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CHURCH  
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 [wellswareen@msn.com](mailto:wellswareen@msn.com)

### Serving This Week

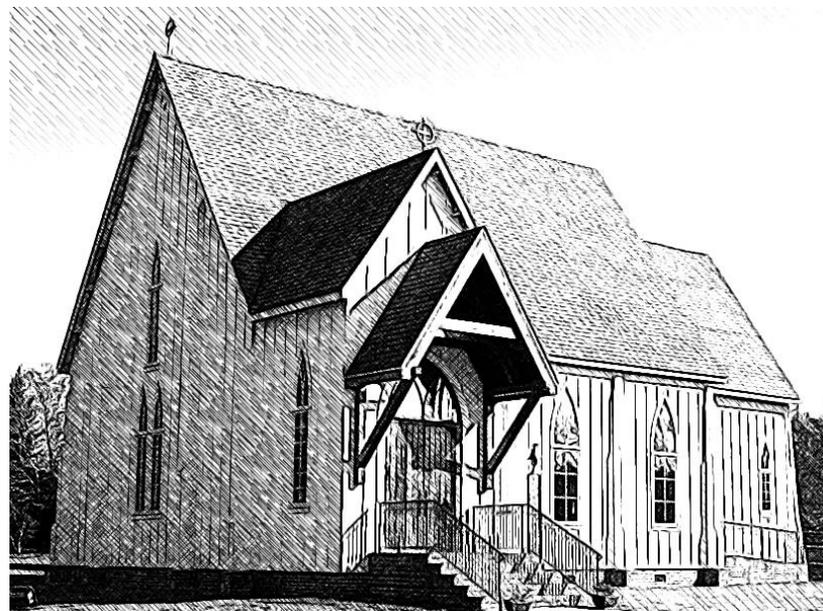
Jim Rand and Jimmy Weldon,  
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*Minister*  
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James Hart, *Guitar and Vocals*  
Laura Williams, *Refreshments*  
Pam and Jere Van Etten,  
*Stewards*  
Sharon Cleary and Mark Harris,  
*Grounds*

### 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. And we remember Mavilene Prentice, a founding membe, who died last week.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for our companion dioceses of Alaska and the Virgin Islands, and their bishops Mark and Ambrose; the Alabama Coalition Against Domestic Violence; the Renacence Halfway House in Montgomery; St. Mark's parish churches in Birmingham, Boligee, and Prattville; and St. Catherine's in Chelsea.

## EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY



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## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

*A Celebration of Holy Eucharist*

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

*Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to  
be the way, the truth, and the life.*

# FIFTH 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>O Praise Ye the Lord</i>	<i>Hymn 432</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 11:1-18</i>	Scripture Sheet
Psalm 148 <i>Laudate Dominum</i>	Scripture Sheet
Second Lesson <i>Revelation 21:1-6</i>	Scripture Sheet
Sequence <i>Come My Way, My Truth, My Life</i>	<i>Hymn 487</i>
Gospel Lesson <i>John 13:31-35</i>	Scripture Sheet
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 <i>Hannah Martin and James Hart</i>	
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>In Christ There is No East or West</i>	<i>Hymn 529</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.

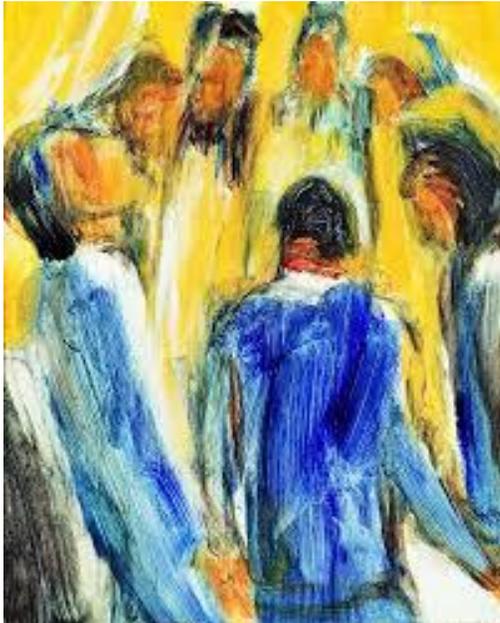


**Confirmation & Coffee** will be held at the Sunday School Hour (9:30 to 10:05 am) on May 8, 15, 22, and 29. Set your alarm clock early so you can be with us at 9:30 am in the Little House!

