

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, and Pam Van Etten, Clerk. Father Wells is ex-officio presider.

ECW will meet today in the Little House after worship.

Persons serving at Epiphany

This week:

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

Next week:

- Ushers: Maurice and Debra McCord
- Altar Guild: Lavonne Hart
- Lay Reader: Lannon Poole
- Lay Eucharistic Minister: Tom Bray
- Refreshments: Laura Williams
- Stewards: Laura and Michael Williams

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THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

A Celebration of Holy Eucharist: Rite One

Ten Thirty in the Morning
The Sixteenth Day of March
In the Year of Our Lord 2014

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.



The Gathering of the People

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

Prelude

Words of Peace

Processional *How Firm a Foundation*

Hymn 636

Penitential Acclamation

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Holy God *Trisagion*

Hymn S-102

Salutation *(And with thy spirit)*

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The Collect of the Day

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from thy ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of thy Word, Jesus Christ thy Son; who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Word of God

Old Testament Lesson *Genesis 12:1-4a*

Scripture Sheet

Psalm 121 *Beati quorum*

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Epistle Lesson *Romans 4:1-5, 13-17*

Scripture Sheet

The Gospel Sequence

Let Thy Blood in Mercy Poured

Hymn 313, Verses 1-2

Gospel Lesson *John 3:1-17*

Let Thy Blood in Mercy Poured

Hymn 313, Verses 3-4

Sermon

Father Wells

The Nicene Creed

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The Prayers of the People

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Confession of Sin

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Absolution and Comfortable Words

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The Peace

Joys and Concerns of the Congregation

The Holy Communion

Offertory

Hymn: *From Deepest Woe I Cry to Thee*

Hymn 151

The Great Thanksgiving

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Holy, Holy, Holy *Sanctus*

Hymn S 113

Consecration of the Elements

The Lord's Prayer

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O Lamb of God *Agnus Dei*

Hymn S 158

Communion Hymn: *My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

Hymn 691

Post-Communion Prayer

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Blessing

Recessional *Lift High the Cross*

Hymn 473

Dismissal

Postlude

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)
- Adam Durough (Kelli Kerr)
- Sally Kingsley (Hugh Thompson)
- John Graves (Betty Weldon)
- Allison Foggarty (Jimmy Weldon)
- Ed Clayton (Jean Kerr)
- Kathy DeArmond (Jean Kerr)

The Lessons for the Second Sunday in Lent

Old Testament Lesson *Genesis 12:1-4a*

Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who curses you I will curse; and by you all the families of the earth shall bless themselves."

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

Epistle Lesson *Romans 4:1-5, 13-17*

What then shall we say about Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now to one who works, his wages are not reckoned as a gift but as his due. And to one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is reckoned as righteousness.

The promise to Abraham and his descendants, that they should inherit the world, did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression.

That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants—not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham, for he is the father of us all, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations"—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Gospel Lesson *John 3:1-17*

Now there was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do, unless God is with him." Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born anew, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born anew.' The wind blows where it wills, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know whence it comes or whither it goes; so it is with every one who is born of the Spirit."

Nicodemus said to him, "How can this be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand this? Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen; but you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven but he who descended from heaven, the Son of man. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life."

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.