



The Clergy

The Rt. Hon. & Most Rev. Justin Welby
105th Archbishop of Canterbury
The Most Rev. Michael B. Curry
27th Presiding Bishop
The Rt. Rev. John McKee Sloan
11th Bishop of Alabama
The Rev. Dr. John Wells Warren, *Priest*

The Vestry

Michael Harber, *Senior Warden*
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Mike Rallo, *Vestry Member*
Jean Kerr, *Vestry Member*
Maurice McCord, *Vestry Member*
Kay Dickey, *Vestry Member*
Michael Williams, *Vestry Member*
Betty Weldon, *Treasurer*
Elizabeth Harber, *Clerk of the Vestry*

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

Lulu and A.B. Campbell,
Ushers/Stewards
Pam Van Eitten, *Altar Guild*
Lavonne Hart, *Lay Reader*
Mike Harber, *Lay Eucharistic Minister*
Esther Hart, *Pianist and Violinist*
Robin Rand, *Refreshments*
Mark Harris and Jere Van Eitten,
Groundskeeping

In Our Prayers

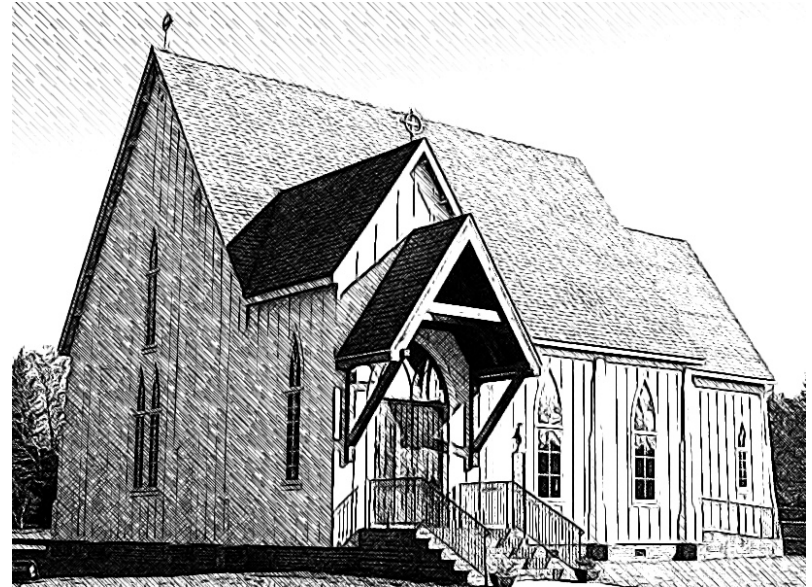
We pray for those who are sick and recovering from illness or surgery, including Bill Shell's wife Dolores, Michael Williams, and Eddie Harper's cousin Gary.

We also pray for John and Kathy's grandsons, Vincent and Dezsel, and their parents, Amber and Jared. We pray for Allison, Jeffrey, Macy, Julie, Martha, Mary Southern, Billie, Troy, Peggy, Elizabeth, Letha, Marsha, Carly, and Norma.

And we remember Virginia Nordon, a founding member of our church, who has died. We pray for our companion dioceses of Alaska and the Virgin Islands and their bishops Mark and Ambrose.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

A Celebration of Holy Eucharist

Ten-thirty on Sunday Morning
The Twenty-third Day of April
In the Year of Our Lord 2017

*My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;
my body also shall rest in hope.*

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

A Celebration of Holy Eucharist

Gathering of the People

The people enter in silence and observe a time of silent prayer. Please note that we are using the St. James music sheet available in the narthex.

Piano Prelude

Words of Peace

Processional

Easter Acclamation

Glory to God *Gloria*

Salutation

Collect of the Day

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St. James

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Scripture Sheet

The Word of God

We sit for the Lessons and the Psalm, and we stand for the Gospel.

First Lesson *Acts 2:14a,22-32*

Psalm 16 *Conserva me, Domine*

Second Lesson *1 Peter 1:3-9*

Sequence *0*

Gospel Lesson *John 20:19-31*

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

Prayers of the People, Form VI

Confession of Sin and Absolution

The Peace

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Offertory

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Holy Communion

All are welcome at the Lord's Table.

