

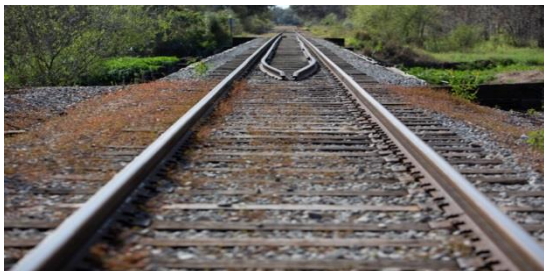
May 15, 2019

Acts 11:1-18, Psalm 148, Revelation 21:1-6, John 13:31-35

NO DISTINCTION AMONG GOD'S CHILDREN

Peter, in today's first lesson, describes the revelatory vision he was given that inspired him to go with the emissaries from the Roman centurion, Cornelius. He came to understand that the Holy One makes no distinction among God's creatures and neither should he. That truth was confirmed for him when Cornelius and his household received the Holy Spirit just as had the disciples on Pentecost. Paul too, a former Pharisee who had followed many rules for discriminating one from another, must have had some kind of revelation in his experiences with the Gentiles for him to realize that "There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male or female; for all are one in Christ Jesus." (Gal.3:28) and "... there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all in all." (Col.3:11)

In Jesus' ministry, he lived out God's all-inclusive love as he healed the lepers, ate with the tax collectors, spoke with women—even the non-Jewish Samaritan and the SyroPhoenician—responded to the Roman Centurion's plea for his servant's healing, reached out to the outsiders, the marginalized in society. He reminded the people in his home town that God had used his prophets over the centuries to open people's eyes that the Holy One sees no distinction in human beings as "...there was a severe famine over all the land; yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. . . . many lepers in Israel at the time of Elisha; and none of them were cleansed except Naaman the Syrian." (Lk.4:26b-27)



Unfortunately, here we are today, regardless of the scriptural basis for accepting that there is no distinction among others in God's eyes, still focusing our attention, and love, and respect on "same alikes" while

assuming others are beyond the pale, ignoring the unity in diversity in the Divine Plan for all creation. When will we ever get on track with the Beloved?

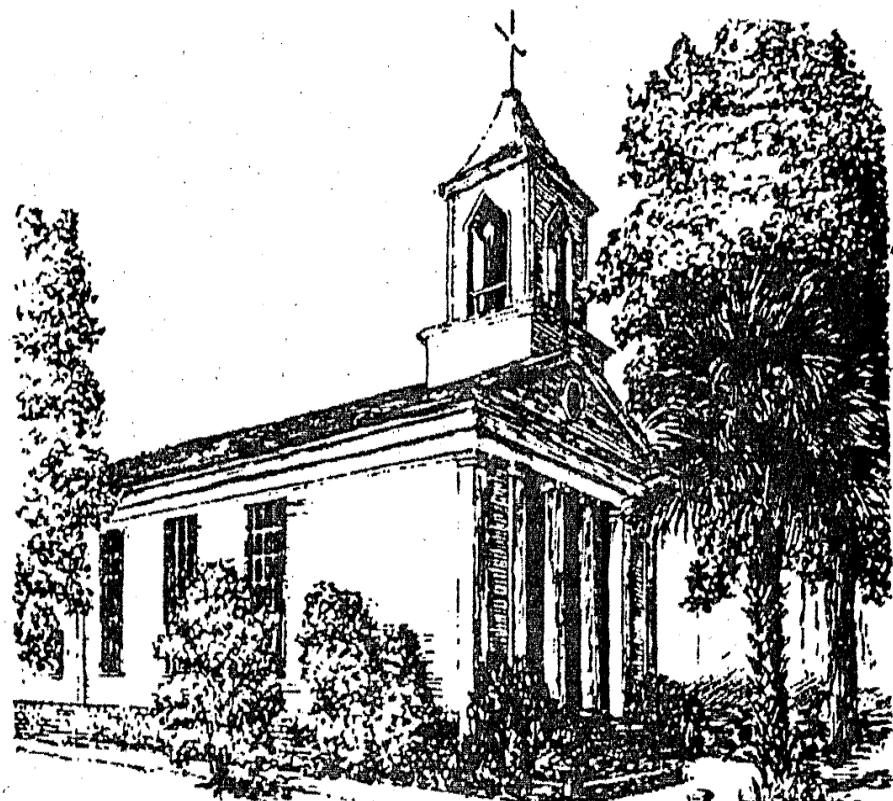
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The Reverend Donna J. Gerold, Priest in Charge

***Morning Prayer II
May 19, 2019***

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

10:20 AM Ministry of Healing and Prelude
10:30 AM Morning Prayer Rite II

Ministries for the Day

Celebrant	the Rev. Carol Wood
Acolyte	Debbie Flowers
Healing Ministry	Kristin Anderson
Lectors	Ralph Wagoner & Candace Springer
Music	Janis Ramos & Choir
Greeters	Ralph & Susie Wagoner
Altar Guild	Rennie Edwards & Candace Springer
Hospitality	Altar/Flower Guilds

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	<i>www.trinityapalachicola.org</i>
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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, Orlis 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.

