



THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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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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Jean Kerr, *Vestry Member*

Kay Dickey, *Vestry Member*

Amanda W. Borden, *Vestry Member*

Jere Van Etten, *Vestry Member*

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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

Pamela and Eddie Harper,

Ushers/Stewards

Elizabeth Harber, *Altar Guild*

Kay Dickey, *Lay Reader*

Lee Borden, *Lay Eucharistic*

Minister

Esther Hart, *Pianist and Violinist*

Betty Weldon, *Refreshments*

In Our Prayers

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

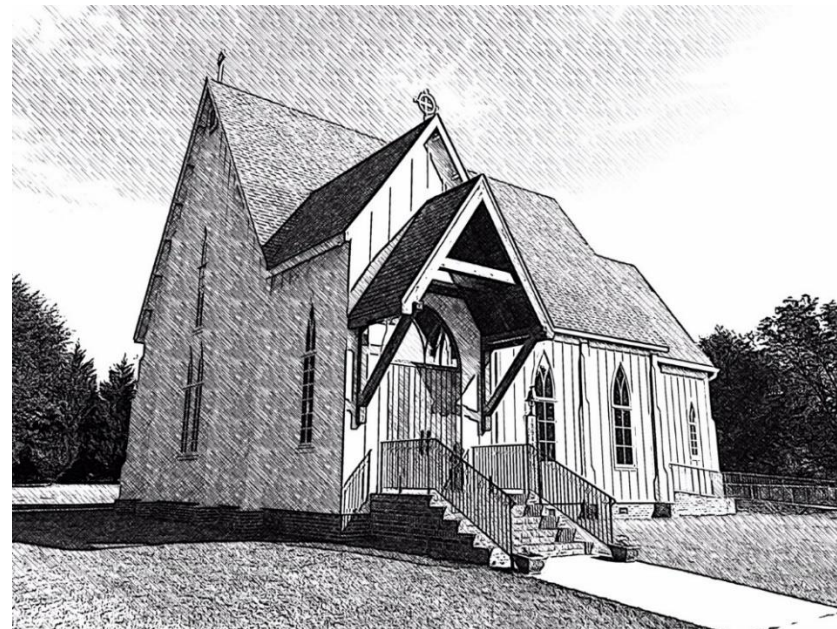
We pray for our companion dioceses of Alaska and the Virgin Islands and their bishops Mark and Ambrose. Remember our "Parish Partner," St. Ursula's in the US Virgin Islands!

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

The Bishop's Visit

It's official! Bishop Kee Sloan will visit St. Dunstan's in Auburn on Wednesday, April 11, 2018, at 5:00 pm. "The people of Epiphany Church are our honored guests," said Father Wells, "and we hope you will come for the celebration. We will have supper for all following the service." *This is our first Bishop's Visit in three years.*

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PALM SUNDAY

Liturgy of the Palms and Festival Holy Eucharist

Ten-thirty on Sunday Morning

The Twenty-fifth Day of March

In the Year of Our Lord 2018

When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

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Liturgy of the Palms and Festival Holy Eucharist

The people gather at the Old Well and receive palm branches and copies of the Bulletin. The Liturgy of the Palms is the green insert. At the sound of the bells, we begin. We enter the Church, all holding branches and singing the hymn.

Processional *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* *Hymn 154*
The words to the hymn are printed on the back of the green insert.

The Word of God

We sit for the Lessons and the Psalm, and the first part of the Passion Gospel.

Salutation	Page 357, BCP
Collect of the Day	Scripture Sheet
Old Testament <i>Isaiah 50:4-9a</i>	Scripture Sheet
Psalm 31:9-16 <i>In te, Domine, speravi</i>	Scripture Sheet
Epistle <i>Philippians 2:5-11</i>	Scripture Sheet
Sequence <i>Ah, Holy Jesus</i>	<i>Hymn 158</i>
Passion Gospel <i>Mark 15:1-39</i>	
<i>The Congregation stands at the mention of Golgotha.</i>	
The Sermon	
The Nicene Creed	Page 358, BCP
Prayers of the People, Form VI	Page 392, BCP
Confession of Sin and Absolution	
The Peace	
Announcements	
Offertory <i>O Sacred Heart Sore Wounded</i>	<i>Dietrich Buxtehude</i>

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>St. James</i>
Consecration of the Elements	
Lord's Prayer	Page 364, BCP
Breaking of the Bread	
Fraction <i>Jesus, Lamb of God</i>	<i>St. James</i>

