



THE  
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CHURCH  
WELCOMES YOU

## The Clergy

The Rt. Hon. & Most Rev. Justin Welby  
*105th Archbishop of Canterbury*  
The Most Rev. Michael B. Curry  
*27th Presiding Bishop*  
The Rt. Rev. John McKee Sloan  
*11th Bishop of Alabama*  
The Rev. Dr. John Wells Warren, *Priest*

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Michael Harber, *Senior Warden*  
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Mike Rallo, *Vestry Member*  
Jean Kerr, *Vestry Member*  
Maurice McCord, *Vestry Member*  
Kay Dickey, *Vestry Member*  
Michael Williams, *Vestry Member*  
Betty Weldon, *Treasurer*  
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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](mailto:wellswarren@msn.com)

## Serving This Week

Kay and Mike Dickey,  
*Ushers/Stewards*  
Lavonne Hart, *Altar Guild*  
Maurice McCord, *Lay Reader*  
Mike Harber, *Lay Eucharistic Minister*  
Esther Hart, *Pianist and Violinist*  
Charlene and Mike Rallo,  
*Refreshments*  
Mike Rallo and Jimmy Weldon,  
*Groundskeeping*

## In Our Prayers

We pray for our companion dioceses of Alaska and the Virgin Islands and their bishops Mark and Ambrose.

We pray for those who are sick and recovering from illness or surgery, including Bill Shell's wife Dolores, Michael Williams, and Eddie Harper's cousin Gary.

We also pray for John and Kathy's grandsons, Vincent and Dezsel, and their parents, Amber and Jared. We pray for Allison, Jeffrey, Macy, Julie, Martha, Mary Southern, Troy, Peggy, Elizabeth, Letha, Marsha, Carly, and Norma.



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## ASCENSION SUNDAY

*A Festival Holy Eucharist*

Ten-thirty on Sunday Morning  
The Twenty-eighth Day of May  
In the Year of Our Lord 2017

*Jesus led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven.*

# ASCENSION SUNDAY

## *A Festival Holy Eucharist*

### Gathering of the People

*The people enter in silence and observe a time of silent prayer. Please note that we are using the St. James music sheet available in the narthex.*

Piano Prelude

Words of Peace

Processional *Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise*

Easter Acclamation

Glory to God *Gloria*

Salutation

Collect of the Day

*Hymn 214*

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*St. James*

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Scripture Sheet

### The Word of God

*We sit for the Lessons and the Psalm, and we stand for the Gospel.*

First Lesson *Acts 1:1-11*

Psalm 98 *Dominus regnavit*

Second Lesson *Ephesians 1:15-23*

Sequence *Alleluia, Sing to Jesus!*

Gospel Lesson *Luke 24:44-53*

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

Prayers of the People, Form VI

Confession of Sin and Absolution

The Peace

Announcements

Offertory

Scripture Sheet

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*Hymn 460*

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### Holy Communion

*All are welcome at the Lord's Table.*

Presentation *Phos hilaron*

Eucharistic Prayer A

*Hymn 26*

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Holy, Holy, Holy *Sanctus*

Consecration of the Elements

Lord's Prayer

Breaking of the Bread

Fraction *Jesus, Lamb of God*

Communion

Post-Communion Prayer

Blessing

Recessional *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

Dismissal

Piano Postlude

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*Hymn 494*

### Upcoming Events

#### June 4 PENTECOST DAY

Festival Holy Eucharist at 10:30 am  
"Wear Your Red!"

#### June 11 TRINITY SUNDAY

Festival Holy Eucharist at 10:30 am



#### June 17 Saturday BEANS & RICE

Little House from 8:30 to 11:00 am

#### June 18 FATHER'S DAY

2 Pentecost Sunday

Holy Eucharist II-A at 10:30 am

Refreshments in the Little House

#### June 25

3 Pentecost Sunday

Holy Eucharist II-A at 10:30 am, with Refreshments at 11:30 am

Father Wells and Leigh will be on Vacation in July. Mike Harber and Maurice McCord will lead Morning Prayer on July 2, 9, 23, and 30.

On July 16, **Bishop Kee Sloan** will visit Epiphany Church, starting at 9:30 am with Bishop's Time, Holy Eucharist and Confirmation at 10:30 am, and Potluck Parish Luncheon at 12:00 noon.



been clothed with power from on high." Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God

## It's Time to Begin a New Journey to God.



Education for Ministry (EFM) is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for you to make what Saint Bonaventure called, "The Soul's Journey unto God," with a dozen of the closest friends you'll ever have.

