



THE
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WELCOMES YOU

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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 wellswarens@msn.com

Serving This Week

John and Kathy Haynie, *Ushers*
Cathy Jones, *Altar Guild*
Mark Harris, *Lay Reader*
Maurice McCord, *Lay Eucharistic Minister*
Hannah Martin, *Pianist*
James Hart, *Guitar and Vocals*
Amanda Borden, *Refreshments*
Eddie and Pamela Harper, *Stewards*
Jimmy and Betty Weldon, *Grounds*

In Our Prayers

We pray for those who are sick and recovering from illness or surgery, including Mike Lowe, Eleanor Loyd, Mary Southern, Randy Norris, Michael Williams, Virginia Nordon, Rita Whitman, Charlotte Poole, Pamela Harper's mother Billie, Rachel Russo, Troy Warlick, and Ethleen Bazzell.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for our companion dioceses of Alaska and the Virgin Islands, and their bishops Mark and Ambrose; El Hogar Farm School in Honduras; Church of the Good Shepherd in Decatur and Montgomery; and Church of the Holy Comforter in Gadsden and Montgomery.



EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY



2602 Gilmer Ave. Tallassee, Alabama 36078 (334) 252-8618

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

A Celebration of Holy Eucharist

Ten-thirty on Sunday Morning
The Seventeenth Day of April
In the Year of Our Lord 2016

My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

A Celebration of Holy Eucharist

The People are invited to observe a time of quiet prayer. We are using the St. James service music which can be found on the Narthex table as you enter.

Gathering of the People

Piano Prelude	
Words of Peace	
Processional <i>Alleluia, Sing to Jesus!</i>	<i>Hymn 460</i>
Easter Acclamation	Page 355, BCP
Collect for Purity	
Glory to God <i>Gloria</i>	<i>St. James</i>
Salutation	Page 357, BCP
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 <i>Acts 9:36-43</i>	Scripture Sheet
Psalm 23 <i>King James Version</i>	Scripture Sheet
Second Lesson <i>Revelation 7:9-17</i>	Scripture Sheet
Sequence <i>Come Away to the Skies</i>	<i>Hymn 213</i>
Gospel Lesson <i>John 10:22-30</i>	
The Sermon	Father Wells
Nicene Creed	Page 358, BCP
Prayers of the People, Form VI	Page 392, BCP
Confession of Sin	
Absolution	
The Peace	
Announcements	
Offertory	
Presentation <i>Now Thank We All Our God</i>	<i>Hymn 397:1</i>
<i>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.</i>	

Holy Communion

All are welcome at the Lord's Table.

Eucharistic Prayer A	Page 361, BCP
Holy, Holy, Holy <i>Sanctus</i>	<i>St. James</i>
Consecration of the Elements	
Lord's Prayer	Page 364, BCP
Breaking of the Bread	
Fraction <i>Jesus, Lamb of God</i>	<i>St. James</i>
Communion	
Post-Communion Prayer	Page 366, BCP
Blessing	
Recessional <i>Ye Servants of God</i>	<i>Hymn 535</i>
Dismissal	
Piano Postlude	

Confirmation & Coffee

FOUR SUNDAYS IN MAY IN THE LITTLE HOUSE

The Bishop's Visit is set for the Third Sunday after Pentecost, June 5, 2016. If you are interested in becoming a confirmed Episcopalian, then join us for *Confirmation & Coffee* in the Little House for four Sunday mornings in May.



Confirmation & Coffee will be held at the Sunday School Hour (9:30 to 10:05 am) on May 8, 15, 22, and 29. Set your alarm clock early so you can be with us at 9:30 am in the Little House!

The Sacrament of Confirmation is open to all baptized members in the Episcopal Church. Confirmation is a public declaration of mature faith in Jesus Christ, and in the vows made at Holy Baptism. I hope that you decide to be confirmed by Bishop Santosh on June 5. *Wells+*



LESSONS FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

The Collect

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

First Lesson *Acts 9:36-43*

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

Psalm 23 *King James Version*

The LORD is my shepherd; *
I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; *
he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul; *
he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his
Name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil; *

for thou art with me;
thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of
mine enemies; *

thou anointest my head with oil;
my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days
of my life, *

and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

Second Lesson *Revelation 7:9-17*

I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,

and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

Gospel *John 10:22-30*

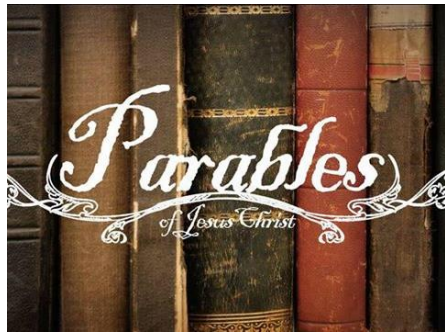
At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one.”

JOIN US FOR THE BLESSING OF MIKE AND CHARLENE RALLO'S HOME THIS AFTERNOON AT 1 PM.

Concluding the PARABLES of JESUS

Next Sunday, April 24
at 9:30 am, we come

to the conclusion of
the Parables of Jesus series of Sunday School classes.
Many thanks to all who have taken part in the
conversations! I hope that you have learned and
grown in your faith. Please join us for the four
Sundays in May for an Inquirers Class entitled
“Confirmation & Coffee!” All are welcome, *Wells+*



UPCOMING WORSHIP & EVENTS

5 Easter Sunday, April 24

The Final Parable of Jesus at 9:30 am

Holy Eucharist II-A at 10:30 am

Committal of Ashes in the Columbarium

Refreshments at 11:30 am

6 Easter Sunday, May 1

Father Wells will be absent

No Sunday School this morning

Morning Prayer II at 10:30 am

Refreshments at 11:30 am

7 Easter Sunday, May 8

Confirmation & Coffee #1 at 9:30 am

Holy Eucharist II-A at 10:30 am

Refreshments at 11:30 am

Vestry Meeting at 12 noon

FEAST OF PENTECOST

Pentecost Day, May 15

Confirmation & Coffee #2 at 9:30 am

Festival Holy Eucharist II-D at 10:30 am

Refreshments at 11:30 am

TRINITY SUNDAY

1 Pentecost, May 22

Confirmation & Coffee #3 at 9:30 am

Festival Holy Eucharist II-D at 10:30 am

Refreshments at 11:30 am

ORDINARY TIME 2015

2 Pentecost Sunday, May 29

Confirmation & Coffee #4 at 9:30 am

Holy Eucharist II-A at 10:30 am

Refreshments at 11:30 am

Vestry Meeting at 12:00 noon

THE BISHOP'S VISIT

3 Pentecost Sunday, June 5

Bishop's Time at 9:30 am in the Little House

Confirmation and Festival Holy Eucharist II-A at 10:30 am

Potluck Luncheon at 11:30 am

