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27th Presiding Bishop
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11th Bishop of Alabama
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Jean Kerr, *Vestry Member*
Maurice McCord, *Vestry Member*
Kay Dickey, *Vestry Member*
Michael Williams, *Vestry Member*
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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

Lavonne Hart and Jimmy Weldon, *Ushers/Stewards*
Laura Williams, *Altar Guild*
Jean Kerr, *Lay Reader*
Maurice McCord, *Lay Eucharistic Minister*
Esther Hart, *Pianist and Violinist*
Kay Dickey, *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 pray for our companion dioceses of Alaska and the Virgin Islands and their bishops Mark and Ambrose.



Thanks to all who helped with Beans & Rice and Work Day on Saturday! God bless you. W+

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THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT Holy Eucharist: Rite One

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

Jesus said to her, "The water that I will give will become in you a spring of water gushing up to eternal life."

THIRD 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.

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| Piano Prelude | |
| Words of Peace | |
| Processional <i>Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing</i> | Hymn 686 |
| Penitential Acclamation | Page 323, BCP |
| The Collect for Purity | |
| Holy God <i>Trisagion (Three Times)</i> | Hymn S-102 |

The Liturgy of the Word

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

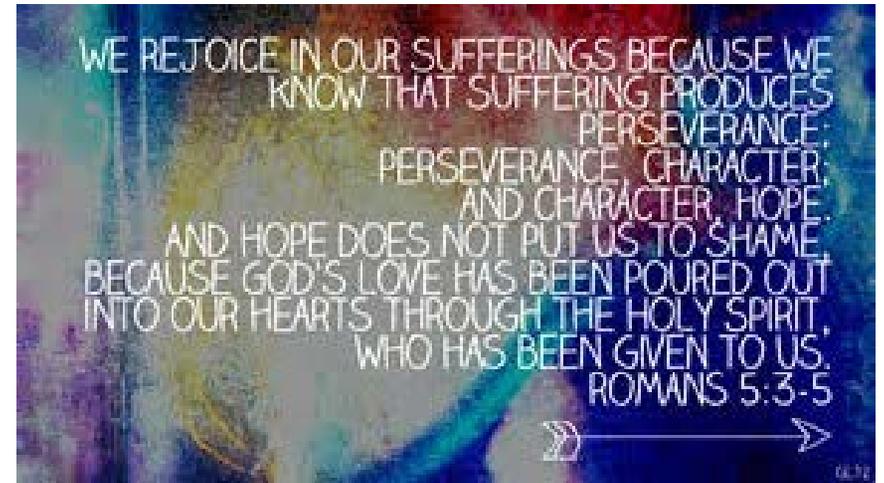
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| Salutation <i>(And with thy spirit)</i> | Page 325, BCP |
| Collect of the Day | Scripture Sheet |
| Old Testament <i>Exodus 17:1-7</i> | Scripture Sheet |
| Psalm 95:1-7 <i>Venite</i> | Scripture Sheet |
| Epistle <i>Romans 5:1-11</i> | Scripture Sheet |
| Sequence <i>As Longs the Deer</i> | Hymn 658 |
| Gospel <i>John 4:5-42</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 | |
| Offertory | |

Holy Communion

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| Presentation of Gifts and Offerings <i>Doxology</i> | Hymn 380:3 |
| Eucharistic Prayer I | Page 333, BCP |
| Holy, Holy, Holy <i>Sanctus</i> | Hymn S-113 |
| 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> | Hymn S-158 |
| Communion <i>All are welcome at the Lord's Table</i> | |
| Post-Communion Prayer | Page 339, BCP |
| Blessing | |
| Recessional <i>Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah</i> | Hymn 690 |
| Dismissal | |
| Piano Postlude | |

Discover the Hope that is in You

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



In his Letter to the Romans, St. Paul advises us to “rejoice in our sufferings,” which may be a help during this Season of Lent. Think of a time of suffering in your life. Look deeply within your inmost self. Can you see that endurance, character, and hope have come from that difficult experience? Peace, Wells+

speaking with her?” Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, “Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?” They left the city and were on their way to him. Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, “Rabbi, eat something.” But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.” So the disciples said to one another, “Surely no one has brought him something to eat?” Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, ‘Four months more, then comes the harvest’? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.” Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I have ever done.” So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world.”



LESSONS FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

March 19, 2017

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Old Testament *Exodus 17:1-7*

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, “Give us water to drink.” Moses said to them, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?” But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?” So Moses cried out to the LORD, “What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.” The LORD said to Moses, “Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.” Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, “Is the LORD among us or not?”

Psalm 95:1-7 *Venite, exultemus*

Come, let us sing to the LORD; *
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the LORD is a great God, *
and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, *
and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the LORD our Maker.

For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the
sheep of his hand. *
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

Epistle *Romans 5:1-11*

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Gospel *John 4:5-42*

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you." Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you