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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

Andy and Betty Stricker, *Ushers*
Pam Van Etten, *Altar Guild*
Jean Kerr, *Lay Reader*
Lee Borden, *Lay Eucharistic Minister*
Caleb Hart, *Pianist*
James Hart, *Guitar and Vocals*
Lavonne Hart, *Refreshments*
Maurice McCord, *Stewards*

In Our Prayers

We pray for those who are sick and recovering from illness or surgery, including Nancy Jones, Mary Southern, Randy Norris, Michael Williams, Virginia Nordon, Rita Whitman, Charlotte Poole, Pamela Harper's mother Billie, Rachel Russo, Troy Warlick, and Ethleen Bazzell. And we pray for those who have died, especially Lannon Poole.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for our new companion dioceses and their bishops: The Rt. Rev. Ambrose Gumbs and the Diocese of the Virgin Islands; and the Rt. Rev. Mark Lattime and the Diocese of Alaska; and we give thanks for the long and wonderful companion relationship we shared with the Diocese of Haiti and their bishops, Zache and Oge.

*I believe in the
Episcopal Church,
and I love it!*

EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY



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SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT Holy Eucharist: Rite One

Ten-thirty on Sunday Morning
The Twenty-first Day of February
In the Year of Our Lord 2016

*The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?
the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?*

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

Holy Eucharist: Rite One

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 *The God of Abraham Praise*

Hymn 401
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Penitential Acclamation

The Collect for Purity

Holy God *Trisagion*

Hymn S-102

The Liturgy of the Word

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

Salutation *(And with thy spirit)*

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Collect of the Day

Scripture Sheet

Old Testament *Genesis 15:1-12,17-18*

Scripture Sheet

Psalm 27 *Dominus illuminatio*

Scripture Sheet

Epistle *Philippians 3:17-4:1*

Scripture Sheet

Sequence *Draw Nigh and Take the Body*

Hymn 328

Gospel Lesson *Luke 13:31-35*

Scripture Sheet

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

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Prayers of the People, Form I

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Confession of Sin

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Absolution and Comfortable Words

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The Peace

Announcements

Offertory

Holy Communion

Presentation of Gifts and Offerings *The Doxology* *Hymn 380:3*

Eucharistic Prayer I

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Holy, Holy, Holy *Sanctus*

Hymn S-113

Consecration of the Elements

The Lord's Prayer *Traditional*

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The Breaking of the Bread

O Lamb of God *Agnus Dei*

Hymn S-158

Communion *All are welcome at the Lord's Table*

Post-Communion Prayer

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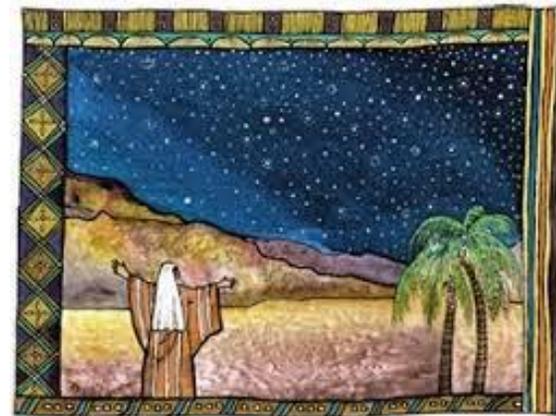
Blessing

Recessional *Now Let Us All with One Accord*

Hymn 147

Dismissal

Piano Postlude



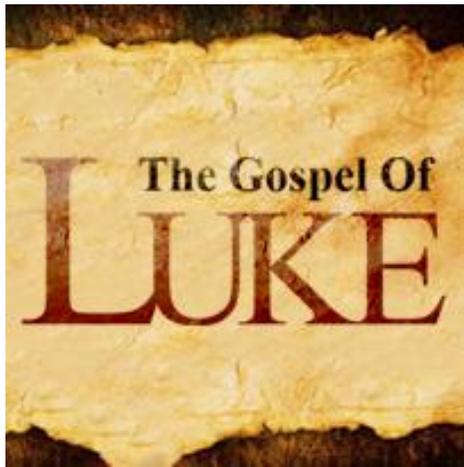
A Blessing to the Nations

When Abram stood and gazed into the heavens that night, he believed in God's promise—that he would be a blessing to the nations, and that his descendants would be as numerous as the stars in the sky. It seemed utterly impossible, and yet the promise of God came true. Not only did he find the Promised Land, the land flowing with milk and honey. Not only did he father forth the nation of Israel in Isaac and Jacob. Not only were his people brought back from slavery in Egypt by the mighty power of God. But long after the rise and fall of the empires of Egypt, and Sumeria, and Assyria, and Babylon, and Persia, and Greece, and Rome, and even Nazi Germany, Israel was restored and remains a blessing to the world.

O tarry and await the LORD's pleasure; be strong, and he shall comfort your heart; *
wait patiently for the LORD.

Epistle *Philippians 3:17-4:1*

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.



Gospel *Luke 13:31-35*

Some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way,

because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

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 15:1-12,17-18*



The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no

offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness. Then he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." But he said, "O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years

old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. As the



sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

Psalm 27 *Dominus illuminatio*

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? *
the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?

When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh, *
it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who stumbled and fell.

Though an army should encamp against me, *
yet my heart shall not be afraid;

And though war should rise up against me, *
yet will I put my trust in him.

One thing have I asked of the LORD; one thing I seek; *
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life;

To behold the fair beauty of the LORD *
and to seek him in his temple.

For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; *
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high upon a rock.

Even now he lifts up my head *
above my enemies round about me.

Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness; *
I will sing and make music to the LORD.

Hearken to my voice, O LORD, when I call; *
have mercy on me and answer me.

You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." *
Your face, LORD, will I seek.

Hide not your face from me, *
nor turn away your servant in displeasure.

You have been my helper; cast me not away; *
do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.

Though my father and my mother forsake me, *
the LORD will sustain me.

Show me your way, O LORD; *
lead me on a level path, because of my enemies.

Deliver me not into the hand of my adversaries, *
for false witnesses have risen up against me, and also those who speak malice.

What if I had not believed that I should see the goodness of the LORD *
in the land of the living!