**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+*

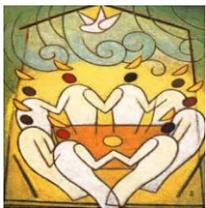
said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

**Gospel** *John 13:31-35*



At the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just

as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."



**PENTECOST is coming May 15, 2016**

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

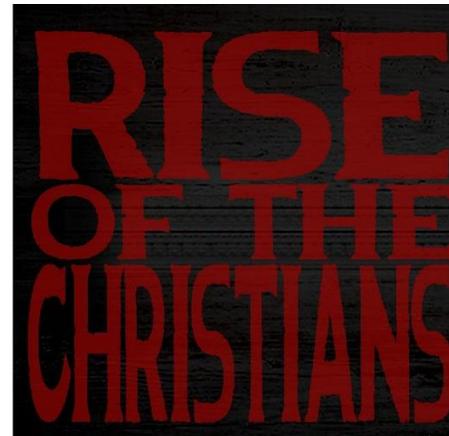
## LESSONS FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

*April 24, 2016*

### The Collect

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### First Lesson *Acts 11:1-18*



Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by

step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them

and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

### **Psalm 148** *Laudate Dominum*

Hallelujah! Praise the LORD from the heavens; \*  
*praise him in the heights.*

Praise him, all you angels of his; \*  
*praise him, all his host.*

Praise him, sun and moon; \*  
*praise him, all you shining stars.*

Praise him, heaven of heavens, \*  
*and you waters above the heavens.*

Let them praise the Name of the LORD; \*  
*for he commanded, and they were created.*

He made them stand fast for ever and ever; \*  
*he gave them a law which shall not pass away.*

Praise the LORD from the earth, \*  
*you sea-monsters and all deeps;*

Fire and hail, snow and fog, \*  
*tempestuous wind, doing his will;*

Mountains and all hills, \*  
*fruit trees and all cedars;*

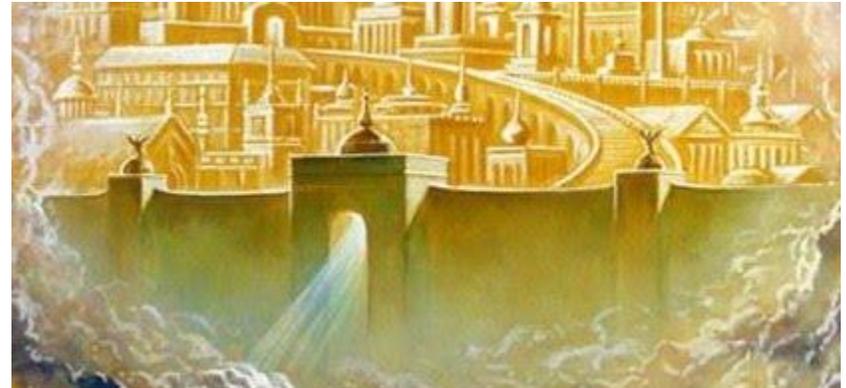
Wild beasts and all cattle, \*  
*creeping things and winged birds;*

Kings of the earth and all peoples, \*  
*princes and all rulers of the world;*

Young men and maidens, \*  
*old and young together.*

Let them praise the Name of the LORD, \*  
*for his Name only is exalted, his splendor is over earth and heaven.*

He has raised up strength for his people and praise for all his loyal servants, \*  
*the children of Israel, a people who are near him. Hallelujah!*



### **Epistle** *Revelation 21:1-6*

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he