



THE
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The Most Rev. Michael B. Curry
27th Presiding Bishop
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11th Bishop of Alabama
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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

Lavonne Hart and Jimmy Weldon, *Ushers/Stewards*
Elizabeth Harber, *Altar Guild*
Kay Dickey, *Lay Reader*
Laura Williams, *Lay Eucharistic Minister*
Esther Hart, *Pianist and Violinist*
Leigh Warren, *Refreshments*
Mark Harris and Jere Van Etten, *Groundskeeping*

In Our Prayers

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

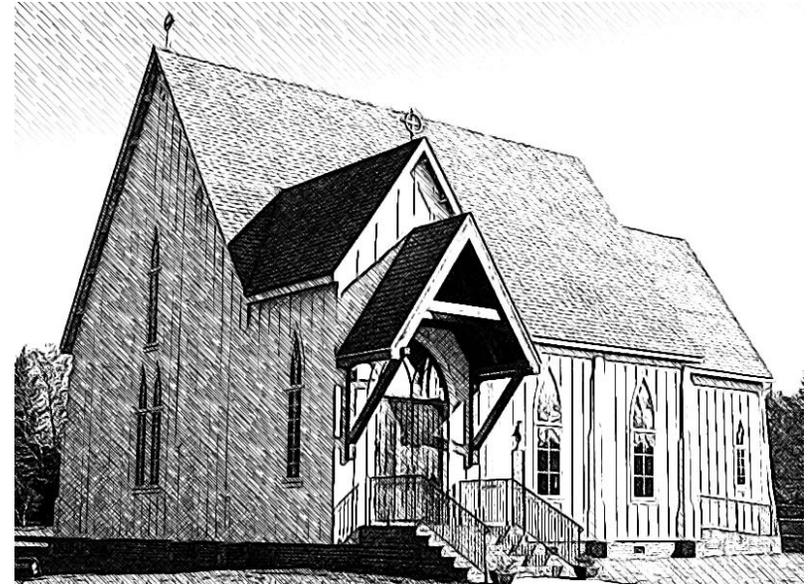
We pray for those who are sick and recovering from illness or surgery, including Bill Shell's wife Dolores, Michael Williams, and Eddie Harper's cousin Gary.

We also pray for John and Kathy's grandsons, Vincent and Dezsel, and their parents, Amber and Jared. We pray for Allison, Jeffrey, Macy, Julie, Martha, Mary Southern, Troy, Peggy, Elizabeth, Letha, Marsha, Carly, and Norma.

And we pray for Pamela Harper's mother Billie, who died recently. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.



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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

A Celebration of Holy Eucharist

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

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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 the St. James music sheet available in the narthex.

Prelude

Words of Peace

Processional *I Sing the Almighty Power of God*

Hymn 398

Easter Acclamation

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Glory to God *Gloria*

St. James

Salutation

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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 *Acts 17:22-31*

Scripture Sheet

Psalm 66:7-18 *Jubilate Deo*

Scripture Sheet

Second Lesson *1 Peter 3:13-22*

Scripture Sheet

Sequence *Come, We That Love the Lord*

Hymn 392

Gospel Lesson *John 14:15-21*

Scripture Sheet

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

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Prayers of the People, Form VI

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Confession of Sin and Absolution

The Peace

Announcements

Offertory

Holy Communion

All are welcome at the Lord's Table.

Presentation *Phos hilaron*

Hymn 26

Eucharistic Prayer A

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Holy, Holy, Holy *Sanctus*

St. James

Consecration of the Elements

Lord's Prayer

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Breaking of the Bread

Fraction *Jesus, Lamb of God*

St. James

Communion

Post-Communion Prayer

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Blessing

Recessional *All Creatures of Our God and King*

Hymn 400

Dismissal

Postlude

Upcoming Events



May 21 6 Easter Sunday

Sunday School Class at 9:30 am

“Jesus Appears at the Seashore”

