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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

Lulu and A.B. Campbell, *Ushers*
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In Our Prayers

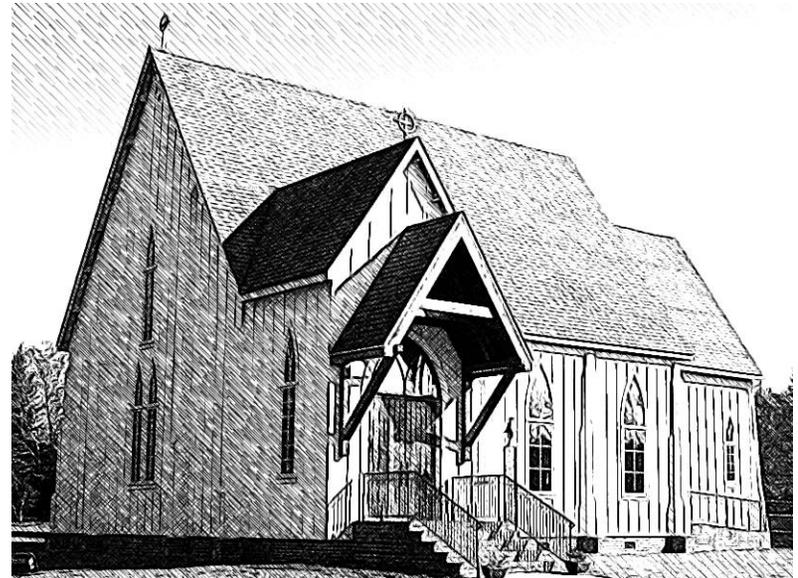
We pray for those who are sick and recovering from illness or surgery, including Dolores, Julie, Michael, Mary Southern, Pamela Harper's mother Billie, Troy, Vincent, Peggy, Elizabeth, and Marsha. We pray for our companion dioceses of Alaska and the Virgin Islands and their bishops Mark and Ambrose;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

Sunday School!

Lee Borden, chair-of Evangelism and vestry member, invites everyone to come to Sunday School in the Little House, next Sunday, Sept. 11, at 9:30 am! The theme is "What I Did This Summer." Don't miss it!



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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

A Celebration of Holy Eucharist

Ten-thirty on Sunday Morning
The Fourth Day of September
In the Year of Our Lord 2016

Jesus said, "So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

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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 <i>God of Grace and God of Glory</i>	<i>Hymn 594</i>
Acclamation	Page 355, BCP
Collect for Purity	
Glory to God <i>Gloria</i>	<i>St. James</i>
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 <i>Jeremiah 18:1-11</i>	Scripture Sheet
Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17 <i>Domine, probasti</i>	Scripture Sheet
Epistle <i>Philemon 1-21</i>	Scripture Sheet
Sequence <i>Take Up Your Cross</i>	<i>Hymn 675</i>
Gospel <i>Luke 14:25-33</i>	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 <i>Lord of All Hopefulness</i>	<i>Hymn 482:1-2</i>

Holy Communion

All are welcome at the Lord's Table.

Eucharistic Prayer B	Page 367, BCP
Holy, Holy, Holy <i>Sanctus</i>	<i>St. James</i>
Consecration of the Elements	
Lord's Prayer <i>Contemporary</i>	Page 364, BCP
Breaking of the Bread	
Fraction <i>Jesus, Lamb of God</i>	<i>St. James</i>
Communion	
Post-Communion Prayer	Page 365, BCP
Blessing	
Recessional <i>Praise to the Lord, the Almighty</i>	<i>Hymn 372</i>
Dismissal	
Piano Postlude	



Keep on Praying ...

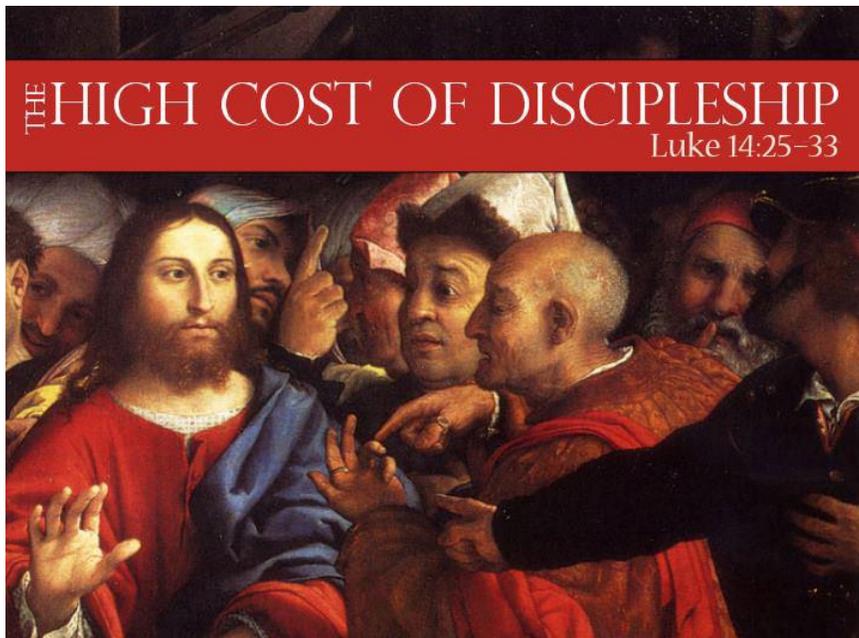
Meanwhile, the moment we get tired in the waiting, God's Spirit is right alongside helping us along. If we don't know how or what to pray, it doesn't matter. He does our praying in and for us, making prayer out of our wordless sighs, our aching groans. He knows us far better than we know ourselves, knows our pregnant condition, and keeps us present before God. That's why we can be so sure that every detail in our lives of love for God is worked into something good.

—Romans 8:26-28, from The Message

heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

Gospel *Luke 14:25-33*

Now large crowds were traveling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."



LESSONS FOR 16 PENTECOST SUNDAY

September 4, 2016

The Collect

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Old Testament *Jeremiah 18:1-11*

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: "Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words." So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and



he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him. Then the word of the Lord came to me: Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the Lord. Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the Lord: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

Psalms 139:1-5, 12-17 *Domine, probasti*

Lord, you have searched me out and known me; *
you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.

You trace my journeys and my resting-places *
and are acquainted with all my ways.

Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, *
but you, O Lord, know it altogether.

You press upon me behind and before *
and lay your hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; *
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

For you yourself created my inmost parts; *
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

I will thank you because I am marvelously made; *
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.

My body was not hidden from you, *
while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth.

Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb; all of them were written in your book; *
they were fashioned day by day, when as yet there was none of them.

How deep I find your thoughts, O God! *
how great is the sum of them!

If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand;
* *to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.*

Epistle *Philemon 1-21*

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother. For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my

