



## THE EPISCOPAL 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*

### The Vestry

Maurice McCord, *Senior Warden*  
Mike Rallo, *Junior Warden*  
Jean Kerr, *Vestry Member*  
Kay Dickey, *Vestry Member*  
Amanda W. Borden, *Vestry Member*  
Jere Van Etten, *Vestry Member*  
Betty Weldon, *Treasurer*  
Elizabeth Harber, *Clerk of the Vestry*

**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

A.B. and Lulu Campbell,  
*Ushers/Stewards*  
Lavonne Hart, *Altar Guild*  
Jim Rand, *Lay Reader*  
Mike Harber, *Lay Eucharistic Minister*  
Esther Hart, *Pianist and Violinist*  
John and Kathy Haynie,  
*Refreshments*

### In Our Prayers

We remember the sick and those recovering from illness or surgery, including Amanda and Lee Borden, Jean Kerr, Barbara Trogdon, Barbara Dennis, and Jere Van Etten.

We pray for our companion dioceses of Alaska and the Virgin Islands and their bishops Mark and Ambrose. Remember our "Parish Partner," St. Ursula's in the US Virgin Islands!

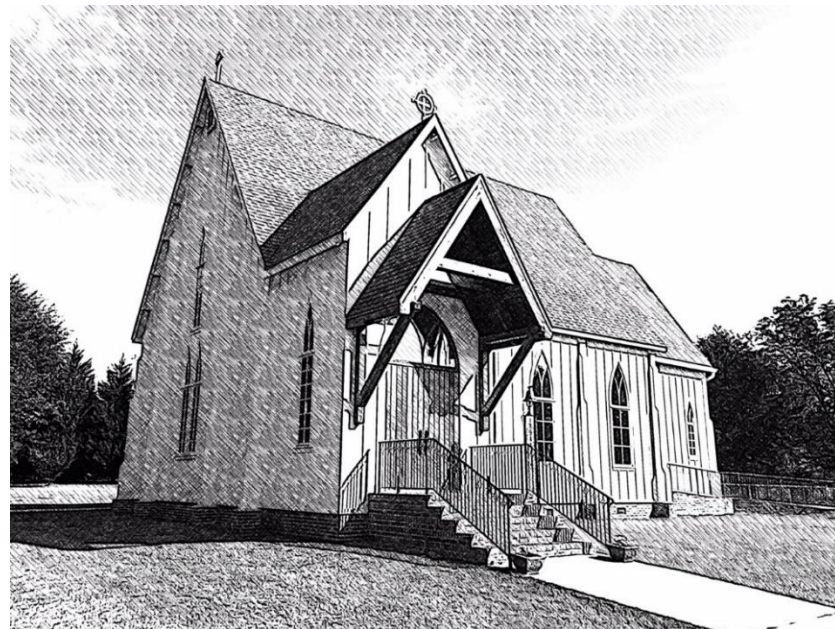
And pray for our \$25,000 UTO grant proposal to be funded!

### Thanks, Yard Crew!

Our grass is growing again now that it seems the last cold spell has come and gone. But we need to say a special word of thanks to all those who are helping to make our five-acre church yard beautiful and green—Betty and Jimmy Weldon, Mark Harris, Mike Rallo, Lee Borden, and Maurice McCord.



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## FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

### Holy Eucharist: Rite One

Ten-thirty on Sunday Morning  
The Eleventh Day of March  
In the Year of Our Lord 2018

*Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which giveth life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him.*

# FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

## Holy Eucharist: Rite One

### Gathering of the People

*The people enter in silence and observe a time of silent prayer. Please note that we are using the traditional language of Rite One and the Revised Standard Version of the Bible; and our Service Music is from the Hymnal during the Season of Lent.*

Prelude

Words of Peace

Processional *Jerusalem, My Happy Home*

*Hymn 620*

Penitential Acclamation

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The Collect for Purity

Holy God *Trisagion*

*Hymn S-102*

### The Liturgy of the Word

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

Salutation *(And with thy spirit)*

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Collect of the Day

Scripture Sheet

Old Testament *Numbers 21:4-9 RSV*

Scripture Sheet

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22 *Confitemini Domino*

Scripture Sheet

Epistle *Ephesians 2:1-10 RSV*

Scripture Sheet

Sequence *Deck Thyself, My Soul*

*Hymn 339*

Gospel *John 3:14-21 RSV*

Scripture Sheet

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

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Prayers of the People, Form I

