



The Clergy

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The Most Rev. Michael B. Curry
27th Presiding Bishop
The Rt. Rev. John McKee Sloan
11th Bishop of Alabama
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Kay Dickey, *Vestry Member*
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SINCE 1994, 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

Kay and Mike Dickey,
Ushers/Stewards
Jean Kerr, *Altar Guild*
Esther Hart, *Pianist and Violinist*
Amanda Borden, *Lay Reader*
Kay Dickey, *Lay Eucharistic Minister*
Betty Weldon, *Refreshments*

In Our Prayers

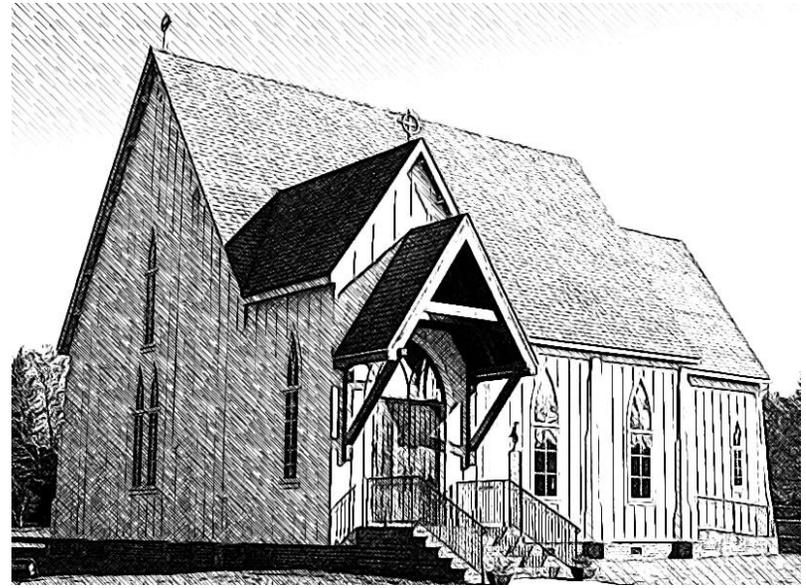
We pray for our companion dioceses of Alaska and the Virgin Islands and their bishops Mark and Ambrose. We pray for those who are sick and recovering from illness or surgery, including Dolores, Michael, and Gary. We also pray for Braxton, Vincent, and Dezsely; for Jere, Doris, Allison, Jeffrey, Macy, Julie, Martha, Robert, Troy, Peggy, Elizabeth, Letha, Marsha, and Carly.

Hurricane Relief for the US Virgin Islands

St. Dunstan's in Auburn has joined Epiphany Church in a partnership with St. Ursula's Episcopal Church on St. John's Island in the US Virgin Islands. Their church was badly damaged by Irma, and Marie all but finished the job. Please write a check to Epiphany Church with HURRICANE RELIEF in the memo line. Many thanks to Hugh Thompson, our Parish Coordinator for Hurricane Relief.



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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

A Celebration of Holy Eucharist

Ten-thirty on Sunday Morning
The Third Day of December
In the Year of Our Lord 2017

God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

A Celebration of Holy Eucharist

Welcome to the Episcopal Church of the Epiphany in Tallassee. We return to the Hymnal for our service music in the Season of Advent. The "S-Hymns" are found in the first section of the Hymnal 1982, the Blue Book. "BCP" stands for the Book of Common Prayer, the Red Book.

Gathering of the People

Piano Prelude	
Words of Peace	
Processional <i>Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers</i>	<i>Hymn 68</i>
Acclamation	Page 355, BCP
Collect for Purity	
Glory to God <i>Gloria</i>	<i>Hymn S-280</i>
Salutation	Page 357, BCP
Collect of the Day	Scripture Sheet

The Liturgy of the Word

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

Old Testament <i>Isaiah 64:1-9</i>	Scripture Sheet
Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18 <i>Qui regis Israel</i>	Scripture Sheet
Epistle <i>1 Corinthians 1:3-9</i>	Scripture Sheet
Sequence <i>Watchman, Tell Us of the Night</i>	<i>Hymn 640</i>
Gospel <i>Mark 13:24-37</i>	Scripture Sheet
The Sermon	
Nicene Creed	Page 358, BCP
Prayers of the People, Form III	Page 387, BCP
Confession of Sin	
Absolution	
The Peace	
Announcements	
Offertory	

Holy Communion

All are welcome at the Lord's Table.

Presentation <i>Phos hilaron</i>	<i>Hymn 26</i>
Eucharistic Prayer B	Page 367, BCP
Holy, Holy, Holy <i>Sanctus</i>	<i>Hymn S-129</i>
Consecration of the Elements	
Lord's Prayer <i>Contemporary</i>	Page 364, BCP
Breaking of the Bread	
Fraction <i>O Lamb of God</i>	<i>Hymn S-158</i>
Communion	
Post-Communion Prayer	Page 365, BCP
Blessing	
Recessional <i>The King Shall Come</i>	<i>Hymn 73</i>
Dismissal	
Piano Postlude	

Announcements

Beans & Rice for the month of December could possibly be a repeat of our all-time record in November—82 families served and more than 3,000 lbs. of food given away. We will have the Christmas Care Packages from St. Dunstan's as well. Food purchase at the Montgomery Area Food Bank will be Thursday morning, Dec. 14. Please come if you can help stock the shelves that afternoon! The Christmas food distribution will be Saturday, Dec. 16, from 9-11 am.



Remember that Christmas Eve at Epiphany includes the Carols of Christmas at 6:00 pm, followed by Festival Holy Eucharist at 6:30 pm, and a Christmas Party in the Little House. (No service on Christmas Day.)



At 2:00 p.m. on December 10, Epiphany Church will host our annual performance of selected choruses from *The Messiah* by G.F. Handel.

- * Number 1 (overture - no singing)
- * Number 4 - "And the Glory of the Lord"
- * Number 9 - "O Thou That Tellest Good Tidings to Zion"
- * Number 12 - "For Unto Us a Child Is Born"
- * Number 17 - "Glory to God"
- * Number 44 - "Hallelujah!"

Jerry Cunningham returns as our guest director for *Messiah*. Thank you, Mr. C!

FOR THE SINGERS

We will gather in the Church at 1:00 pm to warm up and go over key passages of the oratorio.

Go through your music and learn your part completely before the big day. Clip the pages between the choruses so you won't need to flip through pages while we sing together.

If you would like to use a recording, we recommend the version available on Amazon. Or you could access the free midi files available from Cyberbass.com.

How do I sign up? Send an e-mail message to Amanda Borden (amandawborden@gmail.com) at Epiphany.

LESSONS FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 3, 2017

The 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 *Isaiah 64:1-9*



O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence—as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil—to make your name known to your adversaries, so

that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of

your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18 *Qui regis Israel*



Hear, O Shepherd of Israel,
leading Joseph like a flock; *
*shine forth, you that are enthroned
upon the cherubim.*

In the presence of Ephraim,
Benjamin, and Manasseh, *
*stir up your strength and come to
help us.*

Restore us, O God of hosts; *
*show the light of your countenance,
and we shall be saved.*

O LORD God of hosts, *
how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your people?

You have fed them with the bread of tears; *
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

You have made us the derision of our neighbors, *
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, *
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.

And so will we never turn away from you; *
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.

Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Epistle 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.



Gospel Mark 13:24-37

Jesus said, “In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. “From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. “But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”