

***Third Sunday of Lent
Holy Eucharist, Rite I
March 24, 2019***

Opening Acclamation and Collect for Purity	BCP-323
Kyrie	BCP-324
The Collect of the Day	
First Reading	1 Corinthians 10:1-13
Psalm	63:1-8
The Gospel	Luke 13:1-9
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
The Lord's Prayer	BCP-336
The Breaking of the Bread	BCP-337
Prayer of Humble Access	BCP-337
Payer 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, Orliis 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 Buhring & Karisa Nelson.

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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!

Outreach will meet on Monday March 25th at noon in the Conference Room. In addition, Outreach is holding a fund-raising **BBQ Dinner** on Sunday, April 7th after the 10:30 service in Benedict Hall in support of summer youth activities including Scouts, 4H, and the Matchbox. Dinners are \$10. If you'd like to help with the dinner set-up and preparation, call or text Marlene (843-224-7706).

Life Together at Trinity Church in the Community Potluck Dinner will be held on Wednesday March 27th, 6:00 pm in Benedict Hall. We will gather for a meal and then have discussion about Outreach into the Community of Apalachicola – what we are doing, how we fund and prioritize Outreach efforts. Come one, come all!!!

The deadline for donations to the 2019 Trinity Tour of Homes Auction is **April 15th**. If you have items for the auction or if you would like to make a cash donation, please text or call Ginger Lawson at 404-561-0919 or Kathy Rushmore at 207-745-3990.

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Exodus 3:1-15, Psalm 63:1-8, I Corinthians 10:1-13, Luke 13:1-9

STANDING?

“So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall,” the apostle Paul cautions us in our epistle lesson today. How secure is our footing; how slippery is our slope? The season of Lent provides the opportunity for us to look at where we are standing—at our stand point. If we have eyes to see and ears to hear, we discover that the place on which we are standing is holy ground—in the presence of God—whether, like Moses, we know it or not.

Thinking of my stand point, I am reminded of that old gospel hymn by Edward Mote, “On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand.” That chorus is based on the parables



of Jesus (Mt.7:24-27, Lk.6:47-49) where the wise one builds his house on a rock so that it withstands the storms and floods; not so with the foolish one whose house is built on sand and founders. How firm is my foundation, yours? Is it deep enough to reach the bedrock of God’s steadfast love, to survive

the tumultuous storms life may send our way? Can we recognize and acknowledge the holy ground on which we are standing here and now?

God is the very ground of our being. Do we find ourselves grounded in God’s love, or are we “wasting the soil” in which we are planted like the barren fig tree in our gospel lesson? In our Lenten self-examination, if we find ourselves in the latter camp, may we look to the One that Paul calls the spiritual rock that was the source of the living water to the Israelites on their wilderness journey, to Christ Jesus trusting in him to cultivate our roots and nourish us on the way to maturity and fruitfulness, to lift us up if we fall and set us back on the firm foundation of God’s presence in our lives.

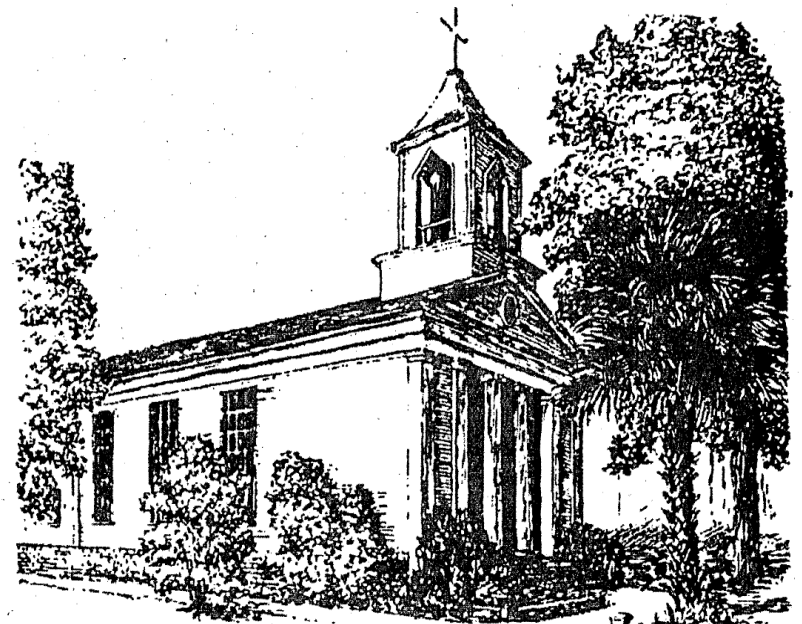
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HOLY WEEK

Maundy Thursday

April 18th 5:30 pm

Soup & Supper

6:30 pm

Maundy Thursday Service
With Stripping of the Altar

Good Friday Service

April 19th 12:00 noon

Easter Sunday

April 21st 7:30 am

Early morning Eucharist
Lafayette Park, Apalachicola

10:30 am

Festival Choral Eucharist
Flowering of the Cross

11:45 am

Easter Egg Hunt on the grounds