



THE
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WELCOMES YOU

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FOR 21 YEARS, 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

Serving This Week

John and Kathy Haynie, *Ushers*
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Jean Kerr, *Lay Reader*
Mike Harber, *Lay Eucharistic Minister*
Esther Hart, *Pianist*
Mark Harris, *Refreshments*
Sharon Cleary and Hugh Thompson, *Stewards*
Maurice McCord, *Grounds*

In Our Prayers

We pray for those who are sick and recovering from illness or surgery, including Dolores Shell, Julie Maynard, Michael Williams, Mary Southern, Pamela Harper's mother Billie, Troy Warlick, and Ethleen Bazzell. We pray for our companion dioceses of Alaska and the Virgin Islands and their bishops Mark and Ambrose; and for the Dept. of Ministry in Higher Education.

And we pray for Randy Norris, loving husband of Ramona Heil-Norris, whose memorial was held yesterday. May Randy rest in peace and rise in glory. *Amen.*

The Parish Directory

Did you know that with one click, you can access the On-Line Directory?

Thanks to Hugh Thompson and Elizabeth Harber!

EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY



2602 Gilmer Ave. Tallassee, Alabama 36078 (334) 252-8618

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST *A Celebration of Holy Eucharist*

Ten-thirty on Sunday Morning
The Twenty-eighth Day of August
In the Year of Our Lord 2016

When you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you.

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

A Celebration of Holy Eucharist

Welcome to the Episcopal Church of the Epiphany! 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. "BCP" stands for the Book of Common Prayer, the Red Book. "Hymns" are found in the Hymnal 1982, the Blue Book.

Gathering of the People

Piano Prelude
Words of Peace
Processional *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* Hymn 376
Acclamation Page 355, BCP
Collect for Purity
Glory to God *Gloria* St. James
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 *Jeremiah 2:4-13* Scripture Sheet
Psalm 81:1, 10-16 *Exultate Deo* Scripture Sheet
Epistle *Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16* Scripture Sheet
Sequence *My God, Thy Table Now is Spread* Hymn 321
Gospel *Luke 14:1, 7-14* Scripture Sheet
The Sermon
Nicene Creed Page 358, BCP
Prayers of the People, Form VI Page 392, BCP
Confession of Sin
Absolution
The Peace
Announcements
Offertory
Presentation *Lord of All Hopefulness* Hymn 482:1-2

Holy Communion

All are welcome at the Lord's Table.

Eucharistic Prayer B Page 367, BCP
Holy, Holy, Holy *Sanctus* St. James
Consecration of the Elements
Lord's Prayer *Contemporary* Page 364, BCP
Breaking of the Bread
Fraction *Jesus, Lamb of God* St. James
Communion
Post-Communion Prayer Page 365, BCP
Blessing
Recessional *All My Hope on God is Founded* Hymn 665
Dismissal
Piano Postlude

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*Do not neglect to
show hospitality to
strangers, for by
doing that some
have entertained
angels without
knowing it.*



Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?" Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Gospel *Luke 14:1, 7-14*

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."



**FEED THE
HUNGRY**

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THE LESSONS FOR THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 28, 2016

The Collect

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Old Testament *Jeremiah 2:4-13*



Hear the word of the LORD, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel. Thus says the LORD: What wrong did your ancestors find in me that they went far from me, and went after worthless things, and became worthless themselves? They did not say, "Where is the LORD who brought us up from the land of Egypt, who led us in the wilderness, in a land of deserts and pits, in a land of drought and deep darkness, in a land that no one passes through, where no one lives?" I brought you into a plentiful land to eat its

fruits and its good things. But when you entered you defiled my land, and made my heritage an abomination. The priests did not say, "Where is the LORD?" Those who handle the law did not know me; the rulers transgressed against me; the prophets prophesied by Baal, and went after things that do not profit. Therefore once more I accuse you, says the LORD, and I accuse your children's children. Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and look, send to Kedar and examine

with care; see if there has ever been such a thing. Has a nation changed its gods, even though they are no gods? But my people have changed their glory for something that does not profit. Be appalled, O heavens, at this, be shocked, be utterly desolate, says the LORD, for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living water, and dug out cisterns for themselves, cracked cisterns that can hold no water.



Psalms 81:1, 10-16 *Exultate Deo*

Sing with joy to God our strength *
and raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob.

I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt and said, *
"Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it."

And yet my people did not hear my voice, *
and Israel would not obey me.

So I gave them over to the stubbornness of their hearts, *
to follow their own devices.

Oh, that my people would listen to me! *
that Israel would walk in my ways!

I should soon subdue their enemies *
and turn my hand against their foes.

Those who hate the LORD would cringe before him, *
and their punishment would last for ever.

But Israel would I feed with the finest wheat *
and satisfy him with honey from the rock.



Epistle *Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16*

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence, "The