Holy Eucharist II-A at 10:30 am

Refreshments in the Little House

VESTRY MEETING at 12:00 noon

May 28 ASCENSION SUNDAY

Final Sunday School Class at 9:30 am

“Jesus Ascends into Heaven”

Festival Holy Eucharist at 10:30 am

Refreshments in the Little House

June 4 PENTECOST DAY

Festival Holy Eucharist at 10:30 am

June 11 TRINITY SUNDAY

Festival Holy Eucharist at 10:30 am

June 17 Saturday

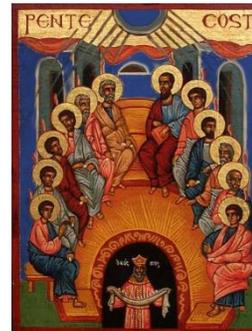
BEANS & RICE

Little House from 8:30 to 11:00 am

June 18 FATHER'S DAY

2 Pentecost Sunday Holy Eucharist II-A

at 10:30 am Refreshments in the Little House



in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you— not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.



Gospel *John 14:15-21*

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. "I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

LESSONS FOR THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

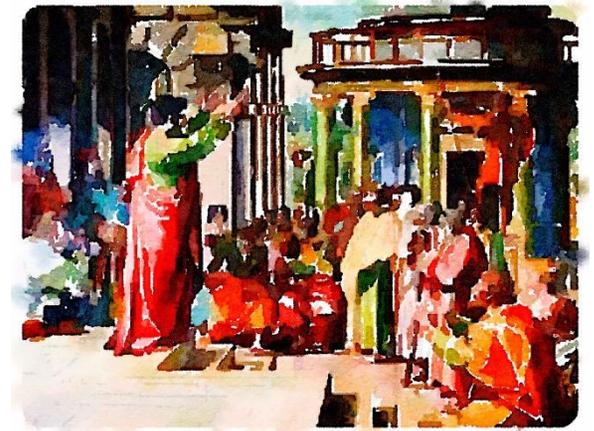
May 21, 2017

The Collect of the Day

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding; Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

First Lesson *Acts 17:22-31*

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription,



'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and

move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we too are his offspring.' Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

Psalm 66:7-18 *Jubilate Deo*

Bless our God, you peoples; *
make the voice of his praise to be heard;

Who holds our souls in life, *
and will not allow our feet to slip.

For you, O God, have proved us; *
you have tried us just as silver is tried.

You brought us into the snare; *
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.

You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through fire and water; *
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

I will enter your house with burnt-offerings and will pay you my vows, *
which I promised with my lips and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.

I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts with the smoke of rams; *
I will give you oxen and goats.

Come and listen, all you who fear God, *
and I will tell you what he has done for me.

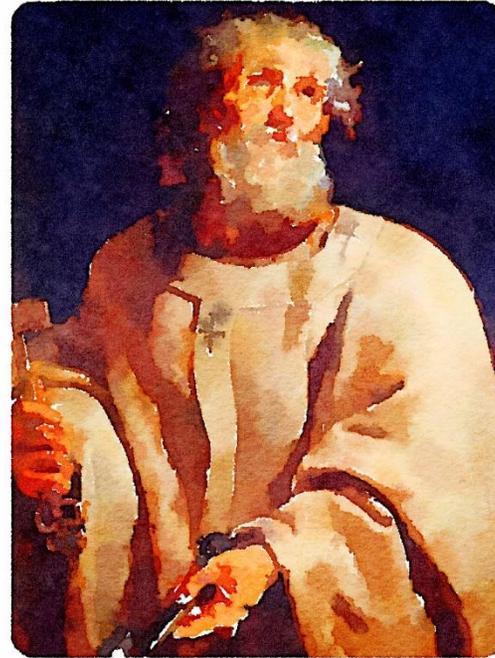
I called out to him with my mouth, *
and his praise was on my tongue.

If I had found evil in my heart, *
the Lord would not have heard me;

But in truth God has heard me; *
he has attended to the voice of my prayer.

Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, *
nor withheld his love from me.

Epistle *1 Peter 3:13-22*



Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned,

those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently