Amen.**

My friends in Christ, go in peace. Remember the poor, pray for the sick, and be kindly affective one to another in Christian love. And peace to you from God our heavenly Father. Peace from his Son Jesus Christ who is our peace. Peace from the Holy Spirit, the life-giver. The peace of the triune God be always with you.

All: **And also with you**

The people greet each other with a sign of peace.

Everyone is invited to remain for fellowship and refreshments and fun!

Entertainment is provided by Opera to Go, Juneau Lyric Opera and Theater in the Rough.

Please visit the memory tent and add your memories of the church and the hall to our memory book.

SPECIAL THANKS

For their help with today's Blessing Event, we extend thanks to Capital Copy, KINY/KSUP, K-3'S, KJNO/KTKU, Juneau Empire, Juneau Rotary, Juneau Arts and Humanities Council, Peter Anderegg, Theater in the Rough, Juneau Lyric Opera, Opera to Go!, Jim and Martha Stey and Gold Street Music, our architect Jeff Robertson, and for all others whose time and talents have gotten us to this point.

We have been blessed with the generosity of friends and neighbors over the past year, including the Cathedral of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary for our lovely home away from home; an extraordinary donation from FourSquare Victory Church; a beautiful icon of the Holy Trinity from St. Nicholas Orthodox Church to restart our art collection; and funds from Juneau Jubilee to begin to replace our choral music collection. Gifts from farther afield have come from friends we know and from friends we haven't met yet. We are truly grateful.

The most important thank you goes to the people who will bless this building with their presence in the years to come.

ASSISTING TODAY

Officiant:	The Reverend George Silides, Rector
Speaker:	The Reverend Hunter Silides
Readers:	Sharon Gaipman The Reverend Wilson Valentine
Artists:	Lena Simmons, Jill Matheson, Jon Pollard, John Robertson – Holy Trinity Church Martha and Jim Stey – Gold Street Music Juneau Lyric Opera' Broadway Showcase Opera to Go! Theater in the Rough

Just as the Episcopal Church is closely interwoven with the history of Alaska, so Holy Trinity has been a part of Juneau and Southeast Alaska. The story of Holy Trinity is, in great measure, the story of the remarkable people dedicated to sharing Christ's love in the world.

The Rev. George Buzzelle held the first Episcopal services in Juneau in the Presbyterian log church on Trinity Sunday, June 9, 1895. Over the next year, numerous "socials" were held to raise the funds needed to raise a building on the corner of 4th and Gold Streets. The *Alaska Searchlight*, in its Saturday, October 12, 1895, edition, states:

"The finance committee of Trinity church are meeting with good success in their laudable efforts to raise money for the erection of a church building here. Over \$900 has already been subscribed and there are several persons yet to be seen who will doubtless contribute liberally. The plans of the building show a very neat and pleasing structure which can be erected for the modest sum of \$1200."

The first services in the new church were held the following summer. Holy Trinity soon began to play an active part of Juneau life. As the need for more space became apparent, in 1955-56, Trinity Hall and its lower level classrooms were built. After the unexpected death of the Rev. Samuel McPhetres in 1959, the parish hall was renamed in his honor. This hall over the years has been used for everything from Head Start to non-profit offices, to rehearsal space and a theater, and meeting space for groups too numerous to mention.

Over the years, the parishioners of Holy Trinity have opened the church and hall to the community for its use. We have been blessed beyond measure from the use of the building for arts and music and theater and consoling and education and fellowship. Today is another step on the road to once again be able to open our doors wide to let the people of Juneau in. Thank you for joining us in this journey to Remember, Rebuild, and Renew.