

***Fifth Sunday of Easter  
Holy Eucharist, Rite II  
April 29, 2018***

Opening Acclamation and Collect for Purity	BCP-355
Gloria	BCP-356
The Collect of the Day	
First Reading	1 John 4:7-21
Psalm 22:24-30	
The Gospel	John 15:1-8
Homily	The Rev. Martha Harris
The Nicene Creed	BCP-358
The Prayers of the People, Form 1	BCP-383
The Peace	BCP-360

**The Great Thanksgiving**

Eucharistic Prayer D	BCP-372
The Lord's Prayer ( <i>right column</i> )	
BCP-364	
The Breaking of the Bread	BCP-364
Payer of Thanksgiving	BCP-365
Dismissal	

Welcome visitors! We are glad to have you worship with us today and hope you will want to return. Trinity is a parish of the Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast. Chartered in 1836, Trinity Episcopal Church is Apalachicola's historic "first church." Services have been held here for more than 180 years. It is with great joy that we thank God for our blessings and for the beauty of this place.

**Services**

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II  
10:20 AM Ministry of Healing and Prelude  
10:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II

**Clergy, Wardens, and Vestry**

Rector	The Rev. Martha Caldwell Harris
Vestry	Rennie Edwards, Senior Warden; Gary Ulrich, Junior Warden; Nancy Luther, Paul McAbee, Patti McCartney, Ralph Wagoner, & Randy Mims
Clerk of the Vestry	Landy Luther
Treasurer	Ron Bence
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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Trinity Prayer list:** Lisa Waddell, Casey Simpson, Sharron Anthony, Richard Quackenbush, Damaris Porter, Mary Bloodworth, Alice Jean Gibbs, Francis James, Mitchell Hicks, Mary Flanagan, Russell Ponder, Kerri Wallace, Laura Howard, Kenneth LaPaz, Jim Conway, Margaret Abigail, Catherine Adale, Sue Bisiq, Geoff & Liz Hewell, Jeanna White, Nancy Freeman, Janie Spooner, Paul Sears & Family, Lloyd Hodge, Helen Wren, Helen Quackenbush, Brenda Herrick, Susan Richardson, Carl Carlson, Randy & Lee Sewell, Ruth Young, David Goodman, Miles Zadnichek, Nancy Freeman, Bryan Tune, Arlene Wingate, Evelyn Ogilvie, Casey Youngblood, Glenn Totman, Kimberly Towns, Phyllis Carothers, Angela Taylor, Nina Williams O'Neal, Camille Goss, Sonny Srcek, Michael & Cathy Bailey & family, Guy Maulden, Pat Burchfield, Kim Kerrigan, Dorothy Cooper, Eugenia Butler, George Creamer, Willis Kennedy, Bob Seaborn, Lorna Seyler, Carmel Dodson, Dot Hill, Grant Blackwell, Jean Hess Erin and James Hess, Steve Thomas, Carl Crotty and Debbie Flowers.

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**Monday School** meets tomorrow at 10:00 am in the conference room.

**EfM** will meet on May 1<sup>st</sup> at 4:00 pm in the conference room.

**Faith Sharing** will be meeting on Wednesday May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 pm.

**Evensong Service** will be held on Friday May 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm.

**Tour of Homes** will begin on Saturday May 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am

A training session for our AED devise will be held soon. Please let Martha or Paul McAbee know if you are interested.



***The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in memory of Hollis Vail and in honor of her birthday, given by her daughter Laura and granddaughter Annabelle.***

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Acts 8:26-40, Psalm 22:24-30, I John 4:7-21, John 15:1-8

### REJOICING

Take time to read the first lesson from the Acts of the Apostles again, slowly, meditatively. Imagine yourself as the Ethiopian eunuch, the Queen's Treasurer. Picture your chariot, your charioteer, the road you're on going through the wilderness, the scroll you are reading, the young man who joins you. Hear what he says to you; let it soak into your being. Feel your excitement when you realize you can be baptized right beside the road. Notice how the water feels as it covers you. Realize how it feels as you come up out of the water. Sit with that for a bit.



After the Ethiopian eunuch had this eye-opening encounter with Philip, he "went on his way rejoicing." Is that your experience? The man was a seeker, likely dissatisfied with the trappings of his life. He came to Jerusalem, all the way from the Queen's court in Ethiopia, to worship this God he had heard about; perhaps he was a Jew of the Diaspora or a Gentile God-fearer. In his search for

God's redeeming grace, he obtained a scroll of Hebrew Scriptures containing the prophet Isaiah hoping he would be able to discover what was missing in his life. It was as if he knew the truth of Jesus' words: "Ask, and you will receive; seek, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you." (Mt.7:7/Lk.11:9) God continues to open our eyes to our scriptures, to enable us to grow in the knowledge and love of God if we spend time with them day by day. There are many ways to delve into the Bible; one good way is to use the Daily Office Lectionary in the Book of Common Prayer, pp.933-1001. (This is Year Two in the Daily Office; the week of 5 Easter is found on p.963) When we are diligent and open to receive the word we need each day, we will find it grabbing our attention in some way.

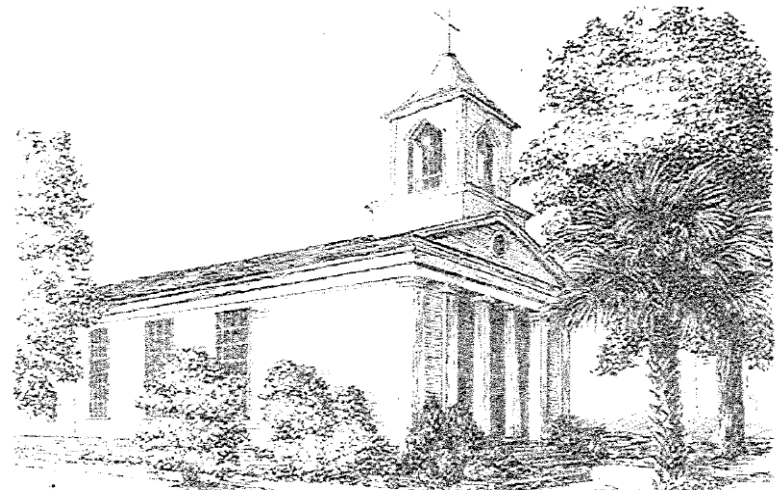
We too will go on our way rejoicing, having heard the Word of God and experienced the Beloved's Presence enfolding and indwelling us in the very here and now.

*Pat Horn, Author*

*Audrey Horn, Photographer*

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