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Monday School will meet on Monday May 20th at 10:30 am in the conference room.

EfM will have their final meeting on Tuesday May 21st at 3:30 pm at the home of Mickey & Martha Harris, 123 8th St, Apalachicola. For more information about how you can join the next EfM class, contact Carol Wood at 850-866-9850 or woodrink@gmail.com.

Trinity's Church office will be closed on Monday May 27th in observation of Memorial Day; the office will reopen at 8:00 am on Tuesday May 28th.

If you would like to purchase an Episcopal Church window cling for your car, I have them for sale in the church office for \$5.00, quantities are limited so come and get yours today.

The flowers today are given to the glory of God

Daily Morning Prayer II

Processional *I Come With Joy to Meet My Lord* H #304

Alleluia! Christ is risen.
The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The Invitatory and Psalter

All stand

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People *And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.*

Officiant and People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.
Amen.

Alleluia.

Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed: Come let us adore him.

Alleluia.

Venite *Psalm 95:1-7*

Come, let us sing to the Lord; *

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *

and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, *

and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are his also.
The sea is his, for he made it, *
and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and
the sheep of his hand. *
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

Psalm 148

- 1 Hallelujah!
Praise the LORD from the heavens; *
praise him in the heights.
- 2 Praise him, all you angels of his; *
praise him, all his host.
- 3 Praise him, sun and moon; *
praise him, all you shining stars.
- 4 Praise him, heaven of heavens, *
and you waters above the heavens.
- 5 Let them praise the Name of the LORD; *
for he commanded, and they were
created.
- 6 He made them stand fast for ever and ever; *
he gave them a law which shall not pass
away.
- 7 Praise the LORD from the earth, *
you sea-monsters and all deeps;
- 8 Fire and hail, snow and fog, *
tempestuous wind, doing his will;

The General Thanksgiving

Officiant and People

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your
praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and
the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore.
Amen. 2 Corinthians 13:14

Recessional Hymn *Lord, Whose Love Through* H #610

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

A Collect for Sundays

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Collect for Grace

Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Sequence Hymn *Here in Christ We Gather* *H #577*

Welcome, Announcements and Offertory

Solo *I Sought the Lord* by Randy Mims

9 Mountains and all hills, *

fruit trees and all cedars;

10 Wild beasts and all cattle, *

creeping things and winged birds;

11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, *

princes and all rulers of the world;

12 Young men and maidens, *

old and young together.

13 Let them praise the Name of the LORD, *

for his Name only is exalted,

his splendor is over earth and heaven.

14 He has raised up strength for his people

and praise for all his loyal servants, *

the children of Israel, a people who are near him.

Hallelujah!

The Lessons

A Reading from Acts 11:1-18

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord;

for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

Officiant The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God*

A reading from Revelation 21:1-6

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

Officiant Let us pray.

Officiant and People

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
Who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen

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- V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;
- R. And grant us your salvation.
- V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
- R. Let your people sing with joy.
- V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
- R. For only in you can we live in safety.
- V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;
- R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.
- V. Let your way be known upon earth;
- R. Your saving health among all nations.
- V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
- R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
- V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;

The Apostles' Creed

Officiant and People together, all standing

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth;
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Let us glorify the Lord: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.
In the firmament of his power, glorify the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

The Prayers

The People stand or kneel

Officiant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.

"See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them as their God;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away."

And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

Officiant The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Officiant The Gospel according to John

People Praise to you, Lord Christ

John 13:13-35

At the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you,

'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Homily

the Rev. Carol Wood

Canticle 9

Surely, it is God who saves me; *
I will trust in him and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, *
and he will be my Savior.

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing *
from the springs of salvation.

And on that day you shall say, *
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;

Make his deeds known among the peoples; *
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.

Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, *
and this is known in all the world.

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, *
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.
Amen.

Canticle 12

Glorify the Lord, O nights and days, *
O shining light and enfolding dark.
Storm clouds and thunderbolts, glorify the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

II The Earth and its Creatures

Let the earth glorify the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O mountains and hills,
and all that grows upon the earth, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O springs of water, seas, and streams, *
O whales and all that move in the waters.

All birds of the air, glorify the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O beasts of the wild, *
and all you flocks and herds.

O men and women everywhere, glorify the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.