

THE
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Jean Kerr, *Vestry Member*
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Michael Williams, *Vestry Member*
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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

Mike and Charlene Rallo,
Ushers/Stewards
Betty Weldon, *Altar Guild*
Laura Williams, *Lay Reader*
Jean Kerr, *Lay Eucharistic Minister*
Esther Hart, *Pianist and Violinist*
Cathy Jones, *Refreshments*
Jimmy and Betty Weldon,
Groundskeeping

In Our Prayers

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, Billie, Troy, Peggy, Elizabeth, Letha, Marsha, Carly, and Norma.

And we remember Virginia Nordon, a founding member of our church, who has died. We pray for our companion dioceses of Alaska and the Virgin Islands and their bishops Mark and Ambrose.

ALLELUIA! CHRIST IS RISEN. The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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EASTER SUNDAY

A Festival Holy Eucharist

Ten-thirty on Sunday Morning
The Sixteenth Day of April
In the Year of Our Lord 2017

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

EASTER 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 *At the Lamb's High Feast*

Hymn 174

Easter Acclamation

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Glory to God *Gloria*

St. James

Salutation

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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 10:34-43*

Scripture Sheet

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 *Confitemini Domino*

Scripture Sheet

Second Lesson *Colossians 3:1-4*

Scripture Sheet

Sequence *He is Risen, He is Risen!*

Hymn 180

Gospel Lesson *John 20:1-18*

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

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Prayers of the People, Form VI

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Confession of Sin and Absolution

The Peace

Announcements

Offertory

Holy Communion

All are welcome at the Lord's Table.

Presentation *Phos hilaron*

Hymn 26

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 *Jesus Christ is Risen Today*

Hymn 207

Dismissal

Piano Postlude

Announcements

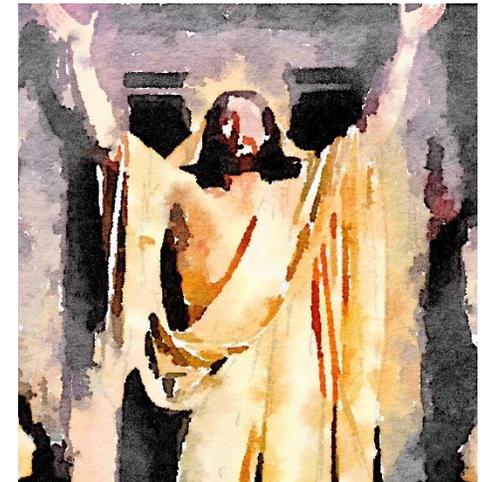
Please Join Us after the service in the Little House for a Potluck Easter Dinner hosted by Cathy Jones. You know we have excellent cooks!



The Vestry will meet next Sunday, April 23, at 12:00 noon following worship and refreshments in the Little House. Vestry members, please remember to prepare your one-page summary sheets for SWEEPS. .

Many Thanks

to Esther Hart for her fine musicianship for Holy Week! Esther played piano and violin for Palm Sunday, and performs again this morning for Easter Sunday.



Next Sunday we begin a Sunday School series on the Resurrection of Jesus Christ led by Father Wells and others for the Great Fifty Days of Easter. Don't miss Sunday School at 9:30 am in the Little House!

When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Do You Believe in the Resurrection of Jesus?

The central belief of Christianity everywhere is that Jesus was raised from the dead.



We come face to face with the most remarkable event in all of the Scriptures—the resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth three days after his Crucifixion at the hands of the Roman government.

Many scholars and skeptics have struggled to interpret the resurrection of Jesus as a hoax, a fraud, a body-snatching, a piece of fiction. Some theologians see Christ's resurrection only in spiritual terms, and scientists often scoff at the very idea of a bodily resurrection.

Saint Paul wrote that if there was no resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth, then we Christians are a people "most to be pitied." Saint Thomas (pictured above) said he would not believe unless he saw the scars on Jesus' body. "Do not doubt, but believe," said Jesus. But honestly, what do *you* believe about the Resurrection of Jesus? Happy Easter! Wells+

THE LESSONS FOR EASTER SUNDAY

April 16, 2017

Collect of the Day

O God, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

First Lesson *Acts 10:34-43*

Peter began to speak to the gentiles: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 *Confitemini Domino*

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; *
his mercy endures for ever.

Let Israel now proclaim, *
"His mercy endures for ever."

The LORD is my strength and my song, *
and he has become my salvation.

There is a sound of exultation and victory *
in the tents of the righteous:

"The right hand of the LORD has triumphed! *
the right hand of the LORD is exalted!
the right hand of the LORD has triumphed!"

I shall not die, but live, *
and declare the works of the LORD.

The LORD has punished me sorely, *
but he did not hand me over to death.

Open for me the gates of righteousness; *
I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the LORD.

"This is the gate of the LORD; *
he who is righteous may enter."

I will give thanks to you, for you answered me *
and have become my salvation.

The same stone which the builders rejected *
has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the LORD'S doing, *
and it is marvelous in our eyes.

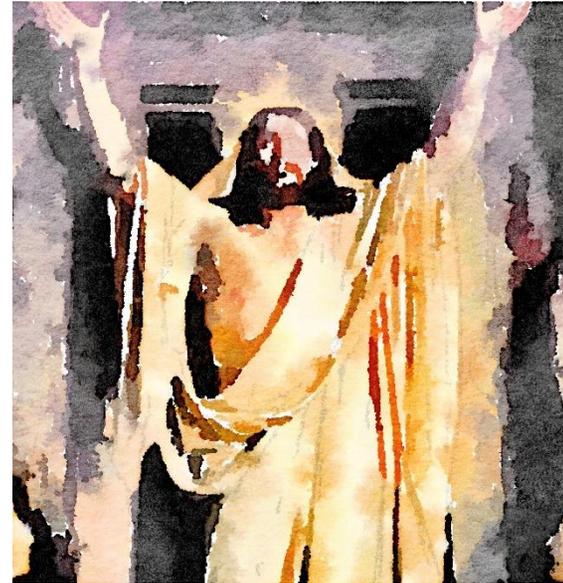
On this day the LORD has acted; *
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Second Lesson *Colossians 3:1-4*

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have

died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Gospel Lesson *John 20:1-18*



Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him."