

The Vestry and Staff

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The Most Rev. Katharine Jeffers Schori
26th Presiding Bishop
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11th Bishop of Alabama
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Jim Davis, *Junior Warden*
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Nancy Dupree, *Vestry Member*
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Michael Williams, *Vestry Member*
Pamela Van Etten, *Clerk*



**FEED THE
HUNGRY**

Serving This Week

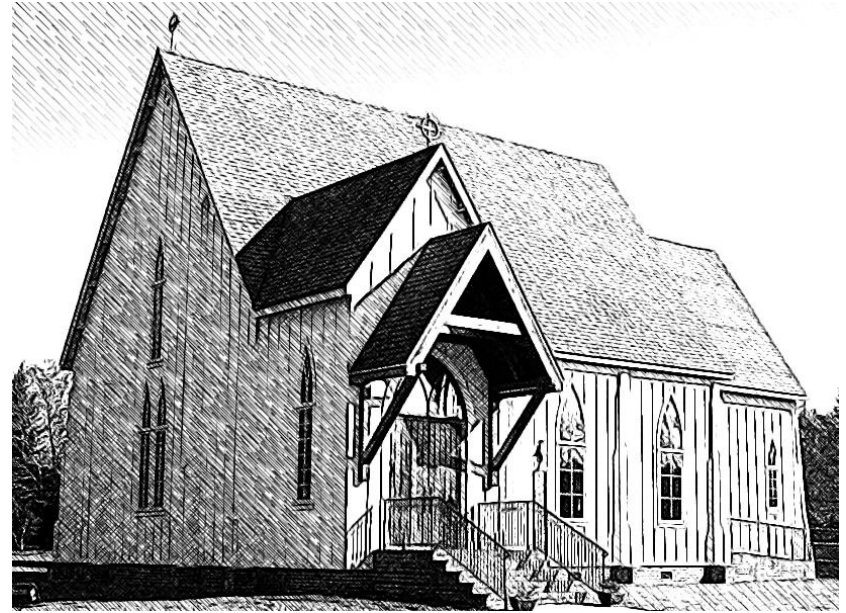
Pam and Eddie Harper, *Ushers*
Jean Kerr, *Altar Guild*
Jean Kerr, *Lay Reader*
Maurice McCord, *Lay Eucharistic Minister*
Caleb Hart, *Pianist*
Esther Hart, *Violinist*
Kay Dickey, *Refreshments*
Pam and Jere Van Etten, *Stewards*

In Our Prayers

We pray for those who are sick and recovering from illness or surgery, including Norm Kerr, Alan McCord, Barbara Trogdon, Norma Johnson, Rita Whitman, John Rand, Jim Rand, Bobby Dupree, Jimmy's niece Allison, Lynn Dubay, Eddie Harper, Lannon and Charlotte Poole, Robin and Clint Darby, and Randy Norris's mother Ronnie Taylor.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we remember St. Mary's in Childersburg; St. Paul's in Lowndesboro; our companion diocese of Haiti and its bishops, Zaché and Oge; the Vocare Steering Committee; the Happening Steering Committee and the General Convention of the Episcopal Church.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY



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SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

A Celebration of Holy Eucharist I

Ten-thirty on Sunday Morning
The First Day of March
In the Year of Our Lord 2015

If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

A Celebration of Holy Eucharist I

Gathering of the People

The people enter in silence and observe a time of silent prayer. Please note that we are using service music from the Hymnal during the Season of Lent.

Piano Prelude	
Words of Peace	
Processional <i>The God of Abraham Praise</i>	<i>Hymn 401</i>
Penitential Acclamation	Page 323, BCP
Holy God <i>Trisagion</i>	<i>Hymn S-102</i>
Salutation <i>(And with thy spirit)</i>	Page 325, BCP
Collect of the Day	

The Liturgy of the Word

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

Old Testament <i>Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16</i>	Scripture Sheet
Psalm 22:22-30 <i>Deus, Deus meus</i>	Scripture Sheet
Epistle <i>Romans 4:13-25</i>	Scripture Sheet
Sequence <i>Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days</i>	<i>Hymn 142</i>
Gospel Lesson <i>Mark 8:31-38</i>	Scripture Sheet
The Sermon	
The Nicene Creed	Page 326, BCP
Prayers of the People, Form I	Page 328, BCP
Confession of Sin	Page 330, BCP
Absolution and Comfortable Words	Page 332, BCP
The Peace	
Announcements	
Offertory	
Presentation of Gifts and Offerings <i>The Doxology</i>	<i>Hymn 380:3</i>

Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer I	Page 333, BCP
Holy, Holy, Holy <i>Sanctus</i>	<i>Hymn S-113</i>
Consecration of the Elements	
The Lord's Prayer <i>Traditional</i>	Page 336, BCP
The Breaking of the Bread	
O Lamb of God <i>Agnus Dei</i>	<i>Hymn S-158</i>
Communion <i>All are welcome at the Lord's Table</i>	
Post-Communion Prayer	Page 339, BCP
Blessing	
Recessional <i>Take Up Your Cross</i>	<i>Hymn 675</i>
Dismissal	
Piano Postlude	

Announcements

Find Us Online with a new and improved web site (thanks to our web master Lee Borden) at <http://epiphanytallassee.org/>



Made Your Pledge? I'm hoping that those of us who have not yet made a financial pledge to Epiphany will continue to pray and plan about this. We have received 14 pledges to date, and the Vestry is helped greatly by being able to plan ahead with these commitments made.

Father Wells's Sermons are available on Epiphany's new and improved web site. Return to a message from previous weeks or months. Sometime this week, go to <http://epiphanytallassee.org/> and click on Sermons.

Find Us on Facebook along with 80 members and friend. There are events, photographs, and words of encouragement available to you 24/7.

The Lessons for the Second Sunday in Lent

The Collect of the Day

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Old Testament *Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16*

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you." God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

Psalm 22:22-30 *Deus, Deus meus*

Praise the LORD, you that fear him; *
stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel;
all you of Jacob's line, give glory.

For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;
*neither does he hide his face from them; **
but when they cry to him he hears them.

My praise is of him in the great assembly; *
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
*and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: **
"May your heart live for ever!"

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, *
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

For kingship belongs to the LORD; *
he rules over the nations.

To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; *
all who go down to the dust fall before him.

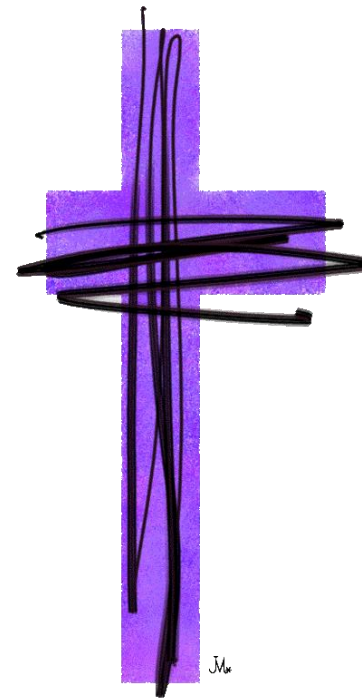
My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; *
they shall be known as the LORD'S for ever.

They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn *
the saving deeds that he has done.

Epistle *Romans 4:13-25*

The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") -- in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his

own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.



Gospel *Mark 8:31-38*

Then Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those

who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."