

***Last Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Eucharist, Rite I
November 26, 2017***

Opening Acclamation and Collect for Purity	BCP-323
Gloria	BCP-324
The Collect of the Day	
First Reading	Ephesians 1:15-23
Psalm 100	
The Gospel	Matthew 25:31-46
Homily	The Rev. Martha C. Harris
The Nicene Creed	BCP-326
The Prayers of the People	BCP-328
The Confession and Absolution	BCP-330
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The Great Thanksgiving

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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 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 II

Clergy, Wardens, and Vestry

Rector	The Rev. Martha Caldwell Harris
Vestry	Rennie Edwards, Ron Harris, Nancy Luther, Paul McAbee Patti McCartney, Terry Nelson, Candace Springer Gary Ulrich & Ralph Wagoner
Clerk of the Vestry	Landy Luther
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trinity Prayer list: Lisa Waddell, Casey Simpson, Sharron Anthony, Richard Quackenbush, Damaris Porter, Mary Bloodworth, Alice Jean Gibbs, Mary Virginia, Francis James, Mitchell Hicks, Jimmy Philyaw, Mary Flanagan, Russell Ponder, Kerri Wallace, Laura Howard, Kenneth LaPaz, Jim Conway, Margaret Abigail, Catherine Adale, Sue Bisiq, Raymond Blackwell, Sally Forrester, Geoff & Liz Hewell, Jeanna White, Nancy Freeman, Janie Spooner, Paul Sears & Family, Lloyd Hodge, Helen Wren, Orli Burton, Helen Quackenbush, Brenda Herrick, Susan Clementson, Susan Richardson, Carl Carlson, Randy & Lee Sewell, Ruth Young, David Goodman, Miles Zadnichek, Nancy Freeman, Bryan Tune, Dave McLain, Arlene Wingate, Evelyn Ogilvie, Casey Youngblood, Glenn Totman, Don & Helene West, Kimberly Towns, Phyllis Carothers, Rachel Hendels, Angela Taylor, Nina Williams O'Neal, Camille Goss, Richard Jost, Red Davis, Sonny Svrcek, Dinah Remington, Michael & Cathy Bailey & family, Bonnie Perry, Guy Maulden and Frances Ingram Rowan.

Monday School will meet on Monday November 27th at 10:00 am.
Vestry will meet on Monday November 27th at 5:00 pm.
EfM will meet on Tuesday November 28th at 4:00 pm.

Sunday, Dec. 3rd. Worship Committee Meeting will be held at noon in the church office. This will be the fourth and final meeting of this year. Please bring any issues which you have to discuss. It should not be a lengthy meeting. We will have Advent/Christmas Seasons on the agenda.

Monday, Dec. 4th. Annual reports due in the office from ministry chairpersons or teams. Please email to: info@trinityapalachicola.org.

Sunday, Dec. 10th. Annual Meeting & Covered Dish Dinner will be held at noon in Benedict Hall.

Thank you for your support of Trinity Church! We currently have 52 pledges for a total of \$128,452, with 12 pledge increases and 4 new pledgers. If you haven't made yours, please do; we are hoping for at least 60 pledges. Forms are available on the back table.

The Food Bank is requesting donations of sweet potatoes, canned green beans, canned corn, instant mashed potatoes, or anything "Christmas". Please place donations in the "food wagon" in the church narthex.

***The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving
for Martha, Shannon and ALL who make Trinity the wonderful
place it is, from Ralph & Susie Wagoner***

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Ezekiel 34:1-16,20-24, Psalm 100, Ephesians 1:15-23,
Matthew 25:31-46

THE KING OF LOVE

This is the last Sunday after Pentecost, the day we celebrate Christ the King. Thinking of that as I read the lessons for today so full of sheep, I am reminded of the hymn “The King of love my shepherd is”(Hymnal 1982, #645), a paraphrase of Psalm 23. You might want to find it in the Hymnal ’82 or check it out on line. I am particularly struck by the third verse in relation to the Ezekiel message:

“Perverse and foolish oft I strayed but yet in love he sought me,
and on his shoulder gently laid, and home rejoicing brought me.”
Ezekiel tells us that God promises: “I will seek out my sheep . . . I will rescue them . . . I will feed them . . . I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep . . . I will seek the lost, and will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak.” It is easy to see where Jesus got his model of the Good Shepherd and the parable of the lost sheep.

Bearing in mind that shepherds in Jesus’ day were the low guys on the prestige totem pole, the juxtaposition of the shepherds with the king in our lessons is noteworthy. High vs. low, authority vs. servanthood, esteem vs. humility are all very different perspectives from which to view the world. For me, the image of “The King of Love” is the reconciling factor of Christ Jesus’ incarnation, “who though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave [or shepherd] being born in human likeness, and being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.” (Phil.2:6-7)

In our culture we tend to spend most of our time here on earth focusing on separating ideas, people, things into discrete entities; we perceive that everything is “this” or “that.” The King of love came to model for and call us to live into reconciling, unifying way of God’s love, of both / and , of the interdependence of all creation.

Pat Horn