

*Second Sunday in Lent  
Holy Eucharist, Rite I  
March 17, 2019*

Opening Acclamation and Collect for Purity	BCP-323
<i>Kyrie</i>	BCP-324
The Collect of the Day	insert
First Reading	Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18
Psalm	27
The Gospel	Luke 13:31-35
Homily	the Rev. Donna J. Gerold
The Nicene Creed	BCP-326
The Prayers of the People	BCP-328
The Confession and Absolution	BCP-330
The Peace	BCP-332

**The Great Thanksgiving**

Eucharistic Prayer I	BCP-333
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The Breaking of the Bread	BCP-337
Prayer of Humble Access	BCP-337
Prayer of Thanksgiving	BCP-339
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 I  
10:20 AM Ministry of Healing and Prelude  
10:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I

**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, Randy Mims, 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, 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, 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, Tom White, Johnny Buhning & Karisa Nelson.

**WELCOME THE STRANGER.** In an effort to continue to be a welcoming church, please move in to toward the center divider when you sit in a pew. Moving toward the center will leave room in the pew for a visitor or late comer to find a place to sit. This is one of the small ways to make Trinity more welcoming when a visitor comes to our church. Thank you!

Trinity's Outreach Committee has adopted Boy Scout Troop 347, Franklin Elite 4-H & the Matchbox as the official recipients of our "Loose Change" effort during Lent. Change jars will be located in the Church, Benedict Hall and Church Office. The loose change will be used to send these kids to camp this summer. Thanks for your support.

Shannon will be out of the office March 18th-22nd for vacation, she will return to the office on Monday March 25<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am.

**Life Together at Trinity Church in the Community Potluck Dinner will be held on Wednesday March 27th, 6:00 pm in Benedict Hall.** Please sign up in Benedict Hall today!



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Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18, Psalm 27, Philippians 3:17—4:1, Luke 13:31-35

## WAITING

“Wait patiently for the Lord,” the psalmist tells us. The lessons for today all speak to me of waiting: “Wait, Abram, until I am ready to visit the barren Sarai with your heir;” “Wait, Christian, for your transformation into the *imago dei*;” “Wait, Pharisees, for me to finish my work.” God is at work in our lives and in the world, working out the divine purpose as may be best for each and all—though it is often as hard for us to see that as it was for Abram.

Lent may be viewed as a season of waiting, of getting ready to celebrate the joy of Easter, the promise of new life. Most of us aren’t very good at waiting. We’d much rather be “doing”—something—anything. Even fasting and self-denial, as undesirable as those practices may be to us, seem preferable to “waiting patiently for the Lord.” Waiting for the Lord, however, isn’t passive, regardless of how it may sound. It involves being open to what God has prepared for us. It includes making time to be with the Holy One, being



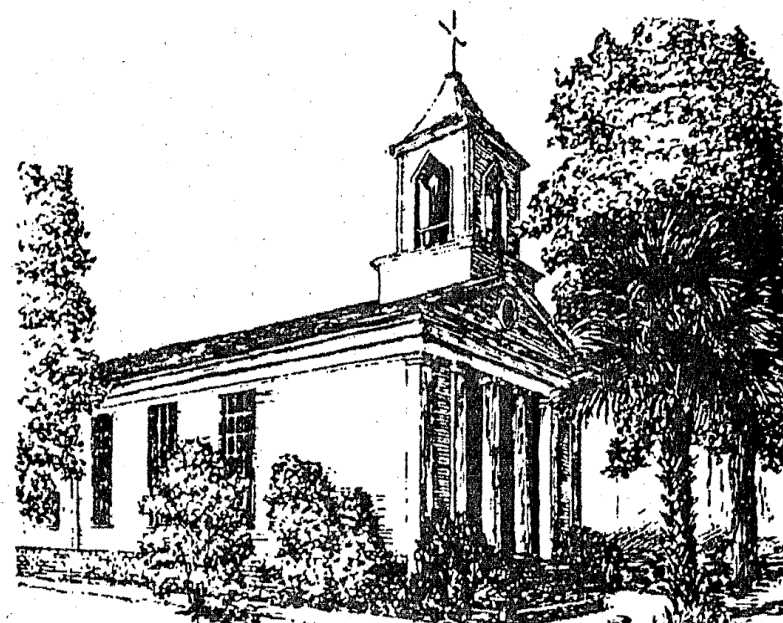
alert, paying attention, listening with our hearts to God’s Word—however it may come, desiring, even yearning, for God’s presence, accepting and welcoming the Divine Presence in whatever way we may perceive it, allowing ourselves to be changed from within so that we may be cleansed, made whole and holy with the first light of Easter.

Realizing that our Lenten waiting is indeed profoundly active, we begin to see that it is the action deep within that makes for a “holy Lent,” that opens our eyes to recognize and turns us away from all that we have allowed to separate us from God and from all God’s children, that reconciles us to Divine Love. Such inner work, inspired and facilitated by Love, readies us for a life of discipleship, walking henceforth day by day in companionship with Christ Jesus, ready, willing and able to be God’s hands and feet in the world around us. It can only happen as we “wait patiently for the Lord” to finish God’s work.

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