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Cathy Jones, Vestry Member

Laura Williams, Vestry Member

Betty Weldon, Treasurer

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## The Work of the People

Ushers: Maurice and Debra McCord

Altar Guild: Laura Williams

Lay Reader: Ramona Heil-Norris

Pianist: Caleb Hart

Lay Eucharistic Minister: Laura Williams

Refreshments: Jean Kerr

Stewards: Debra and Maurice McCord

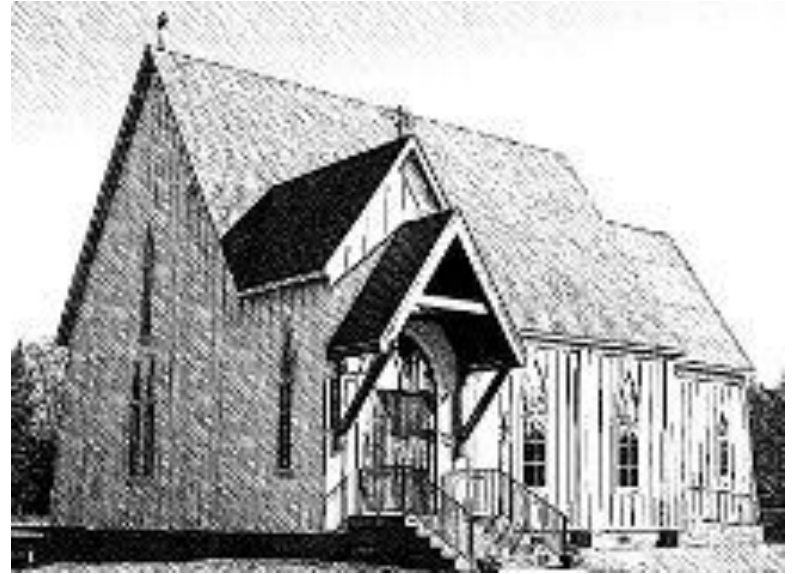
## Church Communications

Epiphany's Church Calendar is now available on our web site at [www.epiphanytallasse.org](http://www.epiphanytallasse.org) Look on the left side for "Epiphany Calendar."

Reach the Church during the week by telephone at (334) 252-8618 or online at [www.epiphanytallasse.org](http://www.epiphanytallasse.org)

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# *The* EPISCOPAL CHURCH *of the* EPIPHANY



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## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

*A Celebration of Holy Eucharist*

Ten-thirty on Sunday Morning  
The Twenty-fifth Day of May  
In the Year of Our Lord 2014

*This year, the Episcopal Church of the Epiphany celebrates 20 years as a parish in the Episcopal Diocese of Alabama, the Episcopal Church USA, and the worldwide Anglican Communion.*

# 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*

Piano Prelude

Words of Peace

Processional *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven* Hymn 410

Easter Acclamation Page 355, BCP

Collect for Purity

Glory to God *Gloria* Hymn S-280

Salutation Page 357, BCP

The Collect of the Day Scripture Sheet

### Liturgy of the Word

First Lesson *Acts 17:22-31* Scripture Sheet

Psalms 66:7-18 *Jubilate Deo* Scripture Sheet

Second Lesson *1 Peter 3:13-22* Scripture Sheet

Sequence *Be Thou My Vision* Hymn 488

Gospel Lesson *John 14:15-21* Scripture Sheet

Sermon *Father Wells*

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The Prayers of the People, Form VI Page 392, BCP

Confession of Sin and Absolution

Renewal of Marriage Vows

The Peace

Announcements

Offertory

### Holy Communion

Presentation *The Doxology* Hymn 380:3

Eucharistic Prayer A Page 361, BCP

Holy, Holy, Holy *Sanctus* Hymn S-129

Consecration of the Elements

The Lord's Prayer *Traditional* Page 364, BCP

Breaking of the Bread Page 364, BCP

Fraction *Jesus, Lamb of God* Hymn S-164

Invitation

Communion

Post-Communion Prayer Page 366, BCP

Blessing

Recessional *Come, We That Love the Lord* Hymn 392

Dismissal

Piano Postlude

*Join us for refreshments in the Little House immediately following our worship!*

### In Our Prayers

Janet Bray (Tom), Lynda Denton, Thurman Harris, Charlotte and Lannon Poole, Dezel Oliver (Kathy Haynie), Billie Wilkinson (Eddie and Pam Harper), Lindsey Burt (Eddie and Pam Harper), Kathy Brumbleloe (Jere and Pam Van Etten), Sherry Gritz (Jean Kerr), Clifford Flood (Jean Kerr), Sally Kingsley (Hugh Thompson), John Graves (Betty Weldon), Allison Foggarty (Jimmy Weldon), Ed Clayton (Jean Kerr), Kathy DeArmond (Jean Kerr), Phil Gatusso (Jere Van Etten), Charlene Bates (Jean Kerr), Mavilene Prentice (Betty Weldon), Virginia Nordon (Betty Weldon), David Hodges (Amanda Borden), Cameron Hornsby (Pam Van Etten), Jerry Durham (Barbara Trogon), Heather Flora (Kelli Kerr), and Greta Sargent (Kelli Kerr).

### Social Media

Visit our web site throughout the week at [www.epiphanytallasse.org](http://www.epiphanytallasse.org) for news, events, sermons, and other information.



Find us on Facebook at *Episcopal Church of the Epiphany*. Last week, we had 49 friends and a total reach of 306.

Top posts last week were a photograph of Mike and Elizabeth Harber's renewal of marriage vows, and last week's humorous sermon on "Shepherds and Sheep."

And may God the Holy Trinity, the source of all unity, bless you this day and for ever. *Amen.*



**The Areopagus** was an open outcropping northwest of the Acropolis where, in the pre-Roman era, court cases were heard. In Saint Paul's time, it served as a venue for hearing famous speakers or interesting presentations. The Athenians are intrigued by Paul's presentation, "When they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some scoffed; but others said, 'We will hear you again about this.'"

### Beans & Rice Outreach



**We Need More Help!** Each third Thursday before Beans & Rice Saturday, we need your help unloading and shelving food at the Little House from 3-5 pm. Betty reported that we gave food to 52 families in May, so our numbers are holding up through the spring and summer months. St. Dunstan's students and friends donated another \$80 to the cause.

## The Lessons for the Sixth Sunday of Easter

### 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*

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## Second Lesson *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 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 Lesson *John 14:15-21*

Jesus said to his disciples, "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."

## A Celebration of the Fortieth Anniversary of the Marriage of Lee and Amanda Borden

Friends in Christ, we are gathered together with Lee and Amanda, who have come today to give thanks to God for his blessing upon their marriage, and to reaffirm their marriage covenant.

Lee, do you here, in the presence of God and of this congregation, renew the promises you made when you bound yourself to Amanda in holy matrimony?

*I do.*

Amanda, do you here, in the presence of God and of this congregation, renew the promises you made when you bound yourself to Lee in holy matrimony?

*I do.*

*Lee and Amanda say together*

We thank you, most gracious God, for consecrating our marriage in Christ's Name and presence. Lead us further in companionship with each other and with you. Give us grace to live together in love and fidelity, with care for one another. Strengthen us all our days, and bring us to that holy table where, with those we love, we will feast for ever in our heavenly home; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*Father Wells then blesses them, saying*

May God the Father, who at creation ordained that man and woman become one flesh, keep you one. *Amen.*

May God the Son, who adorned this manner of life by his first miracle, at the wedding in Cana of Galilee, be present with you always. *Amen.*

May God the Holy Spirit, who has given you the will to persevere in your love and in your covenant with each other, strengthen your bond. *Amen.*