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In Our Prayers

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we remember and pray for the Cathedral Church of the Advent in Birmingham and St. Andrew's in Tuskegee; our companion diocese of Haiti and their bishops, Zaché and Oge; the Diocesan Standing Committee; all persons living with AIDS, their families and those who minister to them; and the Diocesan AIDS Task Force.

We pray for those who are sick and recovering from illness or surgery, including Nancy Jones, Sam Jones, Mary Southern, Randy Norris, Michael Williams, Virginia Nordon, Alan McCord, Rita Whitman, Lannon Poole, Charlotte Poole, Pamela Harper's mother Billie, and Rachel Russo. We remember and pray for those who have died: Paul Lohaus and Alice Williams.

Serving This Week

Mike Harber, Sunday School Teacher
Pam Van Etten, *Altar Guild*
Ramona Heil-Norris, *Lay Reader*
Caleb Hart, *Pianist*
Esther Hart, *Violinist*

*Want to help at the
Lord's Table? Let Lee
Borden know today!*

EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY



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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT *A Celebration of Holy Eucharist*

Ten-thirty on Sunday Morning
The Twenty-second Day of November
In the Year of Our Lord 2015

*Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of
darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of
this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit
us in great humility.*

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

A Celebration of Holy Eucharist

Gathering of the People

The People are invited to observe a time of quiet prayer. We are using new service music from the Hymnal, as well as other changes in the liturgy for Advent and Christmas.

Piano Prelude	
Words of Peace	
Processional <i>On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry</i>	Hymn 76
Penitential Acclamation	Page 355, BCP
Collect for Purity	
Glory to God <i>Gloria</i>	Hymn S-280
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.

Old Testament <i>Jeremiah 33:14-16</i>	Scripture Sheet
Psalm 25:1-9 <i>Ad te, Domine, levavi</i>	Scripture Sheet
Epistle <i>1 Thessalonians 3:9-13</i>	Scripture Sheet
Sequence <i>Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers</i>	Hymn 68
Gospel Lesson <i>John 18:33-37</i>	Scripture Sheet
The Sermon	
Prayers of the People, Form II	Page 385, BCP
Confession of Sin	Page 360, BCP
Absolution	
The Peace	
Announcements	
Offertory	

Holy Communion

All are welcome at the Lord's Table.

Presentation <i>Love Divine, All Loves Excelling</i>	Hymn 657:1
Eucharistic Prayer A	Page 361, BCP

Holy, Holy, Holy <i>Sanctus</i>	Hymn S-129
Consecration of the Elements	
Lord's Prayer <i>Contemporary</i>	Page 364, BCP
Breaking of the Bread	
Fraction <i>O Lamb of God</i>	Hymn S-158
Communion	
Post-Communion Prayer	Page 366, BCP
Blessing	
Recessional <i>Hail to the Lord's Anointed</i>	Hymn 616
Dismissal	
Piano Postlude	



Handel's Messiah Sunday, Dec. 6, 2 pm

On December 6, Episcopal Church of the Epiphany in Tallassee will host a performance of selected choruses from the *Messiah* by G.F. Handel.

There will be no advance rehearsals other than a brief warm-up and run through an hour prior to performance. How on earth could this sound decent with no rehearsals? Singing well-known oratorios with no rehearsal together is a beloved custom in Europe.

Such a performance requires that each musician take seriously the process of learning the music well on his or her own. This is not sightreading!

When is it? December 6, 2015 at 2:00 pm. Those singing will gather at 1:00 pm to warm up and go over key passages of the oratorio.

Where is it? In the nave of Episcopal Church of the Epiphany in Tallassee.



FEED THE HUNGRY

Many thanks to all of you for feeding the poor and hungry this Thanksgiving! On Saturday, Nov. 21, we gave away 2,997 lbs. of food to 67 families in the Tallassee area, including 70 Thanksgiving food packages purchased, assembled, and given by the Students and Friends of St. Dunstan's in Auburn.

LESSONS FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Collect of the Day



Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Old Testament *Jeremiah 33:14-16*

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

Psalms 25:1-9 *Ad te, Domine, levavi*

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;
my God, I put my trust in you; *
*let me not be humiliated,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.*

Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.

Show me your ways, O LORD, *
and teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.

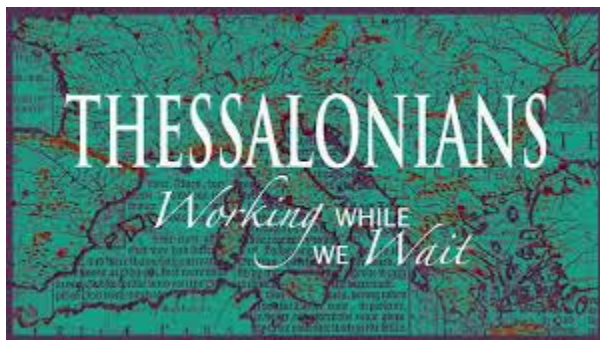
Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.

Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *
remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

Gracious and upright is the LORD; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

He guides the humble in doing right *
and teaches his way to the lowly.

All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness *
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.



Epistle *1 Thessalonians 3:9-13*

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our

Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Gospel *Luke 21:25-36*



Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as

they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. "Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."