

The Vestry and Staff

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 Rt. Rev. Santosh K. Marray
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The Rev. Dr. John Wells Warren, *Priest*
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Lee Borden, *Vestry Member*
Michael Dickey, *Vestry Member*
Maurice McCord, *Vestry Member*
Hugh Thompson, *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

Betty and Jimmy Weldon,
Ushers
Laura Williams, *Altar Guild*
Amanda Welch Borden, *Lay Reader*
Lee Borden, *Lay Eucharistic Minister*
Caleb Hart, *Pianist*
Mark Harris, *Refreshments*
Laura Williams and Cathy Jones,
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, Lammon Poole, Charlotte Poole, Pamela Harper's mother Billie, Rachel Russo, Troy Warlick, Ethleen Bazzell, and Kimberly Gordon.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we remember our companion diocese of Haiti and their bishops, Zaché and Oge. We pray for grace and guidance as the dioceses of Alabama, Alaska, and the Virgin Islands develop our new companion relationships; and we pray for the Good Samaritan Health Clinic in Cullman; the Community Free Clinic of Morgan County in Decatur; St. Michael's Community Service Center in Anniston; and the parish churches of St. Simon-Peter in Pell City and St. Peter's in Talladega.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY



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THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY *A Celebration of Holy Eucharist*

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

*If one member suffers, all suffer together with it;
if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.*

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

A Celebration of Holy Eucharist

Gathering of the People

You are invited to enter in silence and observe a time of prayer before the service begins.

Piano Prelude

Words of Peace

Processional *Hail to the Lord's Anointed* Hymn 616

Acclamation Page 355, BCP

Collect for Purity

Glory to God *Gloria* Hymn S-280

Salutation Page 357, BCP

Collect of the Day Scripture Sheet

Liturgy of the Word

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

Old Testament *Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10* Scripture Sheet

Psalm 19 *Caeli enarrant* Scripture Sheet

Epistle *1 Corinthians 12:12-31a* Scripture Sheet

Sequence *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* Hymn 469

Gospel Luke 4:14-21 Scripture Sheet

The Sermon

Nicene Creed Page 358, BCP

Prayers of the People, Form VI Page 392, BCP

Confession and Absolution

The Peace

Announcements

Offertory

Holy Communion

Presentation *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* Hymn 657:1

Eucharistic Prayer B Page 367, BCP
Holy, Holy, Holy *Sanctus* Hymn S-129

Consecration of the Elements
The Lord's Prayer *Traditional* Page 364, BCP

Breaking of the Bread
Fraction *O Lamb of God* Hymn S-158

Communion
Post-Communion Prayer Page 365, BCP

Blessing
Recessional *O, Zion, Haste, Thy Mission* Hymn 539

Dismissal

Piano Postlude

Announcements

Wardens and Terms of the Vestry for 2016 were decided upon at the Jan. 10 meeting: Mike Harber, 2015-2017 (*Senior Warden*); Jimmy Weldon, at large (*Junior Warden*); Michael Williams, 2015-2017; Hugh Thompson, 2016-2018; Maurice McCord, 2016-2018; Lee Borden, 2016; and Michael Dickey, 2016. Congratulations to all!

ASH WEDNESDAY

February 10, 2016

9:00 am in the Church

Join Us for the Beginning
of the Season of Lent
with a Solemn Liturgy
and Imposition of Ashes



The Vestry will be meeting with the Rev. Rob Morpeth, Staff Officer for Finance & Administration at the Diocese of Alabama, on Saturday, Feb. 20, from 12 noon to 3 pm for a Vestry Retreat (following Beans & Rice!). Among our business will be discussion of the Little House and Parish Hall. Please communicate your desires and petitions to the members of the Vestry.

members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts.

Gospel Luke 4:14-21

Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

The Most Rev. Michael B. Curry, Episcopal Church Presiding Bishop, has issued a video statement concerning the actions of the Anglican Primates at the meeting in Canterbury, England:

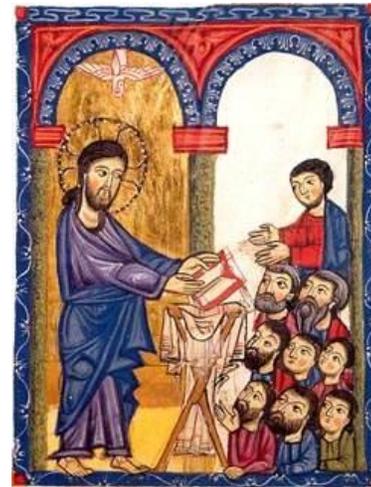
<http://www.episcopalchurch.org/posts/publicaffairs/episcopal-church-presiding-bishop-and-primate-michael-curry-actions-anglican>

LESSONS FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

JANUARY 24, 2016

The Collect of the Day

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*



Old Testament *Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10*

All the people of Israel gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. And

Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

Psalm 19 *Caeli enarrant*

- 1 The heavens declare the glory of God, *
and the firmament shows his handiwork.
- 2 One day tells its tale to another, *
and one night imparts knowledge to another.
- 3 Although they have no words or language, *
and their voices are not heard,
- 4 Their sound has gone out into all lands, *
and their message to the ends of the world.
- 5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; *
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
- 6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of it again; *
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.
- 7 The law of the LORD is perfect
and revives the soul; *
the testimony of the LORD is sure
and gives wisdom to the innocent.
- 8 The statutes of the LORD are just
and rejoice the heart; *
the commandment of the LORD is clear
and gives light to the eyes.
- 9 The fear of the LORD is clean
and endures for ever; *
the judgments of the LORD are true
and righteous altogether.

- 10 More to be desired are they than gold,
more than much fine gold, *
sweeter far than honey,
than honey in the comb.
- 11 By them also is your servant enlightened, *
and in keeping them there is great reward.
- 12 Who can tell how often he offends? *
cleanse me from my secret faults.
- 13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me; *
then shall I be whole and sound,
and innocent of a great offense.
- 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my
heart be acceptable in your sight, *
O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.

Epistle *1 Corinthians 12:12-31a*

Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body--Jews or Greeks, slaves or free--and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable