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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

Kay and Mike Dickey,
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Cathy Jones, *Altar Guild*
Hugh Thompson, *Lay Reader*
Jere Van Etten, *Lay Eucharistic Minister*
Esther Hart, *Pianist and Violinist*
Mark Haris, *Refreshments*

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 Deysel, 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.



Many Thanks to Betty and Jimmy Weldon, Mike and Charlene Rallo, and Lee Borden for installing our new church sign at Wal-Mart!

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FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT Holy Eucharist: Rite One

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

*The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;
he leadeth me beside still waters.*

FOURTH 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.

Piano Prelude	
Words of Peace	
Processional <i>O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing</i>	Hymn 493
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.

Salutation <i>(And with thy spirit)</i>	Page 325, BCP
Collect of the Day	Scripture Sheet
Old Testament <i>1 Samuel 16:1-13</i>	Scripture Sheet
Psalm 23 <i>Dominus regit me</i>	Scripture Sheet
Epistle <i>Ephesians 5:8-14</i>	Scripture Sheet
Sequence <i>Deck Thyself, My Soul, with Gladness</i>	Hymn 339
Gospel <i>John 9:1-41</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	
Piano Offertory	

Holy Communion

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>Thine Arm, O Lord, in Days of Old</i>	Hymn 567
Dismissal	
Piano Postlude	

Do You Believe in the Resurrection of Jesus?

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



This Easter Season, which begins on the Day of Resurrection, April 16, 2017, and ends on Pentecost Day, June 4, 2017, is often called “The Great Fifty Days.” On these seven Sundays, we will examine the Resurrection appearances of Jesus and consider most

seriously the Great Mystery of Eternal Life. As always, we test what we believe by considering (1) what Holy Scripture teaches us; (2) what the Tradition of the One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church tells us; and (3) what the Experience of our own lives shows us. Experience is more than our Intellect and Reason. It is the sum total of our life and our being—heart, mind, soul, and strength. Peace, Wells+

So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet." The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him." So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out. Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind." Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains."

LESSONS FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 26, 2017

The Collect of the Day

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Old Testament *1 Samuel 16:1-13*

The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed is now before the LORD." But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And

Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.” He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, “Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.” Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

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.

Epistle *Ephesians 5:8-14*

Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, “ Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

Gospel *John 9:1-41*



As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man’s eyes, saying to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” Some were saying, “It is he.” Others were saying, “No, but it is someone like him.” He kept saying, “I am the man.” But they kept asking him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ Then I went and washed and received my sight.” They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.” They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, “He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.” Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath.” But others said, “How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?” And they were divided.