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SINCE 1994, 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

Laura Williams and Barbara Trogdon, *Ushers/Stewards*
Jean Kerr, *Altar Guild*
Esther Hart, *Pianist and Violinist*
Betty Weldon, *Lay Reader*
Jere Van Etten, *Lay Eucharistic Minister*
Cathy Jones, *Refreshments*
Maurice McCord and Lee Borden, *Groundskeeping*

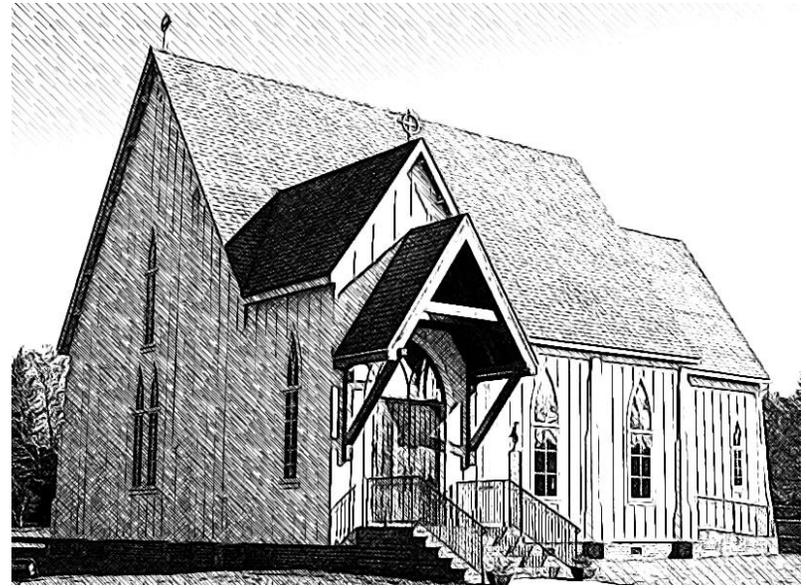
In Our Prayers

We pray for our companion dioceses of Alaska and the Virgin Islands and their bishops Mark and Ambrose. We pray for those who are sick and recovering from illness or surgery, including Dolores, Michael, and Gary. We also pray for Braxton, Vincent, and Dezsél; for Jere, Doris, Allison, Jeffrey, Macy, Julie, Martha, Robert, Troy, Peggy, Elizabeth, Letha, Marsha, Carly, and Norma.

Hurricane Relief for the US Virgin Islands

St. Dunstan's in Auburn has joined Epiphany Church in a partnership with St. Ursula's Episcopal Church on St. John's Island in the US Virgin Islands. Their church was badly damaged by Irma, and Marie all but finished the job. Please write a check to Epiphany Church with HURRICANE RELIEF in the memo line. Betty will forward your contributions to Episcopal Relief & Development. Many thanks to Hugh Thompson, our Parish Coordinator for Hurricane Relief.

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NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST *A Celebration of Holy Eucharist*

Ten-thirty on Sunday morning
The Fifteenth Day of October
In the Year of Our Lord 2017

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

A Celebration of Holy Eucharist

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.

Gathering of the People

Prelude	
Words of Peace	
Processional <i>Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart</i>	<i>Hymn 556</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>Exodus 32:1-14</i>	Scripture Sheet
Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23 <i>Confitemini Domino</i>	Scripture Sheet
Epistle <i>Philippians 4:1-9</i>	Scripture Sheet
Sequence <i>My Shepherd Will Supply My Need</i>	<i>Hymn 664</i>
Gospel <i>Matthew 22:1-14</i>	Scripture Sheet
A Holy Conversation	Father Wells
Nicene Creed	Page 358, BCP
Prayers of the People, Form VI	Page 392, BCP
Confession of Sin	
Absolution	
The Peace	
Announcements	
Offertory	
Presentation <i>Phos hilaron</i>	<i>Hymn 26</i>

Holy Communion

All are welcome at the Lord's Table.

Eucharistic Prayer A	Page 361, BCP
Holy, Holy, Holy <i>Sanctus</i>	<i>St. James</i>
Consecration of the Elements	
Lord's Prayer	Page 364, BCP
Breaking of the Bread	
Fraction <i>Jesus, Lamb of God</i>	<i>St. James</i>
Communion	
Post-Communion Prayer	Page 366, BCP
Blessing	
Recessional <i>The King of Love</i>	<i>Hymn 645</i>
Dismissal	
Postlude	

DISCOVERING DISCIPLESHIP CLASS ENDS

Many thanks to Leigh Warren, Alyson Whyte, the Epiphany Players, and all who took part in our adult class on "Discovering Discipleship," for the past several Sundays.



NATCHEZ TRACE ADVENTURE

Wells and Leigh will leave on Monday, Oct. 16, for a cycling adventure on the Natchez Trace Parkway, a 455-mile two-lane federal parkway with Indian mounds, early American history, and beautiful countryside. Wells, who turned 65 on Oct. 4, will ride his bicycle an average of 50 miles per day over 9 days. John Wells (8) and James (5) are going too! Watch Facebook for photos and posts of the trip.

Gospel *Matthew 22:1-14*

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have



been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. "But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

Let's Help St. Ursula's Episcopal Church in the U.S. Virgin Islands. Write a tax-deductible check today to Epiphany Church with **HURRICANE RELIEF** in the memo line.



LESSONS FOR THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 15, 2017

The Collect of the Day

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; 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 32:1-14*



When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron, and said to him, "Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him." Aaron said to them, "Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me." So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. He took the gold from them, formed it in a mold, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, "Tomorrow shall be a festival to the LORD." They rose early the next day, and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and

rose up to rebel. 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 106:1-6, 19-23 *Confitemini Domino, Et fecerunt vitulum*

Hallelujah! Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, *
for his mercy endures for ever.

Who can declare the mighty acts of the LORD *
or show forth all his praise?

Happy are those who act with justice *
and always do what is right!

Remember me, O LORD, with the favor you have for your people, *
and visit me with your saving help;

That I may see the prosperity of your elect and be glad with
the gladness of your people, *
that I may glory with your inheritance.

We have sinned as our forebears did; *
we have done wrong and dealt wickedly.

Israel made a bull-calf at Horeb *
and worshiped a molten image;

And so they exchanged their Glory *
for the image of an ox that feeds on grass.

They forgot God their Savior, *
who had done great things in Egypt,

Wonderful deeds in the land of Ham, *
and fearful things at the Red Sea.

So he would have destroyed them, had not Moses his chosen stood
before him in the breach, *
to turn away his wrath from consuming them.

Epistle Philippians 4:1-9

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.



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