



## The Clergy

The Rt. Hon. & Most Rev. Justin Welby  
*105th Archbishop of Canterbury*  
The Most Rev. Michael B. Curry  
*27th Presiding Bishop*  
The Rt. Rev. John McKee Sloan  
*11th Bishop of Alabama*  
The Rev. Dr. John Wells Warren, *Priest*

## The Vestry

Michael Harber, *Senior Warden*  
Jimmy Weldon, *Junior Warden and Vestry Member at Large*  
Mike Rallo, *Vestry Member*  
Jean Kerr, *Vestry Member*  
Maurice McCord, *Vestry Member*  
Kay Dickey, *Vestry Member*  
Michael Williams, *Vestry Member*  
Betty Weldon, *Treasurer*  
Elizabeth Harber, *Clerk of the Vestry*

**SINCE 1994**, 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. If you need a priest, call or text Father Wells at (334) 332-3222, or email him at [wellswarren@msn.com](mailto:wellswarren@msn.com)

## Serving This Week

Pamela and Eddie Harper,  
*Ushers/Stewards*  
Betty Weldon, *Altar Guild*  
Kay Dickey, *Lay Reader*  
Laura Williams, *Lay Eucharistic Minister*  
Esther Hart, *Pianist and Violinist*  
Charlene and Mike Rallo,  
*Refreshments*  
Mark Harris and Jere Van Etten,  
*Groundskeeping*

## In Our Prayers

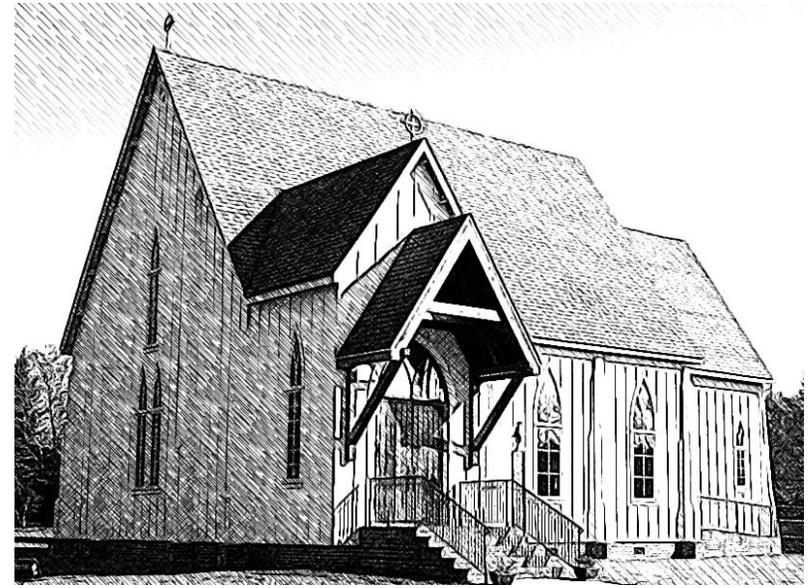
We pray for our companion dioceses of Alaska and the Virgin Islands and their bishops Mark and Ambrose. We pray for those who are sick and recovering from illness or surgery, including Bill Shell's wife Dolores, Michael Williams, and Eddie Harper's cousin Gary. We also pray for Braxton Hemmert; for John and Kathy's grandsons, Vincent and Dezel, and their parents, Amber and Jared. We pray for Jere, Doris, Allison, Jeffrey, Macy, Julie, Martha, Mary Southern, Troy, Peggy, Elizabeth, Letha, Marsha, Carly, and Norma.

## Vestry Meeting

The next monthly meeting of Epiphany Church's Vestry is scheduled for Sunday, **September 17**, at 12:00 noon following worship and refreshments. Don't forget your one-page reports for SWEEPS.



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## FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*A Celebration of Holy Eucharist*

Ten-thirty on Sunday Morning  
The Tenth Day of September  
In the Year of Our Lord 2017

*Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy.*

# FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

## *A Celebration of Holy Eucharist*

*The People are invited to observe a time of quiet prayer. We are using the St. James service music which can be found on the Narthex table as you enter.*

### Gathering of the People

Prelude	
Words of Peace	
Processional <i>God, My King, Thy Might Confessing</i>	<i>Hymn 414</i>
Acclamation	Page 355, BCP
Collect for Purity	
Glory to God <i>Gloria</i>	<i>St. James</i>
Salutation	Page 357, BCP
Collect of the Day	Scripture Sheet

### The Word of God

*We sit for the Lessons and the Psalm, and we stand for the Gospel.*

Old Testament <i>Exodus 12:1-14</i>	Scripture Sheet
Psalm 149 <i>Cantate Domino</i>	Scripture Sheet
Epistle <i>Romans 13:8-14</i>	Scripture Sheet
Sequence <i>Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive</i>	<i>Hymn 674</i>
Gospel <i>Matthew 18:15-20</i>	Scripture Sheet
The Sermon	Father Wells
Nicene Creed	Page 358, BCP
Prayers of the People, Form VI	Page 392, BCP
Confession of Sin	
Absolution	
The Peace	
Announcements	
Offertory	
Presentation <i>Phos hilaron</i>	<i>Hymn 26</i>

