

In Memoriam

It is with deep sadness that we note the passing last Sunday, March 16 of Dorothy Ann Harris. Dot and Thurman were married for 65 years. She lived all her life in Tallassee. Dot is survived by Thurman, her three sisters, her two sons, Donnie and Mark, as well as two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Father Wells administered Holy Unction approximately an hour before she died.

Persons serving at Epiphany

This 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

Next week:

- Ushers: Michael and Laura Williams
- Altar Guild: Pam Van Etten
- Lay Reader: Nancy Dupree
- Lay Eucharistic Minister: Maurice McCord
- Refreshments: Everyone
- Stewards: Eddie and Pam Harper

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The Episcopal Church of the Epiphany



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THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

A Celebration of Holy Eucharist: Rite One

Ten Thirty in the Morning
The Twenty-Third 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 *Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me*

Hymn 685

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

Almighty God, who seest that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Word of God

Old Testament Lesson Exodus 17:1-7

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Psalms 95 *Venite, exultemus*

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Epistle Lesson *Romans 5:1-11*

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The Gospel Sequence

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Gospel Lesson *John 4:5-42*

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Sermon

Father Wells

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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

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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:

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Hymn 686

Post-Communion Prayer

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Blessing

Recessional Hymn *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* *Hymn 680*

Dismissal

Postlude

Epiphany Prayer List

- Lynda Denton
- Thurman Harris
- Charlotte and Lannon Poole
- Barbara Trogdon
- Dezzel 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)

Gospel Sequence Hymn: *Once a Woman Seeking Water*
(Tune: "Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service")

1. Once a woman seeking water at a well not far from home
Met a thirsty, waiting stranger from a people not her own.
Would she give a drink of water and respond to human need?
Could she know the joy and wonder she, the giver, would receive?
2. She drew water for the thirsty; Jesus offered something more:
Living water, God's own mercy, love abundant, freely poured.
One, a blessing for the body; one, a blessing for the soul!
Both are gifts of our Creator — gifts that help to make us whole.
3. Still God's people carry water from their wells and mountain streams;
Still at rivers women gather, sharing labor, sharing dreams.
Still a cup of water given in a dry and weary place
Is a blessing overflowing from the fountain of God's grace.
4. God, we ask your richest favor on the work we seek to do;
May we gladly share clean water and your living water, too.
May we see the face of Jesus, and how far your love extends,
In the ones we call our partners — no more strangers, now our friends.

Communion Hymn: *Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross*

Jesus, keep me near the cross,
There a precious fountain,
Free to all, a healing stream
Flows from Calv'ry's mountain.

Refrain:

In the cross, in the cross,
Be my glory ever;
Till my raptured soul shall find
Rest beyond the river.

Near the cross! O Lamb of God,
Bring its scenes before me;
Help me walk from day to day,
With its shadows o'er me.

Near the cross I'll watch and wait
Hoping, trusting ever,
Till I reach the golden strand,
Just beyond the river.

The Lessons for the Third Sunday in Lent

Old Testament Lesson *Exodus 17:1-7*

All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the Lord, and camped at Rephidim; but there was no water for the people to drink. Therefore the people found fault with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." And Moses said to them, "Why do you find fault with me? Why do you put the Lord to the proof?" But the people thirsted there for water, and the people murmured against Moses, and said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our cattle with thirst?" So Moses cried to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." And the Lord said to Moses, "Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel; and take in your hand the rod with which you struck the Nile, and go. Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb; and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, that the people may drink." And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the faultfinding of the children of Israel, and because they put the Lord to the proof by saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

Epistle Lesson *Romans 5:1-11*

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[d] 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.

Gospel Lesson *John 4:5-42*

So he came to a city of Samaria, called Sychar, near the field that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and so Jesus, wearied as he was with his journey, sat down beside the well. It was about the sixth hour.

There came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans. Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep; where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, and his sons, and his cattle?" Jesus said to her, "Every one who drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst; the water that I shall give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw."

Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and he whom you now have is not your husband; this you said truly." The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain; and you say that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for such the Father seeks to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ); when he comes, he will show us all things." Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he."

Just then his disciples came. They marveled that he was talking with a woman, but none said, "What do you wish?" or, "Why are you talking with her?" So the woman left her water jar, and went away into the city,

and said to the people, "Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?" They went out of the city and were coming to him.

Meanwhile the disciples besought him, saying, "Rabbi, eat." But he said to them, "I have food to eat of which you do not know." So the disciples said to one another, "Has any one brought him food?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me, and to accomplish his work. Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, then comes the harvest'? I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see how the fields are already white for harvest. He who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor; others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me all that I ever did." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of your words that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world."