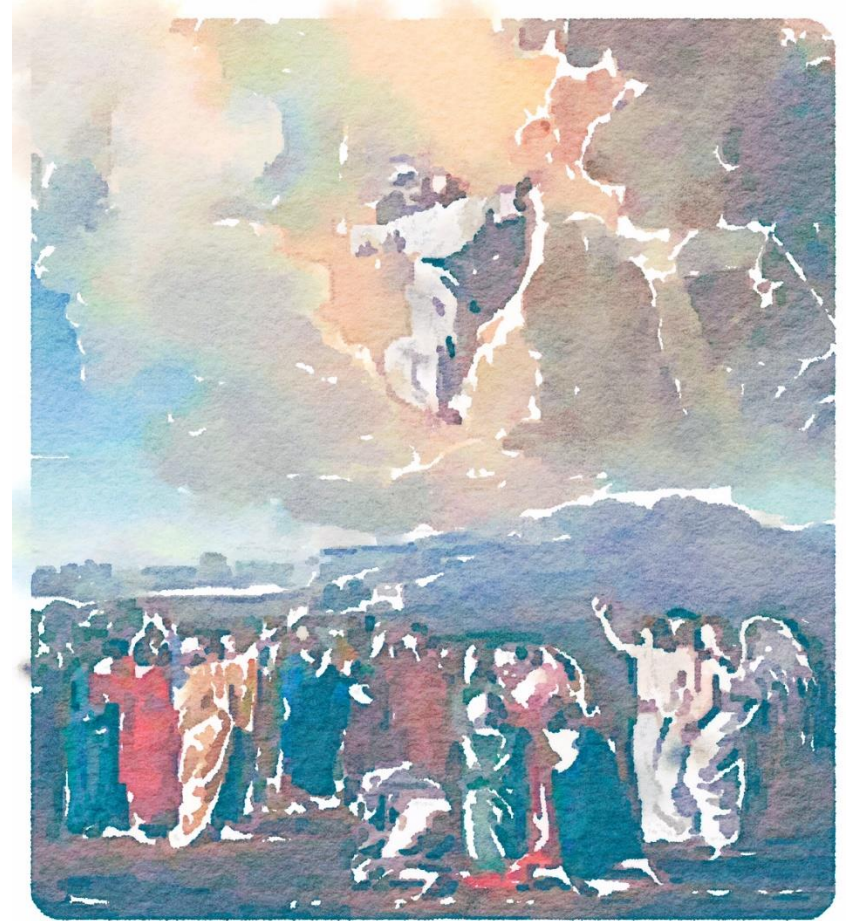
EFM is a four-year program of Anglican worship, Bible study, and Christian community based on the second chapter of the Acts of the Apostles ... *they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, the breaking of the bread and the prayers.*

Offered one year at a time, from September through May, Education for Ministry is a series of weekly seminars hosted by Father Wells at St. Dunstan's. We gather in the McDowell Room on Wednesdays starting with Evening Prayer at 6:30 pm. Then we have a simple supper prepared by a member of the seminar group. From 7:30 to 9:00 pm, we share spiritual autobiographies, discuss weekly readings from texts that span the denominations of Christ's disciples and the Holy Bible, and practice "Theological Reflection" led by Father Wells.

Tuition is \$375 per academic year. Talk with Peggy Thomas, Ted Albert, or any current member or graduate of EFM and discover how EFM can uphold and grow your life in the Episcopal Church.

## LESSONS FOR ASCENSION SUNDAY

May 28, 2017



### Collect of the Day

Almighty God, whose blessed Son our Savior Jesus Christ ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things: Mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to his promise, he abides with his Church on earth, even to the end of the ages; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

## First Lesson Acts 1:1-11

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

## Psalm 93 Dominus regnavit

The LORD is King; he has put on splendid apparel; \*  
*the LORD has put on his apparel and girded himself with strength.*

He has made the whole world so sure \*  
*that it cannot be moved;*

Ever since the world began, your throne has been established; \*  
*you are from everlasting.*

The waters have lifted up, O LORD, the waters have lifted up their voice; \*  
*the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.*

Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea, \*  
*mightier is the LORD who dwells on high.*

Your testimonies are very sure, \*  
*and holiness adorns your house, O LORD, for ever and for evermore.*

## Second Lesson Ephesians 1:15-23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

## Gospel Luke 24:44-53

Jesus said to his disciples, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you-- that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. See, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have