



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*

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 80-million-member 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 Rallo and Jim Rand,
Ushers/Stewards
Pam Van Etten, *Altar Guild*
Lee Borden, *Lay Reader*
Lavonne Hart, *Lay Eucharistic Minister*
Esther Hart, *Pianist and Violinist*
Pamela Harper, *Refreshments*

In Our Prayers

We remember the sick and those recovering from illness or surgery, including Eddie Harper, 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!

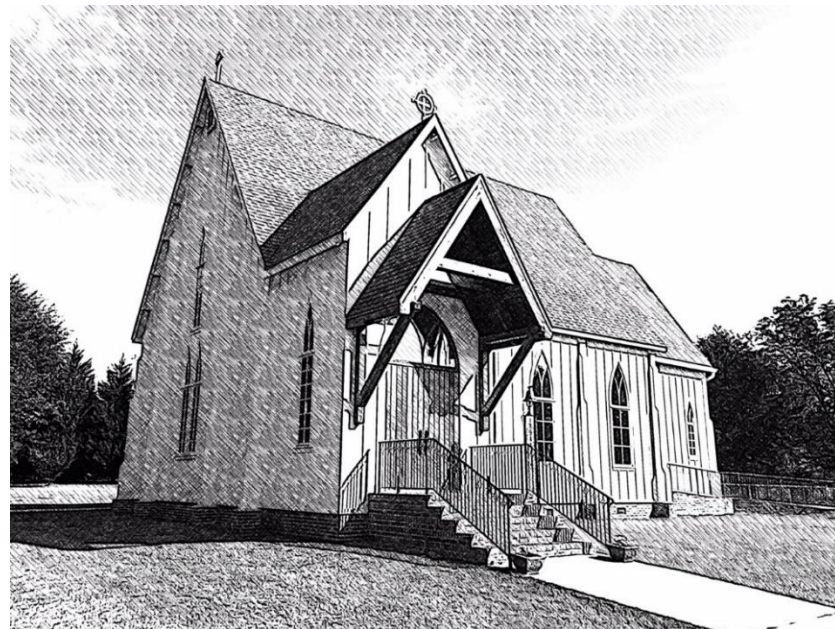
And pray for our \$25,000 UTO grant proposal to be funded!

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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FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Holy Eucharist: Rite One

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

Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel.

FIFTH 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 *In the Cross of Christ I Glory*

Hymn 441

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 *Jeremiah 31:31-34 (RSV)*

Scripture Sheet

Psalm 51:1-13 *Miserere mei, Deus (Coverdale)*

Scripture Sheet

Epistle *Hebrews 5:5-10 (RSV)*

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Sequence *What Wondrous Love Is This*

Hymn 439

Gospel *John 12:20-33 (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

Offertory

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 *Lift High the Cross!*

Hymn 473

Dismissal

Postlude



THE COVENANT

I establish my Covenant with you, says the Lord.

Some key words appear often throughout the Holy Scriptures—words like forgiveness, grace, and steadfast love. “Covenant” is one of those often-repeated holy words. It appears first in the Flood story from the Book of Genesis. God says to Noah, “I establish my covenant with you and your descendants after you.” But this is only the beginning. “Covenant” appears more than 360 more times in the Old and New Testaments! Later in Genesis,

God makes the covenant with Abraham: “As for you, you shall keep my covenant, you and your descendants after you throughout their generations.”

The Covenant continues as a major theme in the New Testament. It occurs most often in the Last Supper, in which Jesus tells his disciples that the wine of the Eucharist, which becomes the Blood of our Lord, is now the new Covenant.



PALM SUNDAY

The Beginning of Holy Week

Next Sunday at 6:00 pm, we will have arrived at Jerusalem. We come to celebrate the “Sunday of the Passion,” commonly called Palm Sunday. The high holy day begins in joy and celebration at Jesus of Nazareth rides into the City Jerusalem on a donkey, which is the traditional sign of a new king over Israel.

In the ancient world, a king would ride a war-horse into battle, but a donkey in times of peace. In the Book of Zechariah, the prophet announces, “Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey.”

Thus, Jesus was fulfilling the prophecy from centuries before. He was King over Israel—and much more. Jesus was the Christ, the Son of God, the Messiah for whom they had waited many years. Of course, many expected this King to be a warrior and a conqueror over the Romans. But Jesus was given a very different understanding from his Father: Jesus was to be the Prince of Peace, Wonderful Counselor, the Savior of the world. And he would give his life as an offering for the sins of the whole world. *Join us for Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday! Peace, Wells+*

LESSONS FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 18, 2018

The Collect of the Day

O Almighty God, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men: Grant unto thy people that they may love the thing which thou commandest, and desire that which thou dost promise; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Old Testament *Jeremiah 31:31-34 (RSV)*

“Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, 32 not like the covenant which I made with their fathers when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant which they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. 33 But this is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it upon their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. 34 And no longer shall each man teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, ‘Know the Lord,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.”

Psalms 51:1-13 *Miserere mei, Deus (Coverdale)*

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; *
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

Wash me through and through from my wickedness *
and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my transgressions, *

*and my sin is ever before me.
Against you only have I sinned *
and done what is evil in your sight.*

*And so you are justified when you speak *
and upright in your judgment.*

*Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, *
a sinner from my mother's womb.*

*For behold, you look for truth deep within me, *
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.*

*Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; *
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.*

*Make me hear of joy and gladness, *
that the body you have broken may rejoice.*

*Hide your face from my sins *
and blot out all my iniquities.*

*Create in me a clean heart, O God, *
and renew a right spirit within me.*

*Cast me not away from your presence *
and take not your holy Spirit from me.*

*Give me the joy of your saving help again *
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.*

Epistle *Hebrews 5:5-10 (RSV)*

So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him, "Thou art my Son, today I have begotten thee"; as he says also in another place, "Thou art a priest for ever, after the order of Melchiz'edek." In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard for his godly fear. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and being made perfect he became the source of eternal

salvation to all who obey him, being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchiz'edek.

Gospel *John 12:20-33 (RSV)*



Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. So these came to Philip, who was from Beth-sa'ida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew went with Philip and they told Jesus. And Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of man to be glorified. Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. He who loves his life loses it, and he who hates

his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. If any one serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there shall my servant be also; if any one serves me, the Father will honor him. "Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, for this purpose I have come to this hour. Father, glorify thy name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." The crowd standing by heard it and said that it had thundered. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world, now shall the ruler of this world be cast out; and I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself." He said this to show by what death he was to die.