

***Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
December 23, 2018
Holy Eucharist, Rite II***

Processional	<i>Blest Be the King Whose Coming</i>	<i>Hymn #74</i>
Opening Acclamation	<i>The Book of Common Prayer (BCP)-355</i>	
Collect for Purity		BCP-355
<i>Kyrie</i>		S-91
The Collect of the Day		insert
First Reading	Zephaniah 3:14-20	insert
Canticle	Canticle 15	insert
Second Reading	Hebrews 10:5-10	insert
Sequence Hymn	<i>Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus</i>	H #66
The Gospel	Luke 1:39-55	insert
The Sermon	the Rev. Donna J. Gerold	
The Nicene Creed		BCP-358
Prayers of the People		Pew Card
Confession and Absolution		BCP-360
The Peace		BCP-360
Welcome, Announcements and Offertory		
Anthem	<i>He Shall Feed His Flock</i>	<i>by G.F. Handel Sung by Nancy Totman & Susan Galloway</i>
At the Presentation	Doxology	Hymn #380 (v.3)

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A		BCP-361
<i>Sanctus</i>		S-114
The Lord's Prayer		BCP-364
The Breaking of the Bread		BCP-364
Fraction Anthem	<i>Christ our Passover</i>	WLP #866
Communion Hymns		
	<i>The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came</i>	H #265
	<i>O Saving Victim, Opening Wide</i>	H #311
Post Communion Prayer		BCP-366
Recessional	<i>Tell Out, My Soul, the Greatness of the Lord</i>	H #438
Dismissal		BCP-366

Ministers for the Day

Celebrant	the Rev. Donna J. Gerold
Acolyte	Bill & Fisher Van Der Tulip
Lectors	Anne Eason & C.T. Ponder
Prayers	Susan Galloway
Greeters	Jim & Geri Anderson
Chalice	Susie Wagoner & Brooks Jones
Healing	Kristin Anderson
Music	Ina Meyer & Choir
Flowers	Evie Bettis
Altar Guild	Aglaia Dola & Nancy Totman
Hospitality	Choir

Following the service please join us in Benedict Hall for coffee hour

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Micah 5:2-5a, Canticle 14 (lk.1:46-55), Hebrews 10: 5-10, Luke 1:39-45,
(46-55)

SERVICE

The author of the epistle to the Hebrews tells us: “When Christ came into the world, he said, ‘See, I have come to do your will.’” No doubt, he didn’t say that in those early days in Bethlehem, but as he grew in wisdom and grace, he came to recognize the self-giving love of God that we, each and all, are called to live into. Day by day as he matured in loving God and neighbor, he was being prepared for Gethsemane and his complete surrender, “Not my will, but thine be done.”

Jesus’ mother Mary was his example of living into God’s will. Before her visit from the angel Gabriel, she was planning to marry Joseph and live happily ever after in the culture of the day. Yet given the opportunity to serve, she responded with, “Let it be with me according to your word,” giving herself totally into the hands of God. Both Mary and her son gave their hearts, minds, and bodies to serve God’s will in utter self-giving love.



God calls each of us to a holy purpose and longs to hear the same response from us: “See, I have come to do your will.” The specifics of our calls to serve are unique, and thank goodness, “God’s will is always better than our own,” as the Forward Day by Day

writer puts it on the day I’m writing this meditation. We know God’s will always includes wholeness and holiness for us and for all creation. The Holy One inspires us to serve in Love, with Love, and for Love as we seek to become a beneficent presence in the here and now.

Pat Horn, Author

Audrey Horn, Photographer



Mary greets Elizabeth (artist unknown)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trinity Prayer List: Please help us keep the prayer list up to date by calling or sending an email to the church office to let us know if a name needs to be added or removed. If you add someone to the list, if possible, please let us know their mailing address so that a card can be mailed to them.

Members: Alice Jean Gibbs, Ruth Young, Arlene Wingate, Glenn Totman, Myra Ponder, Jo Heslin, Dewitt Galloway, Charley Kienzle, Amanda Wagoner, Landy & Nancy Luther, Gary Niblack & Martha Snowden, Jack Rink & Carol Wood, and First Presbyterian Church of Wewahitchka.

Family & Friends: Lisa Waddell, Casey Simmons, Sharron Anthony, Richard & Helen Quackenbush, Damaris Porter, Mary Bloodworth, Mary Flanagan, Russell Ponder, Sue Bisiq, Susan Richardson, Carl Carlson, Eugenia Butler, Carmel Dodson, James Hess, Oris Burton, Sandy Howze, Mary Ann Holder, Lee Hassell, Lloyd Hodge, Brenda Herrick, Jill Feeser, Paul Sears, Pat Burchfield and Family, and Bryan Tune.

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Monday School will not meet on Monday December 24th or 31st, they will resume class on Monday January 7, 2019 at 10:00 am.

EfM will not meet on Tuesday December 25th or January 1st, they will resume on Tuesday January 8th at 3:30 pm.

Monday, December 24th... Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 6:30 pm.

Tuesday, December 25th... Christmas Day Service Rite II at 10:30 am

Sunday, December 30th... First Sunday after Christmas Services at 8 & 10:30 am.

Candace Wilson Watson passed away in Jacksonville at Community Hospice on Thursday December 6th after a brief illness. A distinguished attorney and resident of St. George Island, Candy was a spiritual person who was smart, beautiful, kind, and loving. A memorial service will be held at 11 am on Saturday December 29th at Trinity Episcopal Church.

If you have a *pastoral care need*, please call the church office at 850-653-9550 Monday-Thursday, 8 am – 3 pm and let us know. For pastoral emergencies after hours please call the Rev. Donna Gerold at 850-653-5813.

On behalf of my family and me, I would like to give a great big **THANK YOU** to everyone at Trinity for the Christmas gift you gave to me and my family. May you all have a very blessed Christmas. – Shannon

Thank you very much for the lovely celebration for our 50th Anniversary.

Everything was beautiful and delicious, Geri was truly surprised. You are all treasured blessings in our lives and we love you all, have a special Christmas.

Love, Jim & Geri