

**Fourth Sunday of Easter
Holy Eucharist, Rite I
May 12, 2019**

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The Collect of the Day	
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Psalm	23
The Gospel	John 10:22-30
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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 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 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, 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, Evie Bettis, Wesley Chesnut, Fran & Lacey Robinson and Catherine E. Beck.

Family & Friends: Lisa Waddell, Casey Simmons, Damaris Porter, Mary Bloodworth, Russell Ponder, Sue Bisiq, Susan Richardson, Eugenia Butler, James Hess, Orli Burton, Sandy Howze, Lloyd Hodge, Brenda Herrick, Jill Feeser, Paul Sears, Pat Burchfield and Family, Addison (Addi) Wagoner, Amanda Varnes, Scott Keel, Steve Resotko, Cindy Seehorn, Deb Hinton, Nancy Bennett, Tom White, Johnny Buhring,, Karisa Nelson, Katherine Bland, Bill VanVlee, Carl (Pap) & Dianne Duncan, Barbara Bloodworth, Rachel & Clint Robinson and Gary Givler.

Education for Ministry Graduation – Ralph & Susie Wagoner along with Jane Harris have completed the 4 year program of Education for Ministry. Please join us in congratulating them for completing this course. We also say thank you to Martha Harris for her years serving as an EfM mentor.

Please join us today in Benedict Hall following the 10:30 am service for a special Retirement Lunch in honor of Ms. Ina M. Meyer.

Vestry will meet on Monday May 13th at 5:00 pm in the conference room.

Sunday May 19th there will be only one service at 10:30 am with Morning Prayer lead by the Rev. Carol Wood.



The flowers today are given to the glory of God

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Acts 9:36-43, Psalm 23, Revelation 7:9-17, John 10:22-30

GET UP

Our lessons during the Easter season focus on resurrection stories, the new life that emerges from an encounter with the Divine. In our first lesson today, we hear Peter call Tabitha/Dorcas to “get up,” to rise to a transformed life enabled to incarnate God’s love in Joppa in ways she had yet to imagine. God was not finished with her. It is a story reminiscent of Jesus’ raising of Lazarus, calling him out of the tomb as a new person, unbound from all that had held him hostage in his former life. (Jn.11:43-44) And also similar to the story of Jesus’ raising the son of the widow of Nain (Lk.7:14-15) and the raising of Jairus’ daughter (Mk.5:41-42), each called to get up, and they did.

Scripture doesn’t tell us what their new lives were like. How God would use them day-by-day is not the message for us. What we need to hear today is that there is new life available to us after all the deaths of our lives, all our losses, all our discouragements, all the dark valleys into which we wander. No matter how dismal the circumstances may seem, how deep the depression with which we may struggle, how strong the grief that consumes us, there is the sure and certain hope of the resurrection in this life, as well as in the life to come.

When we hear God call us by name, we know change is in the air. Nothing will be the same. God is at work in our lives, transforming us into a new creation of self-giving love. Seldom is that done in the twinkling of an eye; rather it occurs in the daily interactions the Holy One brings our way. Such transformation takes our willingness and cooperation. We have to get up and leave our self-centered ways behind us in the tomb of the past, cleansed, made whole and holy, as we move into the Way of Christ, ready to be God’s hands and feet and voice in the world around us here and now.

Listen . . . God is calling your name! Get up!

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