

***Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Holy Eucharist, Rite I  
September 24, 2017***

Opening Acclamation and Collect for Purity	BCP-323
Gloria	BCP-324
The Collect of the Day	
First Reading	Philippians 1:21-30
Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45	
The Gospel	Matthew 20:1-16
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
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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 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 Landy Luther Ron Bence
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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, Laurie Rivers, Jeanna White, Nancy Freeman, Penny Watkins, Janie Spooner, Paul Sears & Family, Lloyd Hodge, Helen Wren, Orlis 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, Glen Totman, Don & Helene West, Kimberly Towns, Phyllis Carothers, Rachel Hendels, Angela Taylor, Nina Williams O'Neal, Camille Goss, Richard Jost, Debbie Bachman, Red Davis, John Erickson, Sonny Svrcek and Dinah Remington.

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Penny's Worth and Outback Bible Study are hosting a wedding shower for Connor Clark & Taylor Duhon today during coffee hour immediately following the 10:30 am service.

Monday School will be meeting tomorrow at 10:00 am in the conference room.

Vestry will be meeting tomorrow at 5:00 pm in the conference room.

EfM will be meeting on Tuesday September 26<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm in the conference room.

A Penny's Worth Covered Dish Salad and Social Luncheon will be held Thursday, September 28th at 12:30 pm in Benedict Hall. Also, anyone interested in knowing more about Penny's Worth is most welcome to attend. Please come and enjoy!

There will be a service celebrating the life of Richard Rushmore on Saturday September 30<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am with a reception to follow in Benedict Hall.

***The flowers today are given to the glory of God***

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Exodus 16:2-15, Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45, Philippians 1:21-30, Matthew 20:1-16

### THE GIFTING CIRCLE

In Jesus' parable in today's gospel, we see the realm of God described as overwhelming, unexpected generosity—in the Presence of God.



We find it is pure grace—nothing we have earned through our own efforts, but freely and lovingly given from the merciful heart of God. Like the example in our lesson from the Hebrew Scriptures of providing manna in the wilderness, and the quails for good measure, God gives and gives and gives some more in an effort to show us how to

love one another.

Jesus, the Incarnate Love of God, comes to demonstrate the ultimate self-giving of God, to show what it is like to be God's love in the here and now. We may not be called to give up our physical lives in loving service of others as Jesus did, but it may feel like that as we die to our self-centered ways of feeling, thinking, and acting. That's what Jesus is trying to get across to his disciples when he calls them to "deny themselves and take up their cross and follow [him]." (Mt. 16:25) For most of us, it takes the transforming hand of God working deep within us to turn us from "what's in it for me" folks into the "cheerful givers" (II Cor.9:7) God wants us to be, into givers who don't count the cost of a generous, compassionate heart, of givers who know the joy of being there for others in whatever way may be needed.

All life is gift, every breath we take; all creation is gift, the entire cosmos, from the Divine Giver, the Source of All that Is. Our part in the Giver's economy is to keep the gifting circle going, to give generously what we receive from the heart of Love, trusting in Jesus' guidance to "give and it will be given you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back." (Lk.9:38)

*Pat Horn*