

*Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Eucharist, Rite I
October 20, 2019*

Opening Acclamation and Collect for Purity	BCP-323
<i>Gloria</i>	BCP-324
The Collect of the Day	
First Reading	Jeremiah 31:27-34
Psalm	119:97-104
The Gospel	Luke 18:1-8
Homily	the Rev. Eric N. Zile
The Nicene Creed	BCP-326
The Prayers of the People	BCP-328
The Peace	BCP-332

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer II	BCP-340
The Lord's Prayer	BCP-336
The Breaking of the Bread	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 II

Clergy, Wardens, and Vestry

Rector	the Rev. Eric N Zile
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	Densie Butler
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, Wesley Chesnut.

Family & Friends: Mary Bloodworth, Russell Ponder, Eugenia Butler, James Hess, Orli Burton, Sandy Howze, Lloyd Hodge, Brenda Herrick, Jill Feeser, Addison (Addi) Wagoner, Scott Keel, Steve Resotko, Cindy Seehorn, Deb Hinton, Nancy Bennett, Tom White, Johnny Buhring, Karisa Nelson, Katherine Bland, Bill VanVlee, Barbara Bloodworth, Rachel & Clint Robinson, Eleanor Olsen, Gary Givler, Ronnie McKinney, Richard Quackenbush, Bill Spohrer, Juliana Hooper, Debbie & Jon Hooper's two-month-old granddaughter who is in ICU with pneumonia (in North Carolina).

Monday: Monday School @ 10:30 am at the Rectory
Bridge @ 2 pm in Benedict Hall

Tuesday: EFM @ 3:00 pm in conference room

Wednesday: Beginner's Tai Chi @ 8 am in Benedict Hall
Tai Chi @ 9 am in Benedict Hall
Chair Yoga @ 10 am in Benedict Hall
Choir @ 4 pm in Church
Centering Prayer @ 5:15 pm in Prayer Room
Bay Choral Practice @ 6 pm in Church

Thursday: Natural Spirituality @ 10 am in conference room
Bridge @ 2 pm in Benedict Hall

*The flowers today are given to the glory of God and
in celebration of the baptism of Cullen Suryan White*

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Jeremiah 31:27-34, Psalm 119:97-104, II Timothy 3:14—4:5, Luke 18:1-8

A PRAYER-ANSWERING GOD

Years ago, when I was working in Washington, DC, I participated in an intercessory prayer group that met once a week during our lunch break. It was an ecumenical group with folks from various backgrounds, women and men, black and white. That group enabled me to be comfortable with praying in public, trusting God to give me the words to say when they are needed. As I've mentioned before in "Threads of Grace", one day a woman was thanking the Holy One for being "a prayer-answering God". That phrase got my attention and has stayed with me over the years because that has always been my experience. It seems to me that is Jesus' message to his disciples in today's gospel when he gave them that "parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart."

Throughout our spiritual journey, we discover that God's timing in responding to our prayers is not our desired timing—yet, in retrospect, it turns out to be perfect timing for all concerned. Likewise, while God's answers may not be what we may have expected or hoped



for, they are always for our benefit and for those around us and turn out to be far more beneficial than we could have desired or prayed for. Sometimes the Beloved's answers may come as teaching moments: for example, when we pray for patience, we tend to get opportunities to

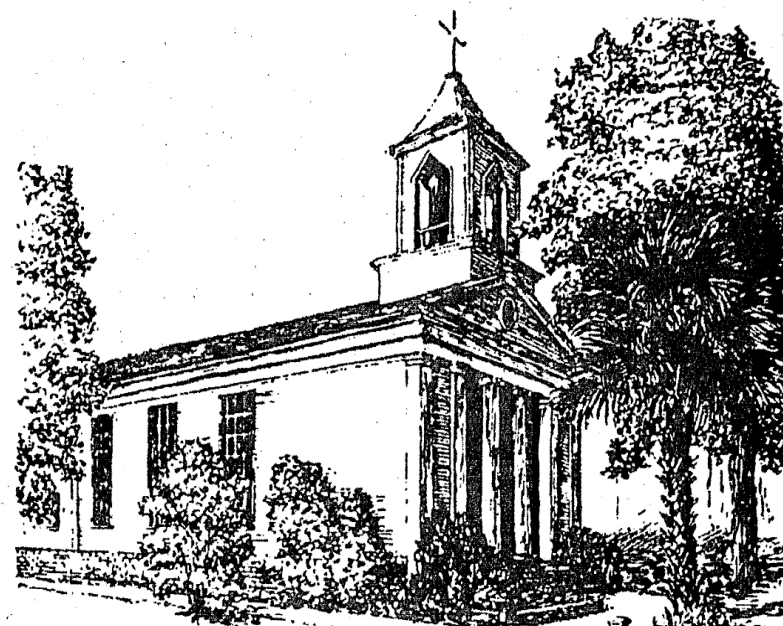
develop patience rather than merely being infused with patience.

What is your experience with our prayer-answering God? As you reflect on your life, can you see times where the Holy One answered your prayer in surprising ways? Recognizing that sometimes the answer may be "No" or "Not yet", has your experience, even so, encouraged you to continue to "pray always and not to lose heart"?

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