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Refreshments by Everyone!
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For More Information

Reach the Church during the week by telephone at (334) 252-8618 or (better) online at www.epiphanytallassee.org

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Our Church Calendar is now available on the web site: www.epiphanytallassee.org
Look on the left side for "Epiphany Calendar."

Updates and News

Please send your updates, corrections, and changes to the Prayers of the People, as well as church events and news, before Wednesday of each week to Pam Van Etten pjv_gma@yahoo.com



FEED THE HUNGRY

Beans & Rice

Jesus said, "You give them something to eat." We need your help to unload and stock on third Thursdays at 3 pm. And third Saturdays to give out food from 8:30 to 11:30 am.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY



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ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

A Celebration of Holy Eucharist

Ten-thirty on Sunday Morning
The Twenty-fourth Day of August
In the Year of Our Lord 2014

For 20 years, the Episcopal Church of the Epiphany has lived out its mission and ministry to the Tallassee area as a parish in the Episcopal Diocese of Alabama, the Episcopal Church USA, and the worldwide Anglican Communion.

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

A Celebration of Holy Eucharist

Gathering of the People

The people enter in silence and observe a time of silent prayer

Piano Prelude

Words of Peace

Processional *Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken* Hymn 522

Acclamation Page 355, BCP

Collect for Purity

Glory to God *Gloria* Hymn S-280

Salutation Page 357, BCP

The Collect of the Day Scripture Sheet

Liturgy of the Word

The Old Testament *Exodus 1:8-2:10* Scripture Sheet

Psalms 124 *Nisi quia Dominus* Scripture Sheet

The Epistle *Romans 12:1-8* Scripture Sheet

Sequence *I Come with Joy to Meet My Lord* Hymn 304

The Gospel *Matthew 16:13-20* Scripture Sheet

Sermon *Father Wells*

The Nicene Creed Page 358, BCP

The Prayers of the People, Form IV Page 388, BCP

Confession of Sin and Absolution Page 360, BCP

The Peace

Announcements

Offertory *Wind, Wind* SH-27

Holy Communion

Presentation *The Doxology* Hymn 380:3

Eucharistic Prayer A Page 361, BCP

Holy, Holy, Holy *Sanctus* Hymn S-129

Consecration of the Elements

The Lord's Prayer *Traditional* Page 364, BCP

Breaking of the Bread

Fraction *Jesus, Lamb of God* Hymn S-164

Invitation

Communion *They'll Know We are Christians* SH-24

Post-Communion Prayer Page 366, BCP

Blessing

Recessional *The Church's One Foundation* Hymn 525

Dismissal

Piano Postlude

Announcements

We Pray for those who are ill or recovering from surgery, particularly Lynne Dubay (Dr. Greg Dubay). Lynne is out of the wheelchair and making a good recovery. We pray for Charlotte Poole, who is recovering from successful hip surgery.

Let the Painting Begin! We have given the go-ahead to James Hart to begin painting the church. Epiphany's church building is much in need of mildew removal, caulking, and new exterior paint. *Will you help with this important project by contributing generously to the Painting Fund?* Be sure to write "Painting Fund" on the memo line of your check. Thanks!



You Are Invited by the Students and Friends of St. Dunstan's in Auburn to take part in the Century Cycle, a bicycle ride on the Chief Ladiga Trail. The date is Saturday, Sept. 20, starting at 8 am CDT. Cycle as far as you like, starting at the Anniston trailhead. Ride to Jacksonville and turn around (10 miles). Bike to Piedmont, eat at the Solid Rock Café, and return (40 miles). Go to Cedartown, Ga. and back (80 miles).

Or ride a Century (100 miles) from Anniston to Fish Creek, Ga. and back! Get all the details at bikesilvercomet.com or ask Father Wells!

Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Christian Formation *The Book of Genesis*

Our Adult Class on the Book of Genesis is developing nicely. We have had good attendance the first two Sunday mornings at 9:30, and the conversation has been lively and insightful.

One important aspect of doing *midrash*—that is, interpretation of a sacred story from the Bible in community—is that we are almost certain to see and understand more than we would ever find in private reading of the Scriptures. In the second letter of Peter, he says, "First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God."

Please join us for interpretation in community, and we will all learn more about the sacred stories of God.

Peace,

Wells+



Lessons for 11 Pentecost

Jesus said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

Collect of the Day

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Old Testament *Exodus 1:8-2:10*

Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. He said to his people, "Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land." Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labor. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labor. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them. The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, "When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live." But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, "Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?" The midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are

vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them." So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong. And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, "Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live."

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him, "This must be one of the Hebrews' children," she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?" Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Yes." So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, "because," she said, "I drew him out of the water."

Psalm 124 *Nisi quia Dominus*

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If the LORD had not been on our side, *
let Israel now say;

If the LORD had not been on our side, *
when enemies rose up against us;

Then would they have swallowed us up alive *
in their fierce anger toward us;

Then would the waters have overwhelmed us *
and the torrent gone over us;

Then would the raging waters *
have gone right over us.

Blessed be the LORD! *
he has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.

We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler; *
the snare is broken, and we have escaped.

Our help is in the Name of the LORD, *
the maker of heaven and earth.

The Epistle *Romans 12:1-8*

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

The Gospel *Matthew 16:13-20*

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others