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For More Information

Our Church Calendar is now available on the web site: www.epiphanytallasseec.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.epiphanytallasseec.org

Reach Father Wells if you have an emergency while he is on vacation by telephone at (334) 332-3222 or by email at wellswarren@msn.com

Updates and News

Please send your updates, corrections, and changes to the Prayers of the People, as well as church events and news, before Wednesday of each week to Pam Van Etten pjv_gma@yahoo.com



FEED THE HUNGRY

Beans & Rice

We need your help to unload and stock on third Thursdays at 3 pm. And third Saturdays to give out food from 9-11 am.

The EPISCOPAL CHURCH of the EPIPHANY



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SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST *A Celebration of Holy Eucharist*

Ten-thirty on Sunday Morning
The Twentieth Day of July
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 AFTER PENTECOST

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 *Lord of All Hopefulness*

Hymn 482
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Acclamation

Collect for Purity

Glory to God *Gloria*

Hymn S-280
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Salutation

The Collect of the Day

Scripture Sheet

Liturgy of the Word

The Old Testament *Genesis 28:10-19a*

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Psalms 139: 1-11, 22-23 *Domine, probasti*

The Epistle *Romans 8:12-25*

Scripture Sheet
Hymn 333

Sequence *Now the Silence, Now the Peace*

The Gospel *Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43*

Scripture Sheet
Father Larry

Sermon

The Nicene Creed

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The Prayers of the People, Form IV

We are using a different form of the Prayers of the People for the summer.

Confession of Sin and Absolution

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The Peace

Announcements

Offertory *Supplemental Hymn*

Holy Communion

Presentation *The Doxology*

Hymn 380:3
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Eucharistic Prayer A

Holy, Holy, Holy *Sanctus*

Hymn S-129

Consecration of the Elements

The Lord's Prayer *Traditional*

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Breaking of the Bread

Fraction *Jesus, Lamb of God*

Hymn S-164

Invitation

Communion *Supplemental Hymn*

Post-Communion Prayer

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Blessing

Recessional *Ye Servants of God*

Hymn 535

Dismissal

Piano Postlude

July Supply

Father Wells returns to the Table and Pulpit on Sunday, August 3. Meanwhile, the Rev. Larry Sharpton will be our celebrant and preacher for the Seventh Sunday after Pentecost, July 27. Please support Father Larry and your church by attending and giving faithfully.

Announcements



We Pray for those who are ill or recovering from surgery, including Lynne Dubay (Dr. Greg Dubay). Lynne has been in a leg cast and wheelchair for many weeks due to eight fractures in her left foot.

Our Fine Musicians, Caleb Hart and Esther Hart, are playing for worship at St. Dunstan's again this Sunday night! Nancy Jones, St. Dunstan's organist and pianist, is attending the Summer Music Conference at Sewanee: The University of the South.

Wells and Leigh are having a great time during the month of July. From July 7-12, they were staying in a mountain cabin near Blue Ridge, Ga. with their younger grandson James. And this past week, they stayed at a condo in Orange Beach with their older grandson John Wells, swimming, riding bicycles, and having great adventures. Many thanks to the people of Epiphany for your support and love!

LESSONS FOR 6 PENTECOST

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Old Testament *Genesis 28:10-19a*

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the LORD stood beside him and said, "I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place-- and I did not know it!" And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven." So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel.

Psalm 139: 1-11, 22-23 *Domine, probasti*

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LORD, you have searched me out and known me; *
you know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.

You trace my journeys and my resting-places *
and are acquainted with all my ways.

Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, *
but you, O LORD, know it altogether.

You press upon me behind and before *
and lay your hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; *
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

Where can I go then from your Spirit? *
where can I flee from your presence?

If I climb up to heaven, you are there; *
if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.

If I take the wings of the morning *
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

Even there your hand will lead me *
and your right hand hold me fast.

If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, *
and the light around me turn to night,"

Darkness is not dark to you;
the night is as bright as the day; *
darkness and light to you are both alike.

Search me out, O God, and know my heart; *
try me and know my restless thoughts.

Look well whether there be any wickedness in me *
and lead me in the way that is everlasting.

The Epistle *Romans 8:12-25*

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ— if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

The Gospel *Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43*

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to

be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'" Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"



A Sure and Certain Hope

Saint Paul speaks today of the nature of hope, reminding us that hope is the spirit by which we as Christians live our daily lives. The Prayer Book uses a marvelous phrase which captures this spirit: "a sure and certain hope." In the Catechism, also known as "An Outline of the Faith," we learn an essential truth:

The Christian hope is to live with confidence in newness and fullness of life, and to await the coming of Christ in glory, and the completion of God's purpose for the world.

But our hope is no run-of-the-mill optimism or sentimentality. *By no means!* (as Paul would say) In this hope we are saved. It is "sure and certain," which means that we can count on this hope, that this hope is grounded in our belief in Christ. But it is still a hope in what we do not yet see. We will come to know this hope fully in our adoption, our redemption—whether that means in the return of Christ to earth, or in our resurrection to eternal life with Christ. Either way, this is our sure and certain hope! If these words interest you, then take time this week to read and reflect on the Catechism in our marvelous Book of Common Prayer, p. 845.