



THE
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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 wellswareen@msn.com

Serving This Week

Jim Rand and Jimmy Weldon,
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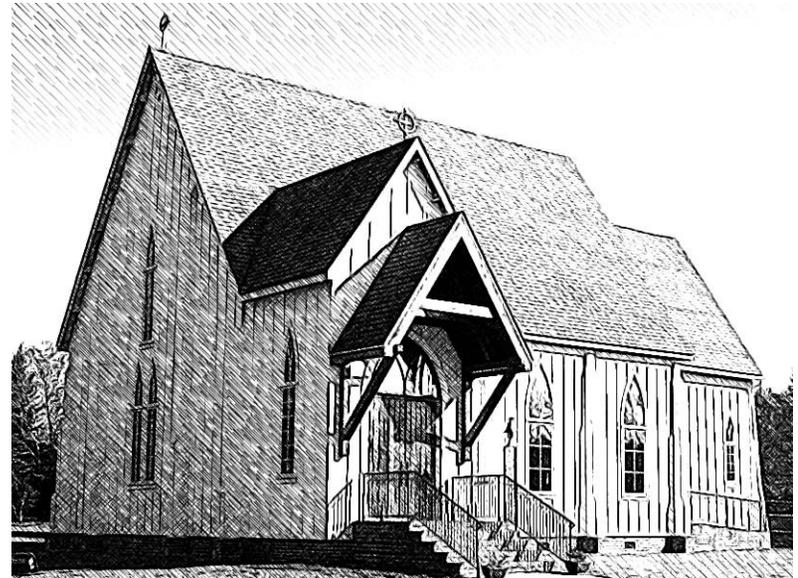
In Our Prayers

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 all students in their first year at seminary.

Vestry Meeting

The Vestry of the Episcopal Church of the Epiphany meets at **12:00 noon next Sunday, Sept. 18**, following refreshments in the Little House. The Vestry meets monthly to address issues of Service, Worship, Education, Evangelism, Pastoral Care, and Stewardship.

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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST *A Celebration of Holy Eucharist*

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

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts.

SEVENTEENTH 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 *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven* Hymn 410

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 *Exodus 32:7-14* Scripture Sheet

Psalm 51:1-11 *Miserere mei, Deus* Scripture Sheet

Epistle *1 Timothy 1:12-17* Scripture Sheet

Sequence *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need* Hymn 664

Gospel *Luke 15:1-10* 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 *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* Hymn 645

Dismissal

Piano Postlude



RUINS ARE EVERYWHERE in the Irish countryside, both church buildings and military outposts. They dot the landscape as outward and visible signs of conflict—political and religious—dating back to the 11th century and as recent as the 20th. Let us live in peace and harmony with one another, counting our blessings.

And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. "Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

WE REMEMBER

Today, Sept. 11, 2016, is the 15-year anniversary of the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and United Flight 93 that crashed in western Pennsylvania. More than 3,000 Americans lost their lives in the collapse of the twin towers, the plane crash into our nation's military headquarters, and the heroic battle by passengers against the terrorists commanding United Flight 93. Remembering the devastation of that day is filled with pain and grief. Yet we must remember the past, or we deprive ourselves of its lessons for overcoming our present struggles and divisions.



LESSONS FOR 17 PENTECOST SUNDAY

September 11, 2016

The Collect

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*



Old Testament *Exodus 32:7-14*

The Lord said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" The Lord said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and

of you I will make a great nation." But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, "O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, `It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, `I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'" And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

Psalms 51:1-11 *Miserere mei, Deus*

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; *
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

Wash me through and through from my wickedness *
and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my transgressions, *
and my sin is ever before me.

Against you only have I sinned *
and done what is evil in your sight.

And so you are justified when you speak *
and upright in your judgment.

Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, *
a sinner from my mother's womb.

For behold, you look for truth deep within me, *
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.

Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; *
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.

Make me hear of joy and gladness, *
that the body you have broken may rejoice.

Hide your face from my sins *
and blot out all my iniquities.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, *
and renew a right spirit within me.

Epistle *1 Timothy 1:12-17*

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.



Gospel *Luke 15:1-10*

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." So he told them this parable: "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices.