



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*
Jimmy Weldon, *Junior Warden and Vestry Member at Large*
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*

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

Laura Williams and
Barbara Trogdon,
Ushers/Stewards
Jean Kerr, *Altar Guild*
Kathy Haynie, *Lay Reader*
Kay Dickey, *Lay Eucharistic Minister*
Esther Hart, *Pianist and Violinist*
Elizabeth Harber, *Refreshments*

In Our Prayers

We pray for those who are sick and recovering from illness or surgery, including Michael Williams and Eddie Harper's cousin Gary. We also pray for John and Kathy's grandsons, Vincent and Dezel, and their parents, Amber and Jared. We pray for Allison, Jeffrey, Macy, Bill Shell's wife Dolores, Julie, Martha, Mary Southern, Billie, Troy, Peggy, Elizabeth, Letha, Marsha, Carly, and Norma.

We remember and pray for those who have died: Carolyn Glass Warren, Wells's mother; and Grace Yarbrough, a dear friend of the Borden Family.

We pray for our companion dioceses of Alaska and the Virgin Islands and their bishops Mark and Ambrose.



THE VESTRY
of our Church
meets today at
12 noon in the
Little House!

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SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT Holy Eucharist: Rite One

Ten-thirty on Sunday Morning
The Twelfth Day of March
In the Year of Our Lord 2017

Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit.

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 the traditional language of Rite One, and our Service Music is 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
The Collect for Purity	
Holy God <i>Trisagion (Three Times)</i>	<i>Hymn S-102</i>

The Liturgy of the Word

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

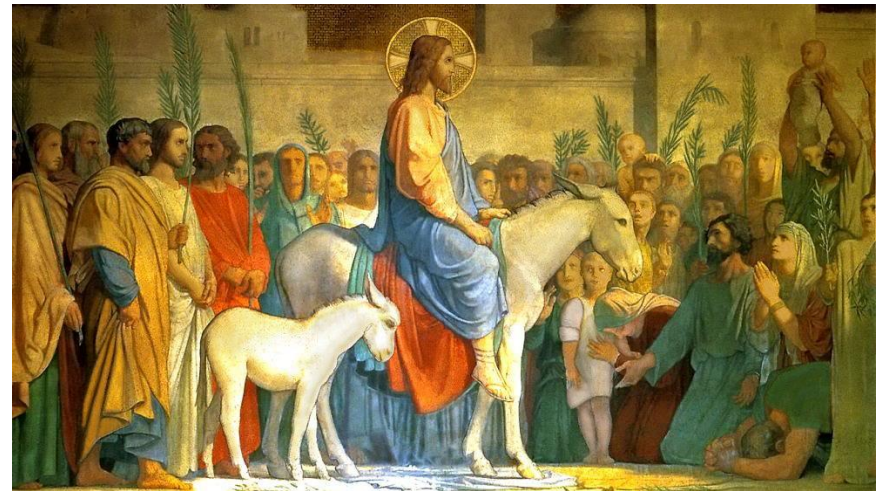
Salutation <i>(And with thy spirit)</i>	Page 325, BCP
Collect of the Day	Scripture Sheet
Old Testament <i>Genesis 12:1-4a</i>	Scripture Sheet
Psalm 121 <i>Levavi oculos</i>	Scripture Sheet
Epistle <i>Romans 4:1-5, 13-17</i>	Scripture Sheet
Sequence <i>My Faith Looks Up to Thee</i>	<i>Hymn 691</i>
Gospel <i>John 3:1-17</i>	Scripture Sheet
The Sermon	
The Nicene Creed	Page 327, 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	
Piano Offertory	

Holy Communion

Presentation of Gifts and Offerings <i>The Doxology</i>	<i>Hymn 380:3</i>
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>Lift High the Cross!</i>	<i>Hymn 473</i>
Dismissal	
Piano Postlude	

The Journey to Jerusalem

Come with Jesus in the Season of Lent on the Road to Jerusalem.



Jesus asks us to follow him on the Journey to Jerusalem. He wants us to be with him, walking in his Way, learning from him, growing in grace. When we walk with Jesus, our work is more effective, stronger, and more purposeful. But our efforts require cooperation, pulling together, going in the same direction. W+

truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

LESSONS FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

March 12, 2017



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 12:1-4a*

The LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. I will make

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—Presiding Bishop Michael Curry

The Jesus movement was an Evangelical Christian movement beginning on the West Coast of the United States in the late 1960s and early 1970s and spreading primarily throughout North America, Europe, and Central America, before subsiding by the late 1980s. But our Presiding Bishop, the Most Rev. Michael B. Curry, launched a new Jesus Movement this year in the Episcopal Church USA.

of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.” So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him.

Psalm 121 *Levavi oculos*

I lift up my eyes to the hills; *
from where is my help to come?

My help comes from the LORD, *
the maker of heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot be moved *
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.

Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel *
shall neither slumber nor sleep;

The LORD himself watches over you; *
the LORD is your shade at your right hand,

So that the sun shall not strike you by day, *
nor the moon by night.

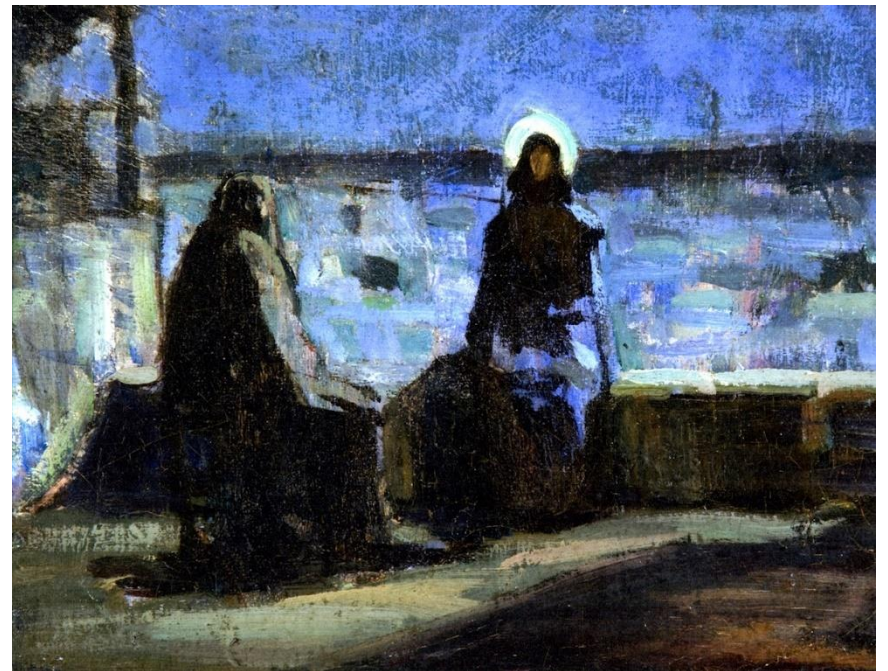
The LORD shall preserve you from all evil; *
it is he who shall keep you safe.

The LORD shall watch over your going out and your coming in, *
from this time forth for evermore.

Epistle *Romans 4:1-5, 13-17*

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as

a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. For 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.



Gospel *John 3:1-17*

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” Jesus answered him, “Very