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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 wellswareen@msn.com

Serving This Week

Sharon Cleary and Hugh Thompson, *Ushers/Stewards*
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Amanda Borden, *Lay Reader*
Kay Dickey, *Lay Eucharistic Minister*
Esther Hart, *Pianist and Violinist*
Jean Kerr, *Refreshments*
James Hart and Jimmy Weldon, *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.

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

Thanks to all for your generous giving to Epiphany Church. The Vestry has adopted a Monthly Budget of \$5,000 for 2017.



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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

A Celebration of Holy Eucharist

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

*The strife is o'er, the battle done; the victory of life is won!
The song of triumph has begun. Alleluia!*

THIRD 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.

Prelude

Words of Peace

Processional *The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done*

Hymn 208

Easter Acclamation

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Glory to God *Gloria*

St. James

Salutation

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Collect of the Day

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,36-41*

Scripture Sheet

Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17 *Dilexi, quoniam*

Scripture Sheet

Second Lesson *1 Peter 1:17-23*

Scripture Sheet

Sequence *Come Away to the Skies*

Hymn 213

Gospel Lesson *Luke 24:13-35*

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

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Prayers of the People, Form VI

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Confession of Sin and Absolution

The Peace

Announcements

Offertory

Holy Communion

All are welcome at the Lord's Table.

Presentation *Phos hilaron*

Hymn 26

Eucharistic Prayer A

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Holy, Holy, Holy *Sanctus*

St. James

Consecration of the Elements

Lord's Prayer

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Breaking of the Bread

Fraction *Jesus, Lamb of God*

St. James

Communion

Post-Communion Prayer

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Blessing

Recessional *The Day of Resurrection!*

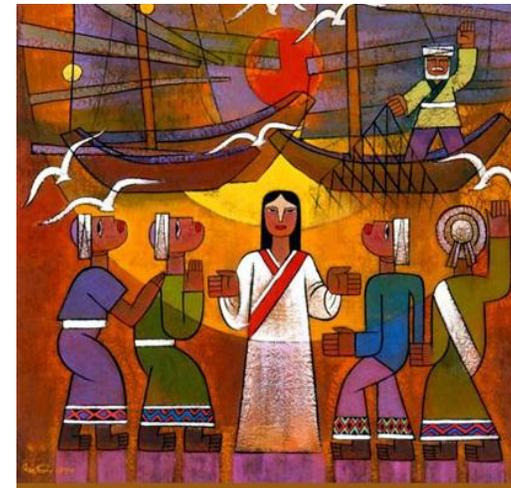
Hymn 210

Dismissal

Postlude

How Can I Convince You of the Resurrection?

The central belief of Christianity everywhere is that Jesus was raised from the dead.



Once again, we come face to face with the most remarkable event in all of the Scriptures, and perhaps the history of the world—the resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth three days after his death at the hands of the Roman government.

Many people have doubted the Resurrection, considering it a hoax, a fraud, a body-snatching, a piece of fiction. Some theologians see Christ's resurrection only in spiritual terms, and scientists often scoff at the very idea of a bodily resurrection.

But how can I convince you of the Resurrection? What do you want? Scientific proof? A historical record? Will you have to see Jesus in the flesh at the Second Coming?

What about experiencing Jesus in the breaking of the bread? Would you believe then?



believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

LESSONS FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 30, 2017

The Collect of the Day

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

First Lesson *Acts 2:14a,36-41*



Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified." Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord

our God calls to him.” And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

Psalms 116:1-3, 10-17 *Dilexi, quoniam*

I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my supplication,
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.

The cords of death entangled me; the grip of the grave took hold of me;
I came to grief and sorrow.

Then I called upon the Name of the LORD:
"O LORD, I pray you, save my life."

How shall I repay the LORD
for all the good things he has done for me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call upon the Name of the LORD.

I will fulfill my vows to the LORD
in the presence of all his people.

Precious in the sight of the LORD
is the death of his servants.

O LORD, I am your servant;
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me from my bonds.

I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and call upon the Name of the LORD.

I will fulfill my vows to the LORD
in the presence of all his people,

In the courts of the LORD's house,
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!

Second Lesson *1 Peter 1:17-23*

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God. Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

Gospel *Luke 24:13-35*

Now on that same day two of Jesus' disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.” Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to