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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

Sharon Cleary and Hugh Thompson, *Ushers/Stewards*
Lavonne Hart, *Altar Guild*
Jean Kerr, *Lay Reader*
Jere Van Etten, *Lay Eucharistic Minister*
Esther Hart, *Pianist and Violinist*
Cathy Jones, *Refreshments*

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 Dezel, 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.



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SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

A Celebration of Holy Eucharist

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

I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, 'You fool,' you will be liable to the hell of fire.

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Gathering of the People

Piano Prelude	
Words of Peace	
Processional <i>I Come with Joy to Meet My Lord</i>	<i>Hymn 304</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.

Old Testament <i>Isaiah 58:1-12</i>	Scripture Sheet
Psalm 119:1-8 <i>Beati immaculate</i>	Scripture Sheet
Epistle <i>1 Corinthians 3:1-9</i>	Scripture Sheet
Sequence <i>If Thou But Trust in God</i>	<i>Hymn 635</i>
Gospel <i>Matthew 5:21-37</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

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>Go Forth for God</i>	<i>Hymn 347</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+

EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY

The School of Theology is located in Sewanee, Tennessee, and is an institution of the University of the South.



The School of Theology is comprised of an accredited seminary of The Episcopal Church and the Beecken Center, a center for lay and clergy education and training. The seminary educates women and men to serve the broad whole of The Episcopal Church in ordained and lay vocations. The School develops leaders who are learned, skilled, informed by the Word of God, and committed to the mission of Christ's church, in the Anglican tradition of forming disciples through a common life of prayer, learning, and service. Sewanee's seminary education and world-wide programs equip people for ministry through the gift of theological reflection in community.

Education for Ministry (EFM) is a unique four-year distance learning certificate program in theological education based upon small-group study and practice. Since its founding in 1975, this international program has assisted more than 80,000 participants in discovering and nurturing their call to Christian service.



I've been a part of EFM since 1979 and I've been an EFM mentor for 16 years. I believe in Education for Ministry, and I love it! EFM is one of the best things the Episcopal Church does for out-of-school adults. Talk to me, or any of the current and former

members of EFM about enrolling for the 2017-2018 academic year! The class begins September 6, 2017. Tuition is \$350 per year, check or credit card. We meet Wednesdays for the Fall and Spring semesters, 6:30 to 9:00 pm. *Peace, Wells+*

LESSONS FOR THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

February 12, 2017

The Collect for the Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our weakness we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Old Testament *Deuteronomy 30:15-20*

Moses said, "See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob."

Psalm 119:1-8 *Beati immaculate*

Happy are they whose way is blameless, *
who walk in the law of the LORD!

Happy are they who observe his decrees *
and seek him with all their hearts!

Who never do any wrong, *
but always walk in his ways.

You laid down your commandments, *
that we should fully keep them.

Oh, that my ways were made so direct *
that I might keep your statutes!

Then I should not be put to shame, *
when I regard all your commandments.

I will thank you with an unfeigned heart, *
when I have learned your righteous judgments.

I will keep your statutes; *
do not utterly forsake me.

Epistle 1 Corinthians 3:1-9

Brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? For when one says, “I belong to Paul,” and another, “I belong to Apollos,” are you not merely human? What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. For we are God’s servants, working together; you are God’s field, God’s building.

Gospel Matthew 5:21-37

Jesus said, “You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not murder’; and ‘whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.’ But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, ‘You fool,’ you will be liable to the hell of fire. So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny. You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell. “It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery. Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.’ But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. Let your word be ‘Yes, Yes’ or ‘No, No’; anything more than this comes from the evil one.”