

*Fourth Sunday in Lent
Holy Eucharist, Rite I
March 31, 2019*

Opening Acclamation and Collect for Purity	BCP-323
<i>Kyrie</i>	BCP-324
The Collect of the Day	insert
First Reading	Joshua 5:9-12
Psalm	32
The Gospel	Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32
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 182 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
Web Site	www.trinityapalachicola.org
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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, Damaris Porter, Mary Bloodworth, Russell Ponder, Sue Bisiq, Susan Richardson, Eugenia Butler, James Hess, Oris 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, Katherine Bland & Bill VanVleet.

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Clean up day!!! We are having a cleanup Trinity day on **Saturday April 6th beginning at 9:00 am**; we need volunteers to come out with your garden tools and ready to help spruce up Trinity for Holly Week. Lunch will be served at noon. For more information please contact the church office at 653-9950, hope to see you there.

Communication News! The Sunday bulletions, the Bay View, and upcoming special events are posted on our webiste—www.trinityapalachicola.org (click on News & Events). Also, if you are on Facebook, be sure to "like" @trnityapalachicola and share our posts, so your friends and neighbors will know whats happening at Trinity.

Your help is needed!! We need up to 14 readers for the Litany of the Palms on Palm Sunday. There are sign-up sheets in Benedict Hall for both services. Please sign up today so we can get you a script. There will be a practice run-through on **Sunday April 7th at 12.**

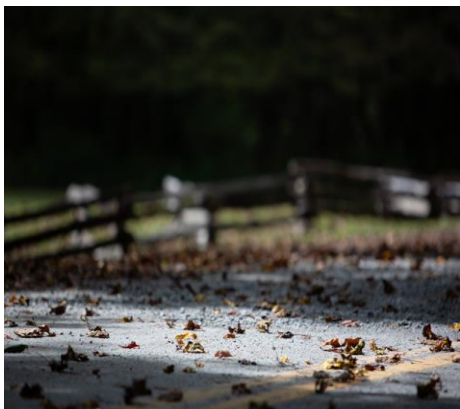
HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Sunday April 14th Palm Sunday @ 8:00 & 10:30 am
Thursday April 18th Maundy Thursday @ 6:00 pm
Friday April 19th Good Friday @ noon
Sunday April 21st Easter Sunrise Service at Lafayette at @ 7:30 am
Easter Service at Trinity at 10:30 am, Flowering of the Cross
Easter Egg Hunt & Reception following

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Joshua 5:9-12, Psalm 32, II Corinthians 5:16-21, Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

COMING HOME



The one we call “the prodigal son” finally hit rock bottom. “When he came to himself” we hear Jesus say in our gospel lesson for today, he made his way home—home to his father’s welcoming arms--home to the father who was watching and waiting in hope for his return--home where the father’s steadfast love never wavered.

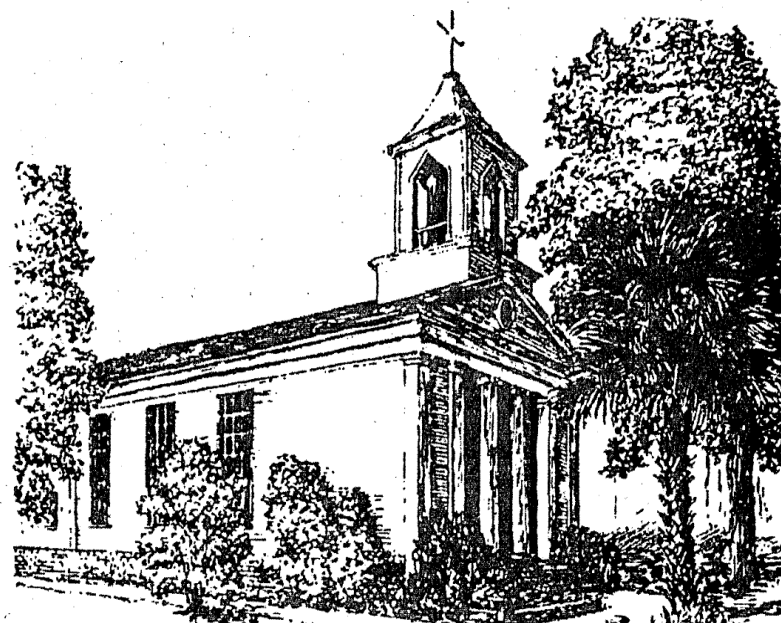
The season of Lent provides the opportunity for us to come to ourselves, to realize how we rebel against God in our self-centered choices, to discover just how far we have wandered from God’s way of love in our thoughtless and uncaring treatment of others, to recognize that we are languishing in “a distant country” of our own making. Once our eyes are opened to see the absolute reality of our situation, our hearts are convicted with remorse, much like David when he was confronted for his adultery by the prophet Nathan. David trusted that “a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.” We may trust that also.

That is the good news in the story of the prodigal son, the truth of God’s never-failing, compassionate love. To experience that truth for yourself, take time right now to turn to Psalm 51 and pray it from the depths of your soul. Feel the reconciling love of God flowing into your heart, cleansing, healing, transforming you into the “new creation” that the apostle Paul describes in the epistle to the Corinthians today, where “everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!” That’s what it’s like when we decide once more to come home, to trust in God’s merciful and steadfast love to reconcile us again into a right relationship with the Divine.

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