

*Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany
Holy Eucharist, Rite I
February 24, 2019*

Opening Acclamation and Collect for Purity	BCP-323
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The Collect of the Day	insert
First Reading	1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50
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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 I
10:20 AM Ministry of Healing and Prelude
10:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II

Clergy, Wardens, and Vestry

Priest-in-charge	the Rev. Donna J. Gerold
Vestry	Gary Ulrich, Senior Warden; Charlie Galloway, Junior Warden; Landy Luther, Paul McAbee, Patti McCartney, Betty Fugate, C.T. Ponder & Susie Wagoner

Clerk of the Vestry	Angela Knox
Treasurer	Lee Bettis
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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, Amanda Wagoner, Landy & Nancy Luther, Gary Niblack & Martha Snowden, Bob & Beverly Connors, Lee Sewell, Luke Galloway and Evie Bettis.

Family & Friends: Lisa Waddell, Casey Simmons, Richard & Helen Quackenbush, Damaris Porter, Mary Bloodworth, Russell Ponder, Sue Bisiq, Susan Richardson, Carl Carlson, Eugenia Butler, James Hess, Orli Burton, Sandy Howze, Lee Hassell, Lloyd Hodge, Brenda Herrick, Jill Feeser, Paul Sears, Pat Burchfield and Family, Bryan Tune, Addison (Addi) Wagoner, Jeanne Wood, Amanda Varnes, Scott Keel, Steve Resotko, Cindy Seehorn, Deb Hinton, Nancy Bennett and Johnny Buhning.

Sign-up sheets (for food items and time slots for staffing) are in Benedict Hall for our annual **Pancake Supper** to be held on Tuesday March 5th @ 4:30 pm. Tickets have been mailed to parishioners, and are also available at the door. Please come and bring friends!

There will be one **Ash Wednesday** service at noon on Wednesday March 6th.

The Trinity Tour of Homes Auction Committee is eagerly accepting items for the 2019 Auction. Please give Ginger (404-561-0919) or Kathy (207-745-3990) a call or text with questions about possible donations and the collection of donated items.

Today at 4:00 pm Ilse Newell Fund for the Performing Arts, Inc presents William Feasley, Classical Guitar. Admission is \$10.00 per person, payable in cash at the door. Door opens at 3:40 pm with open seating. A reception will follow in Benedict Hall with light refreshments.

*The flowers are given to the glory of God and
in celebration of the wedding of Matthew Alexander & Catherine Evans.*

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Genesis 45:3-11, 15, Psalm 37:1-12, 41-42,
I Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50, Luke 6:27-38

GIVE AND RECEIVE

Talk about counter-cultural! “Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you.” Is that what we see when we look at the world around us? What about when we look into our own hearts? How often is love the motivation for our response to our response to being hurt by others? Even if we can muster a loving response, is it with the niggling hope that “by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads,” as Paul pointed out to the Romans (12:20) That’s something to think about as we notice Lent on the horizon.

In today’s gospel, Jesus gives his listeners a clue about how to get



started loving others, no matter who they are or what they do: “Do to others as you would have them do to you.” Love is an action verb; it is what we do, rather than a warm, fuzzy feeling. I remember the first time I heard that proclaimed from the pulpit twenty-five or more years ago. My priest was speaking as a prophet to me (and I suspect, to others), pulling me up short, opening my eyes to the reality of what it means to follow Jesus in his self-giving love. I continue to fall woefully short in responding to others with love every time, but I rely on the crutch provided by 12-step

programs: “Fake it ‘til you make it,” trusting that my acting in love will, in God’s time, become love in truth. Perhaps that may be what Jesus means as he sums up his thoughts on loving actions with: “Give and it will be given to you.” It seems so to me today.

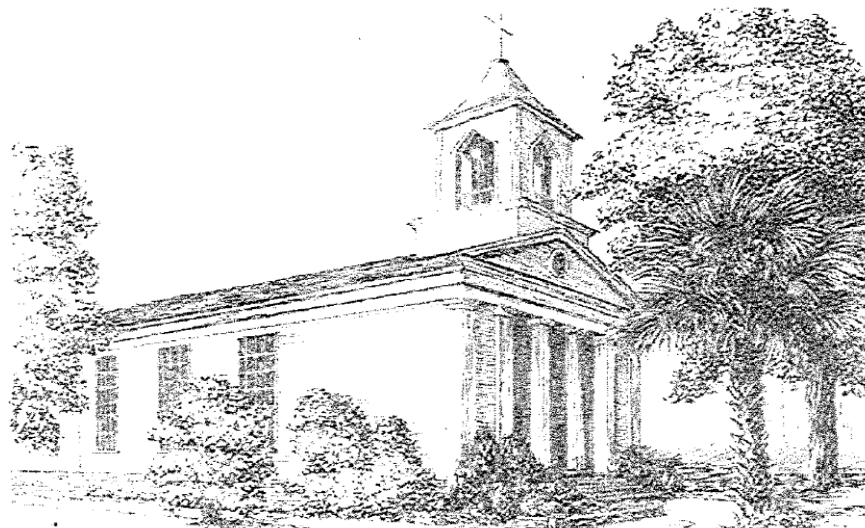
In our collect today, we ask God to “pour into our hearts your greatest gift, which is love, the true bond of peace and all virtue.” As always, our part in the process is to be open to receive and use God’s gifts for others here and now.

Pat Horn, Author

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The Lord is in His Holy Temple

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