

Announcements

Mark your calendar for Palm Sunday, April 13, 2014, when Epiphany will celebrate its 20th anniversary of ministry. You'll be hearing all about it as the big day approaches.

The Vestry at Epiphany is made up of these persons: Jere Van Etten, Senior Warden; Jim Davis, Junior Warden; Amanda Borden, Nancy Dupree, Cathy Jones, and Laura Williams. As treasurer and clerk, respectively, Ex-Officio members are Betty Weldon, Treasurer, Pam Van Etten, Clerk, and Father Wells.

ECW will meet Sunday, March 16 in the Little House.

Have you noticed that the pedestal around the well casing and the potholes in the driveway have been quietly repaired? Thanks, Sam Jones!

Persons serving at Epiphany

This week:

- Ushers: Jere and Pam Van Etten
- Altar Guild: Cathy Jones
- Lay Reader: Betty Weldon
- Lay Eucharistic Minister: Mike Harber
- Refreshments: Amanda Borden
- Stewards: Cathy Jones and Barbara Trogdon

Next week:

- Ushers: Eddie and Pam Harper
- Altar Guild: Elizabeth Harber
- Lay Reader: Jim Rand
- Lay Eucharistic Minister: Lavonne Hart
- Refreshments: Betty Weldon
- Stewards: Debra and Maurice McCord

The Episcopal Church of the Epiphany



2602 Gilmer Avenue Tallassee, Alabama 36078

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

A Celebration of Holy Eucharist I
Together with the Exhortation and Decalogue
Ten Thirty in the Morning
The Ninth Day of March
In the Year of Our Lord 2014

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The Episcopal Church of the Epiphany celebrates 20 years as a parish in the Episcopal Diocese of Alabama, the Episcopal Church USA, and the worldwide Anglican Communion.

Old Testament Lesson *Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7*

The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die." The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

Now the serpent was more subtle than any other wild creature that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat of any tree of the garden'?" And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die. For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves aprons.

Epistle Lesson *Romans 5:12-19*

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in our hope of sharing the glory of God. More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given to us.

While we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Why, one will hardly die for a righteous man—though perhaps for a good man one will dare even to die. But God shows his love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we are now justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were

reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. Not only so, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received our reconciliation.

Therefore as sin came into the world through one man and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all men sinned—sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. And the free gift is not like the effect of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.

Then as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one man's act of righteousness leads to acquittal and life for all men. For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man's obedience many will be made righteous.

Gospel Lesson *Matthew 4:1-11*

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. And he fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was hungry. And the tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written,

Man shall not live by bread alone,
but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God."

Then the devil took him to the holy city, and set him on the pinnacle of the temple, and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written,

'He will give his angels charge of you,'
and

'On their hands they will bear you up,
lest you strike your foot against a stone.'"

Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'You shall not tempt the Lord your God.'" Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and the glory of them; and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Then Jesus said to him, "Begone, Satan! for it is written,

You shall worship the Lord your God
and him only shall you serve."

Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and ministered to him.

Epiphany Prayer List

- Lynda Denton
- Dot and Thurman Harris
- Charlotte and Lannon Poole
- Barbara Trogdon
- Dezel Oliver (Kathy Haynie)
- Billie Wilkinson (Eddie and Pam Harper)
- Lindsey Burt (Eddie and Pam Harper)
- Kathy Brumbleloe (Jere and Pam Van Etten)
- Sherry Gritz (Jean Kerr)
- Clifford Flood (Jean Kerr)
- Jane Clayton (Jean Kerr)
- Adam Dorough (Kelli Kerr)
- Sally Kingsley (Hugh Thompson)
- John Graves (Betty Weldon)
- Allison Foggartry (Jimmy Weldon)