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For 20 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](mailto:wellswarren@msn.com)

## Serving This Week

Jimmy and Betty Weldon,  
*Ushers*  
Jean Kerr, *Altar Guild*  
John Rand, *Lay Reader*  
Caleb Hart, *Pianist*  
Esther Hart, *Violinist*  
Lavonne Hart, *Lay Eucharistic Minister*  
Debra and Maurice McCord,  
*Stewards*

## In Our Prayers

We pray for those who are sick and recovering from illness or surgery, including Barbara Trogdon, Norma Johnson, Rita Whitman, John Rand, Jim Rand, Bobby Dupree, Betty's mother Louise, Jimmy's niece Allison, Eleanor Lloyd, Lynn Dubay, Eddie Harper, Lannon and Charlotte Poole, and Robin and Clint Darby.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we remember St. Mary's on-the-Highlands on the Southside of Birmingham, and St. Mary's in Jasper; our companion diocese of Haiti and its bishops, Zaché and Oge; and for the Kairos Prison Ministry and Kairos Outside in the Diocese of Alabama.



# EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY



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## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*A Celebration of Holy Eucharist*

Ten-thirty on Sunday Morning  
The Twenty-first Day of December  
In the Year of Our Lord 2014

*My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant. -Magnificat*

# FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## *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 service music from All Saints' Chapel in Sewanee, published by St. James Press.*

Lighting of the Advent Candles

Piano Prelude

Words of Peace

Processional *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* *Hymn 59:1-4*

Penitential Acclamation *Page 355, BCP*

Collect for Purity

Glory to God *Gloria* *St. James*

Salutation *Page 357, BCP*

Collect of the Day *Scripture Sheet*

### Liturgy of the Word

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

Old Testament *2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16* *Scripture Sheet*

Canticle 15 *The Song of Mary* *Scripture Sheet*

Epistle *Romans 16:25-27* *Scripture Sheet*

Sequence *The Angel Gabriel from Heaven* *Hymn 265*

Gospel *Luke 1:26-38* *Scripture Sheet*

The Sermon *Father Wells*

The Nicene Creed *Page 358, BCP*

The Prayers of the People, Form V *Page 389, BCP*

The Peace

Announcements

Offertory

Presentation *Now Thank We All Our God* *Hymn 396:1*

Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands, and voices,  
Who wondrous things hath done, in whom his world rejoices;  
Who from our mother's arms, hath blessed us on our way  
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

### Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer B *Page 367, BCP*

Holy, Holy, Holy *Sanctus* *St. James*

Consecration of the Elements

The Lord's Prayer *Traditional* *Page 364, BCP*

Breaking of the Bread

Lamb of God *Agnus Dei* *St. James*

Invitation

Communion

Post-Communion Prayer *Page 365, BCP*

Blessing

Recessional *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* *Hymn 59:5-8*

Dismissal

Piano Postlude

### Announcements

**Beans & Rice** was another huge outpouring of love and groceries to the poor and needy in our area. Thanks to all who helped with the purchase, transport, stocking, and distribution on Saturday morning. We can know that Christmas will be considerably merrier because of your good work!

**Contact Pam Van Etten** if you have someone to include in the Prayers of the People, or an event to announce in the bulletin. We want to be sure that we name those who are sick, recovering from illness or surgery, getting married, or preparing for baptism.

**The Fourth and Final Stewardship Conversation** at 9:30 in the Little

House was a low-key, no-pressure look at personal finances—our resources, priorities, limitations, and charitable giving. We used a state-average set of numbers as our model, and asked the question, “What Should We Give to the Church?”



## The Lessons for the Fourth Sunday of Advent

### Collect of the Day

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

### Old Testament 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

Now when the king was settled in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the LORD is with you." But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the LORD: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the LORD of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne shall be established forever.

### Canticle 15 *The Song of Mary*

My soul proclaims the  
greatness of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God my  
Savior; \*

for he has looked with  
favor on his lowly servant.  
From this day all generations  
will call me blessed: \*

the Almighty has done  
great things for me, and holy  
is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him \*  
in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm, \*  
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, \*  
and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things, \*  
and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel, \*  
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,  
The promise he made to our fathers, \*  
to Abraham and his children for ever.



### Epistle *Romans 16:25-27*

Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith-- to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever! Amen.

**Gospel** *Luke 1:26-38*

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.



**CHRISTMAS EVE**  
*The Episcopal Church of the Epiphany*  
Come Home for Christmas!  
The Carols of Christmas at 6 pm.  
Festival Holy Eucharist at 6:30 pm.

## ***COME HOME FOR CHRISTMAS!***

Join your church family on  
**Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, at 6 pm**  
for the *Carols of Christmas*, followed by  
**Festival Holy Eucharist at 6:30 pm**  
and a *Christmas Party* in the Little House.