### Holy Communion

*All are welcome at the Lord's Table.*

Eucharistic Prayer A	Page 361, BCP
Holy, Holy, Holy <i>Sanctus</i>	<i>St. James</i>
Consecration of the Elements	
Lord's Prayer	Page 364, BCP
Breaking of the Bread	
Fraction <i>Jesus, Lamb of God</i>	<i>St. James</i>
Communion	
Post-Communion Prayer	Page 366, BCP
Blessing	
Recessional <i>Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee</i>	<i>Hymn 376</i>
Dismissal	
Postlude	

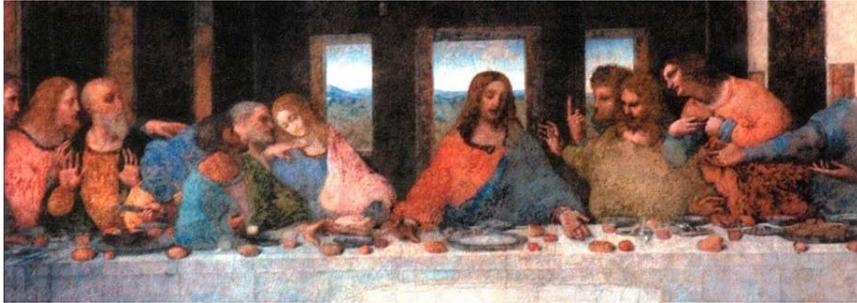


## DISCOVERING DISCIPLESHIP

We begin this morning with our Fall Sunday School program entitled, “Discovering Discipleship.” I hope that you will make a commitment to be with Leigh Warren as she leads our conversation on Discovering Discipleship. I’ve been talking about what it means to become a disciple of Jesus in several of my sermons lately, and I hope that you see how essential this ministry is for each of us as followers of Christ—and how important it is for the Episcopal Church of the Epiphany in Tallassee.

Please let me know your thoughts about our Discovering Discipleship conversations in the coming weeks. We will be discovering together what Christ is calling us to do! Wells+

as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”



### Connecting the Passover to the Lord's Supper

The celebration of the Passover signaled deliverance from slavery in Egypt for God's people. God protected the Hebrew people and gave them Moses to lead them through the sea to escape Pharaoh's army. And to this day, that once-a-year event remains the central religious act of Judaism.

At the Last Supper, Jesus took the bread of Passover and broke it and gave it to his disciples and said, "Take, eat. This is my body." After the seder, the Passover meal, was concluded, Jesus took the final cup of blessing and said, "Take, drink this, all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant."

So you see, our central religious act—the celebration of Holy Eucharist—finds its origin in the Passover. The bread and wine of Judaism becomes the bread and wine of our Holy Communion. And Jesus transforms this bread and wine into his Body and Blood.

Many Christians have never known this connection, this direct link, between the Jewish Passover and the Christian Eucharist. But you do!

## LESSONS FOR THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*September 10, 2017*

### The Collect of the Day

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

### Old Testament *Exodus 12:1-14*



The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole

congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins

girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

### **Psalm 149** *Cantate Domino*

Hallelujah! Sing to the Lord a new song; \*  
*sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.*

Let Israel rejoice in his Maker; \*  
*let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.*

Let them praise his Name in the dance; \*  
*let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.*

For the Lord takes pleasure in his people \*  
*and adorns the poor with victory.*

Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; \*  
*let them be joyful on their beds.*

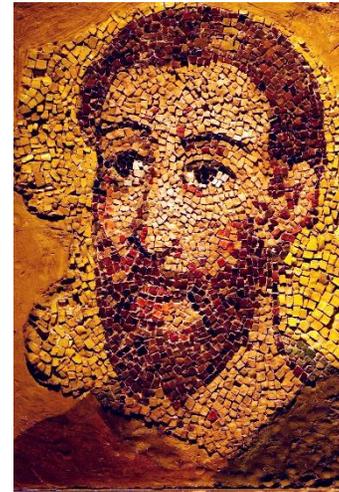
Let the praises of God be in their throat \*  
*and a two-edged sword in their hand;*

To wreak vengeance on the nations \*  
*and punishment on the peoples;*

To bind their kings in chains \*  
*and their nobles with links of iron;*

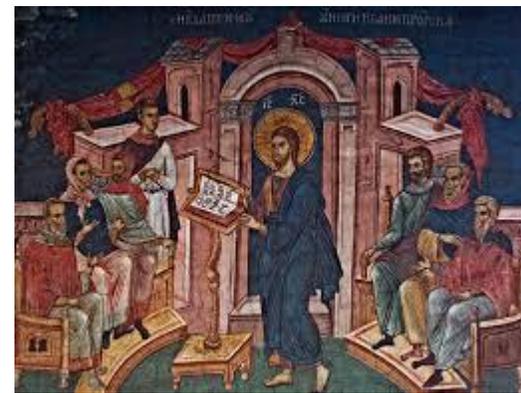
To inflict on them the judgment decreed; \*  
*this is glory for all his faithful people. Hallelujah!*

### **Epistle** *Romans 13:8-14*



Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

### **Gospel** *Matthew 18:15-20*



Jesus said, “If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you