Communion

Post-Communion Prayer

Page 366, BCP

Blessing

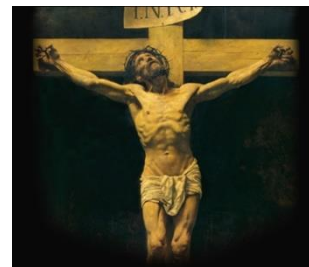
Recessional *At the Name of Jesus*

Hymn 435

Dismissal

Organ Postlude

A Reminder about Holy Week



Holy Week is the seven days leading up to the Day of Resurrection, Easter Day. It is most important among the worship celebrations in the Episcopal Church and is intended to create a sense of the drama and danger as they unfold. Here are two weekday services not to miss:

MAUNDY THURSDAY MARCH 29, 2018 9:00 AM

Maundy Thursday is the Institution of the Lord's Supper. (BCP, Page 274) Jesus shares the Passover meal with his disciples and transforms the Bread of Affliction into the Body of Christ, and the final Cup of Blessing into the Blood of Christ. At the conclusion, we strip the altar and chancel of all hangings, brass, silver, and adornments.



GOOD FRIDAY MARCH 30, 2018 9:00 AM

The Solemn Collects and Prayers of Good Friday focus on the suffering and death of Jesus Christ. (BCP, Page 276.) We enter in silence. The church is plain and austere. The lessons reenact the death of Jesus. We recite the Solemn Collects and Prayers. Like Ash Wednesday, there is no celebration of Holy Eucharist, nor administration of communion from the Tabernacle.



him, and knelt down in homage to him. After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus. Then they brought Jesus to the place called *Golgotha* (which means the place of a skull). **THE PEOPLE STAND**

And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take.

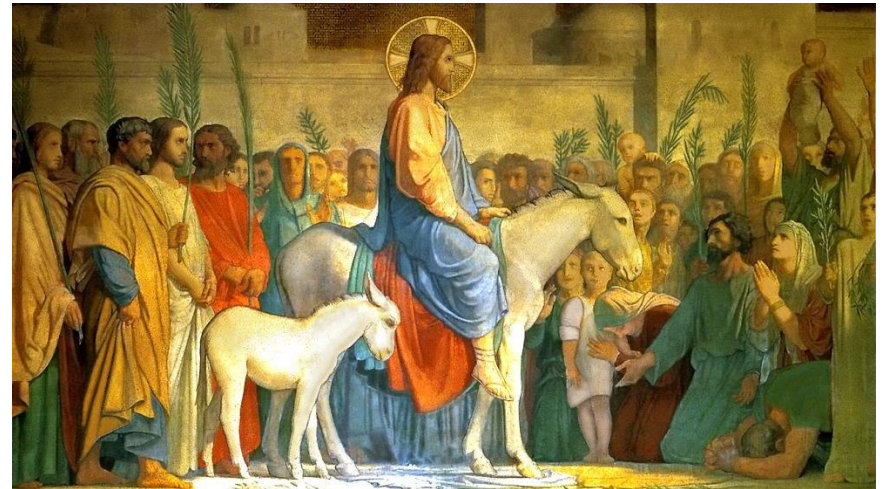
It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. The inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!" In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe." Those who were crucified with him also taunted him.

When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "*Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?*" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "Listen, he is calling for Elijah." And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down." Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"

THE PASSION GOSPEL ENDS IN SILENCE

LESSONS FOR PALM SUNDAY

March 25, 2018



The Collect of the Day

Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Old Testament *Isaiah 50:4-9a*

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens-wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with

me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Psalms 31:9-16 *In te, Domine, speravi*

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am in trouble; *
my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.

For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing; *
my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.

I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbors, a dismay to those of my acquaintance; *
when they see me in the street they avoid me.

I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; *
I am as useless as a broken pot.

For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around; *
they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life.

But as for me, I have trusted in you, O Lord. *
I have said, "You are my God."

My times are in your hand; *
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

Make your face to shine upon your servant, *
and in your loving-kindness save me."

Epistle *Philippians 2:5-11*

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and

gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.



Gospel *Mark 15:1-39*

As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" He answered him, "You say so." Then the chief priests accused him of many things. Pilate asked him again, "Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you." But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed.

Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. Then he answered them, "Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?" For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. Pilate spoke to them again, "Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?" They shouted back, "Crucify him!" Pilate asked them, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Crucify him!" So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort. And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. And they began saluting him, "Hail, King of the Jews!" They struck his head with a reed, spat upon



The Liturgy of the Palms

March 25, 2018

Gospel Mark 11:1-11

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Hymn 154

*All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King!
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.*

Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son,
who in the Lord's Name comest, the King and Blessed One.

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The company of angels are praising thee on high;
and mortal men and all things created make reply.

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The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went;
our praise and prayer and anthems before thee we present.

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To thee before thy passion they sang their hymns of praise;
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Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring,
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