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The Most Rev. Michael B. Curry
27th Presiding Bishop
The Rt. Rev. John McKee Sloan
11th Bishop of Alabama
The Rev. Dr. John Wells Warren, *Priest*

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Michael Harber, *Senior Warden*
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Mike Rallo, *Vestry Member*
Jean Kerr, *Vestry Member*
Maurice McCord, *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

Mike and Charlene Rallo, *Ushers*
Elizabeth Harber, *Altar Guild*
Betty Weldon, *Lay Reader*
Maurice McCord, *Lay Eucharistic Minister*
Esther Hart, *Pianist and Violinist*
Pamela Harper, *Refreshments*
Laura Williams and Cathy Jones, *Stewards*

In Our Prayers

We pray for those who are sick and recovering from illness or surgery, including John Haynie, 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.

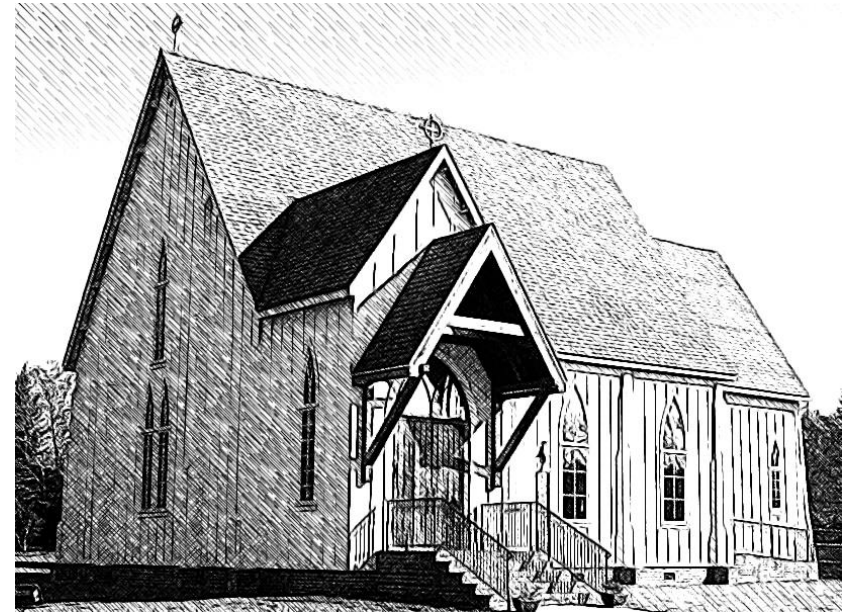
We pray for Allison, Jeffrey, Macy, Dolores, Julie, Martha, Mary Southern, Billie, Troy, Peggy, Elizabeth, Letha, Marsha, Carly, Norma, and Wells's mother Carolyn.

We pray for our companion dioceses of Alaska and the Virgin Islands and their bishops Mark and Ambrose.

Finally, we remember those who have died, including Phil Easter, friend of Lee and Amanda Borden, a well-respected gardener and community citizen in Montgomery.



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FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY *A Celebration of Holy Eucharist*

Ten-thirty on Sunday Morning
The Fifth Day of February
In the Year of Our Lord 2017

Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill.

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

A Celebration of Holy Eucharist

Gathering of the People

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| Piano Prelude | |
| Words of Peace | |
| Processional <i>Dear Lord and Father</i> | <i>Hymn 653</i> |
| Acclamation | Page 355, BCP |
| Collect for Purity | |
| Glory to God <i>Gloria</i> | <i>Hymn S-280</i> |
| Salutation | Page 357, BCP |
| Collect of the Day | Scripture Sheet |

Liturgy of the Word

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

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| Old Testament <i>Isaiah 58:1-12</i> | Scripture Sheet |
| Psalm 112:1-9 <i>Beatus vir</i> | Scripture Sheet |
| Epistle <i>1 Corinthians 2:1-12</i> | Scripture Sheet |
| Sequence <i>Be Thou My Vision</i> | <i>Hymn 488</i> |
| Gospel <i>Matthew 5:13-20</i> | Scripture Sheet |
| The Sermon | |
| The Nicene Creed | Page 358, BCP |
| Prayers of the People, Form III | Page 387, BCP |
| Confession and Absolution | |
| The Peace | |
| Announcements | |
| Piano Offertory | |
| Presentation <i>O Gracious Light Phos hilaron</i> | <i>Hymn 26:1,3</i> |