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Confession of Sin

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Absolution and Comfortable Words

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The Peace

Announcements

## Holy Communion

Presentation of Gifts and Offerings *The Doxology* *Hymn 380:3*

Eucharistic Prayer I

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Holy, Holy, Holy *Sanctus*

*Hymn S-113*

Consecration of the Elements

The Lord's Prayer *Traditional*

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The Breaking of the Bread

O Lamb of God *Agnus Dei*

*Hymn S-158*

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

Post-Communion Prayer

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Blessing

Recessional *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

*Hymn 690*

Dismissal

Postlude

### I WANT TO BE AN EPISCOPALIAN, Part Four



The via media is Latin for the "middle way," or "the way between two extremes." In AD 1600, English priest and theologian Richard Hooker, Queen Elizabeth's apologist for the via media, understood God as the Champion of truth and peace. Elizabeth's reign met bitter controversy between extreme Catholics and extreme Puritans with sound reasoning and great charity. Hooker's feast day collect says, "Grant that we may maintain that middle way, not as a compromise for the sake of peace, but as a comprehension for the sake of truth."

I hope you can join me on March 11 and 18 for conversation and doughnuts. W+



## THE BREAD OF LIFE

Take, eat. This is my Body which is given for you.

It seems so obvious and so simple, that bread is an essential symbol of Christianity. And yet, bread has a much longer tradition, and a much wider mention, in the story of the People of God. From Genesis 3, “You shall eat bread till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken,” until the Letter to the Hebrews, “For a tent was prepared, the outer one, in which were the lampstand and the table and the bread of the Presence,” bread is mentioned almost 400 times in Holy Scripture. Bread is food, nourishment, even life itself. In the desert the people are given manna, bread from heaven. The prophet Amos is told, “O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, and eat bread there, and prophesy there.” But in Jesus Christ, the bread of the Passover is given to us as his own Body. Bread now becomes, with the Cup of Wine, the central symbol of our faith. And eating the bread and drinking the wine becomes our central act of worship.

**NOTE:** An unavoidable change has happened once again in the Bishop’s Schedule for Confirmation. He can’t be here on Sunday (April 8), so he is coming on Wednesday, April 11, at 5:00 pm. We will likely wait until 5:30 pm to begin the service, in order to let folks arrive from work and find a parking place. We will have \$2 supper afterwards. Please make every effort to be here, Wells+

## LESSONS FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

*March 11, 2018*

### The Collect of the Day

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which giveth life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*



### Old Testament *Numbers 21:4-9 RSV*

From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; and the people became impatient on the way. And the people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food.” Then the Lord sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. And the people came to Moses, and said, “We have sinned, for we have spoken against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord, that he take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, “Make a fiery serpent, and set it on a pole; and every one who is bitten, when



he sees it, shall live.” So Moses made a bronze serpent, and set it on a pole; and if a serpent bit any man, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

**Psalms 107:1-3, 17-22** *Confitemini Domino*

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, \*  
*and his mercy endures for ever.*

Let all those whom the Lord has redeemed proclaim \*  
*that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.*

He gathered them out of the lands; \*  
*from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.*

Some were fools and took to rebellious ways; \*  
*they were afflicted because of their sins.*

They abhorred all manner of food \*  
*and drew near to death's door.*

Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, \*  
*and he delivered them from their distress.*

He sent forth his word and healed them \*  
*and saved them from the grave.*

Let them give thanks to the Lord for his mercy \*  
*and the wonders he does for his children.*

Let them offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving \*  
*and tell of his acts with shouts of joy.*

**Epistle Ephesians 2:1-10** *RSV*

And you he made alive, when you were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience. Among these we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of body and mind, and

so we were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up with him, and made us sit with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God— not because of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

**Gospel John 3:14-21** *RSV*



And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.” For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have

eternal life. For God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. He who believes in him is not condemned; he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For every one who does evil hates the light, and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. But he who does what is true comes to the light, that it may be clearly seen that his deeds have been wrought in God.