Presentation *Phos hilaron*

Eucharistic Prayer A

Hymn 26

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Holy, Holy, Holy *Sanctus*

Consecration of the Elements

Lord's Prayer

Breaking of the Bread

Fraction *Jesus, Lamb of God*

Communion

Post-Communion Prayer

Blessing

Recessional

Dismissal

Piano Postlude

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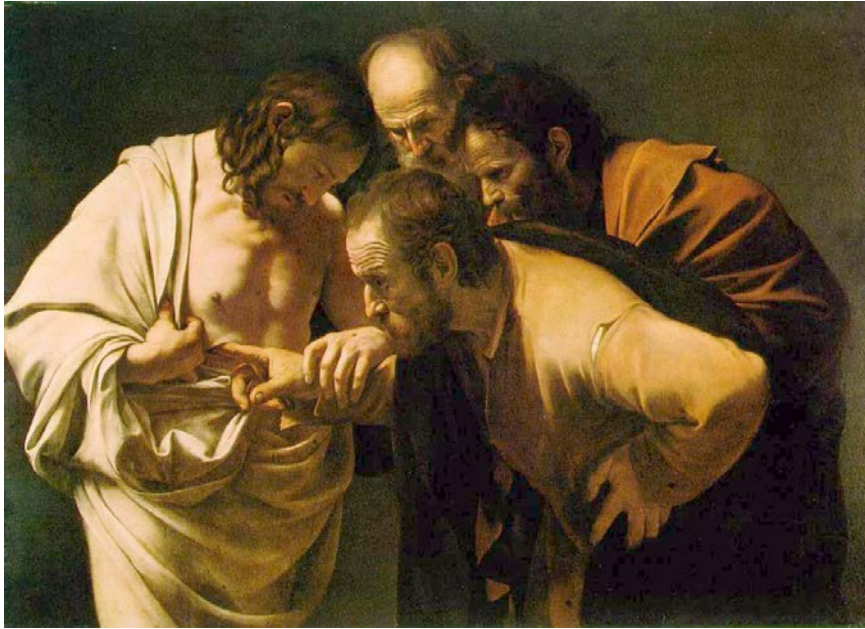
Emily Daniels is our new acolyte at the Episcopal Church of the Epiphany. Emily's parents are Todd and Juliana Daniels. Emily is a good student and an ace softball pitcher!

Early This Sunday we began a Sunday School series on the Resurrection of Jesus Christ led by Father Wells and others for the Great Fifty Days of Easter. Don't miss Sunday School at 9:30 am in the Little House!

Please Join Us after the service in the Little House for refreshments.

The Vestry meets today at 12:00 noon following worship and refreshments in the Little House. Vestry members will present brief reports called "one-pagers" for SWEEPS.

And Take a Good Look at the new look of our website! Lee Borden designed and maintains <http://epiphanytallasse.org/> to keep us all up-to-date and connected with our church family. It's better than ever, and you will be sure to enjoy seeing photographs, hearing the news, and getting weekly reminders.



A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Do not doubt but believe!

Having doubts seems such a sensible way of living. You have to be careful not to fall into a bad decision. Do your research before you make an important purchase. Don't accept things at face value. Watch out for telemarketers, internet scams, and deals that look "too good to be true." But then again, how much do we operate on faith?

LESSONS FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 23, 2017

The Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*



First Lesson *Acts 2:14a,22-32*

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him, 'I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my

soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’ “Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, ‘He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.’ This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.”

Psalm 16 *Conserva me, Domine*

Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; *
I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."

All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, *
upon those who are noble among the people.

But those who run after other gods *
shall have their troubles multiplied.

Their libations of blood I will not offer, *
nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.

O LORD, you are my portion and my cup; *
it is you who uphold my lot.

My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; *
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.

I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; *
my heart teaches me, night after night.

I have set the LORD always before me; *
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.

My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; *
my body also shall rest in hope.

For you will not abandon me to the grave, *
nor let your holy one see the Pit.

You will show me the path of life; *
in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

Second Lesson *1 Peter 1:3-9*

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Gospel *John 20:19-31*

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."