

20th Anniversary and Homecoming

The big day is one week away! We will celebrate our 20th anniversary as the Episcopal Church in Tallassee.

Date: April 13, 2014, Palm Sunday
We will not have Sunday School.
Worship at 10:30 am
Lunch and celebration to follow

Epiphany will supply the entree, rolls, and beverages. Please bring two dishes to share.

Persons serving at Epiphany

This week:

- Ushers: Lee and Amanda Borden
- Altar Guild: Betty Weldon
- Lay Reader: Sharon Cleary
- Lay Eucharistic Minister: Kara Shea Davis
- Refreshments: Ramona Norris
- **Stewards: Pam Van Etten and Sharon Cleary**

Next week:

- Ushers: Jimmy and Betty Weldon
- Altar Guild: Jean Kerr
- Lay Reader: Laura Williams
- Lay Eucharistic Minister: Jere Van Etten
- Refreshments: Everyone
- **Stewards: Cathy Jones and Barbara Trogdon**

Reach the Church during the week by telephone at (334) 252-8618 or online at <http://www.epiphanytallassee.org>

Reach Father Wells during the week by telephone at (334) 332-3222 or by email at fatherwells@epiphany.org

The Episcopal Church of the Epiphany



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FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

A Celebration of Holy Eucharist: Rite One

Ten Thirty in the Morning
The Sixth Day of April
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

Hymn *If Thou But Trust in God To Guide Thee* Hymn 635
(Sing as written, then repeat first verse)

Penitential Acclamation Page 323, BCP

Holy God *Trisagion* Hymn S-102

Salutation (*And with thy spirit*) Page 325, BCP

The Collect of the Day

O Almighty God, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men: Grant unto thy people that they may love the thing which thou commandest, and desire that which thou dost promise; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Word of God

Old Testament Lesson *Ezekiel 37:1-14* Insert

Psalms 130 Page 784, BCP

Epistle Lesson *Romans 8:6-11* Insert

The Gospel Sequence

Are Ye Able, Said the Master Insert, Verses 1-2

Gospel Lesson *John 11:1-45*

Are Ye Able, Said the Master Insert, Verses 3-4

Sermon *Father Wells*

The Nicene Creed Page 326, BCP

The Prayers of the People Page 328, BCP

Confession of Sin Page 330, BCP

Absolution and Comfortable Words Page 332, BCP

The Peace

Joys and Concerns of the Congregation

The Holy Communion

Offertory *Breathe on Me, Breath of God* Hymn 508

The Great Thanksgiving Page 333, BCP

Holy, Holy, Holy *Sanctus* Hymn S 113

Consecration of the Elements

The Lord's Prayer Page 336, BCP

O Lamb of God *Agnus Dei* Hymn S 158

Communion *Spirit of the Living God* Hymn SH-8

Post-Communion Prayer Page 339, BCP

Blessing

Recessional *Nearer, My God, To Thee* Hymn SH-90

Dismissal

Postlude

Epiphany Prayer List

- Lynda Denton
- 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 Dorough (Kelli Kerr)
- Sally Kingsley (Hugh Thompson)
- John Graves (Betty Weldon)
- Allison Foggarty (Jimmy Weldon)
- Ed Clayton (Jean Kerr)
- Kathy DeArmond (Jean Kerr)
- Phil Gatusso (Jere Van Etten)
- Charlene Bates (Jean Kerr)
- Mavilene Prentice (Betty Weldon)
- Virginia Nordon (Betty Weldon)

Are Ye Able, Said the Master

1 "Are ye able," said the Master,
"to be crucified with me?"
"Yea," the sturdy dreamers answered,
"to the death we follow thee."

[Refrain:]

"Lord, we are able." Our spirits are thine.
Remold them, make us, like thee, divine.
Thy guiding radiance above us shall be
a beacon to God, to love, and loyalty.

2 "Are ye able" to remember,
when a thief lifts up his eyes,
that his pardoned soul is worthy
of a place in paradise? [Refrain]

3 "Are ye able" when the shadows
close around you with the sod,
to believe that spirit triumphs,
to commend your soul to God? [Refrain]

4 "Are ye able?" Still the Master
whispers down eternity,
and heroic spirits answer,
now as then in Galilee. [Refrain]

The Lessons for the Fifth Sunday in Lent

Old Testament Lesson *Ezekiel 37:1-14*

The hand of the Lord was upon me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the Lord, and set me down in the midst of the valley; [a] it was full of bones. And he led me round among them; and behold, there were very many upon the valley; and lo, they were very dry. And he said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord God, thou knowest." Again he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord."

So I prophesied as I was commanded; and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and behold, a rattling; and the bones came together, bone to its bone. And as I looked, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood upon their feet, an exceedingly great host.

Then he said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are clean cut off.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: Behold, I will open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you home into the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken, and I have done it, says the Lord."

Epistle Lesson *Romans 8:6-11*

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, indeed it cannot; and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh, you are in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Any one who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, although your bodies are dead because of sin, your spirits are alive because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit which dwells in you.

Gospel Lesson *John 11:1-45*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. It was Mary who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent to him, saying, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it he said, "This illness is not unto death; it is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified by means of it."

Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So when he heard that he was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go into Judea again." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were but now seeking to stone you, and are you going there again?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours in the day? If any one walks in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. But if any one walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him." Thus he spoke, and then he said to them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I go to awake him out of sleep." The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will recover." Now Jesus had spoken of his death, but they thought that he meant taking rest in sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead; and for your sake I am glad that I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." Thomas, called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, and

many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary sat in the house. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. And even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, he who is coming into the world."

When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying quietly, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." And when she heard it, she rose quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still in the place where Martha had met him. When the Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary rise quickly and go out, they followed her, supposing that she was going to the tomb to weep there. Then Mary, when she came where Jesus was and saw him, fell at his feet, saying to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled; and he said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus wept. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb; it was a cave, and a stone lay upon it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you would believe you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, "Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me. I knew that thou hearest me always, but I have said this on account of the people standing by, that they may believe that thou didst send me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out." The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with bandages, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what he did, believed in him.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to thee, O Christ.