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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

Pamela and Eddie Harper,
Ushers
Betty Weldon, *Altar Guild*
Hugh Thompson, *Lay Reader*
Michael Harber, *Lay Eucharistic Minister*
Hannah Martin, *Pianist*
James Hart, *Guitar and Vocals*
Elizabeth Harber, *Refreshments*
Laura Williams and Cathy Jones,
Stewards
Andy Stricker and James Hart,
Grounds

In Our Prayers

We pray for those who are sick and recovering from illness or surgery, including Randy Norris, Michael Williams, Mike Lowe, Eleanor Loyd, Mary Southern, Virginia Nordon, Rita Whitman, Charlotte Poole, Pamela Harper's mother Billie, Troy Warlick, and Ethleen Bazzell. And we remember Mavilene Prentice, a founding member of this parish, whose ashes were committed to the Columbarium on Saturday morning. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for our companion dioceses of Alaska and the Virgin Islands, and their bishops Mark and Ambrose; the Clergy and Staff of Carpenter House; the Episcopal Bookstore and Staff; all seminarians completing their second year of study; the Church of the Ascension in Birmingham; and the Church of the Ascension in Montgomery.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY



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SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

A Celebration of Holy Eucharist

Ten-thirty on Sunday Morning
The Eighth Day of May
In the Year of Our Lord 2016

Send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before.

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

A Celebration of Holy Eucharist

The People are invited to observe a time of quiet prayer. We are using the St. James service music which can be found on the Narthex table as you enter.

Gathering of the People

Piano Prelude by Hannah Martin

Words of Peace

Processional *Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise*

Hymn 214
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Easter Acclamation

Collect for Purity

Glory to God *Gloria*

St. James
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Salutation

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 16:16-34*

Scripture Sheet

Psalm 97 *Dominus regnavit*

Scripture Sheet

Second Lesson *Revelation 22:12-14,16-17,20-21*

Scripture Sheet

Sequence *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

Hymn 490

Gospel Lesson *John 17:20-26*

Scripture Sheet

The Sermon

Father Wells

Nicene Creed

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Prayers of the People, Form VI

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Confession of Sin

Absolution

The Peace

Announcements

Offertory

Presentation *Now Thank We All Our God*

Hymn 397:1

Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices

Who wondrous things hath done, in whom his world rejoices

Who from our mother's arms, hath blessed us on our way,

With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

Holy Communion

All are welcome at the Lord's Table.

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 *Lord of All Hopefulness*

Hymn 482

Dismissal

Piano Postlude by Hannah Martin

Confirmation & Coffee

FOUR SUNDAYS IN MAY IN THE LITTLE HOUSE

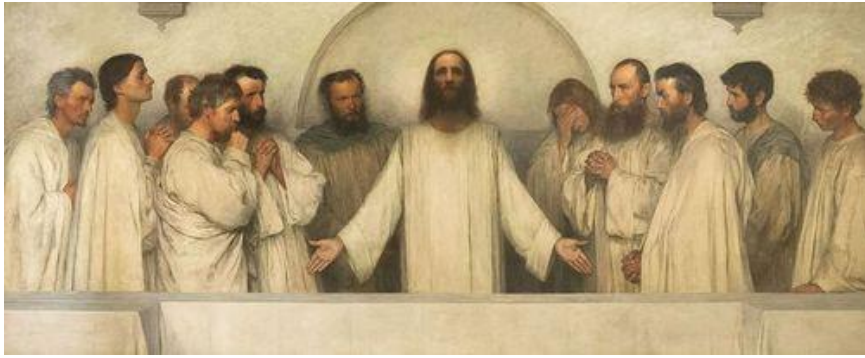
The Bishop's Visit is set for the Third Sunday after Pentecost, June 5, 2016. If you are interested in becoming a confirmed Episcopalian, then join us for *Confirmation & Coffee* in the Little House for four Sunday mornings in May.



Confirmation & Coffee will be held at the Sunday School Hour (9:30 to 10:05 am) on May 8 (Old Testament), May 15 (New Testament), May 22 (The Church), and May 29 (Liturgy and Sacraments).

The Sacrament of Confirmation is open to all baptized members in the Episcopal Church. Confirmation is a public declaration of mature faith in Jesus Christ, and in the vows made at Holy Baptism. *Please let me know if you want to be confirmed by Bishop Santosh on June 5. Wells+*

that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates. It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star." The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." And let everyone who hears say, "Come." And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift. The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.



Gospel Lesson *John 17:20-26*

Jesus prayed for his disciples, and then he said. "I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

LESSONS FOR THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 8, 2016

The Collect

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

First Lesson *Acts 16:16-34*

With Paul and Silas, we came to Philippi in Macedonia, a Roman colony, and, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour. But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks. About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and

immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

Psalm 97 *Dominus regnavit*

The LORD is King; let the earth rejoice; *
let the multitude of the isles be glad.

Clouds and darkness are round about him, *
righteousness and justice are the foundations of his throne.

A fire goes before him *
and burns up his enemies on every side.

His lightnings light up the world; *
the earth sees it and is afraid.

The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the LORD, *
at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.

The heavens declare his righteousness, *
and all the peoples see his glory.

Confounded be all who worship carved images and delight in false gods! *
Bow down before him, all you gods.

Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice, *
because of your judgments, O LORD.

For you are the LORD, most high over all the earth; *
you are exalted far above all gods.

The LORD loves those who hate evil; *
he preserves the lives of his saints and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.

Light has sprung up for the righteous, *
and joyful gladness for those who are truehearted.

Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous, *
and give thanks to his holy Name.



Second Lesson *Revelation 22:12-14,16-17,20-21*

At the end of the visions I, John, heard these words: "See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end. Blessed are those who wash their robes, so