*O gracious Light, Lord Jesus Christ, in you the Father's glory shown.
Immortal, holy, blest is he, and blest are you, his holy Son.
Worthy are you of endless praise, O Son of God, Life-giving Lord;
Wherefore you are through all the earth and in the highest heaven
adored.*

Holy Communion

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| Eucharistic Prayer C | Page 369, BCP |
| Holy, Holy, Holy <i>Sanctus</i> | <i>Hymn S-129</i> |
| Consecration of the Elements | |
| The Lord's Prayer <i>Contemporary</i> | Page 364, BCP |
| Breaking of the Bread | |
| Fraction <i>O Lamb of God</i> | <i>Hymn S-158</i> |
| Communion | |
| Post-Communion Prayer | Page 366, BCP |
| Blessing | |
| Recessional <i>O Spirit of Life</i> | <i>Hymn 505</i> |
| Dismissal | |
| Piano Postlude | |

The Celebration and Blessing of Your Home



One of my favorite “new” traditions at the Episcopal Church of the Epiphany is the Celebration and Blessing of a Home whenever we gather for Foyer Dinner. If you’re not familiar with this liturgy, it’s found in the Book of Occasional Services, a supplemental text to the Book of Common Prayer.

A House Blessing is an occasion to invite friends and family for a meal, fellowship, and prayers for the happiness, health, safety, and security of your home. We walk through your entire house, blessing each room. We bless the garden and yard. And we celebrate a simple Eucharist to conclude the liturgy.

We read from the Book of Genesis, the story of Abraham and Sarah’s hospitality to three strangers, who turn out to be angels, or even the LORD himself—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Let Mike Harber know if you want to schedule your House Blessing in 2017.

Peace, Wells+

Gospel *Matthew 5:13-20*

SALT & MATTHEW 5:13-16 LIGHT

Jesus said, “You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. “You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light

to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”



What About an Easter Egg Hunt?

Although Hugh Thompson has cycled off the Vestry, and handed off his

role as chair of the Evangelism ministry, he continues to offer good ideas for reaching out to the community. The other day he suggested having an Easter Egg Hunt for children in Tallassee, as a great way to welcome new friends to our “good and pleasant land.” Tell the Vestry what you think about it! Wells+

LESSONS FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

February 5, 2017

The Collect

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

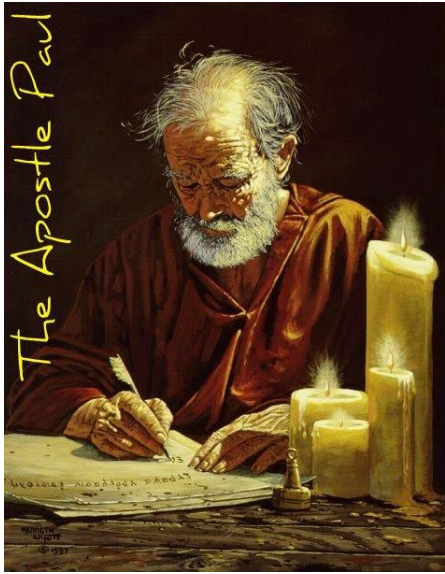
Old Testament *Isaiah 58:1-12*



Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a

nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God. “Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?” Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD? Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and

your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The LORD will guide



you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

Psalm 112:1-9 *Beatus vir*

Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the Lord *

and have great delight in his commandments!

Their descendants will be mighty in the land; *
the generation of the upright will be blessed.

Wealth and riches will be in their house, *
and their righteousness will last for ever.

Light shines in the darkness for the upright; *
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.

It is good for them to be generous in lending *
and to manage their affairs with justice.

For they will never be shaken; *
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.

They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; *
their heart is right; they put their trust in the Lord.

Their heart is established and will not shrink, *
until they see their desire upon their enemies.

They have given freely to the poor, *
and their righteousness stands fast for ever; they will hold up their head with honor.

Epistle 1 Corinthians 2:1-12

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God. Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him"—these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.