



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. Wells Warren, *Priest*

The Vestry

Maurice McCord, *Senior Warden*
 Mike Rallo, *Junior Warden*
 Amanda W. Borden, *Vestry Member*
 Kay Dickey, *Vestry Member*
 Jean Kerr, *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 church in the Episcopal Diocese of Alabama, the Episcopal Church USA, and the 85-million-member 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
 Lavonne Hart
Altar Guild
 Lee Borden
Lay Reader
 Lavonne Hart
Lay Eucharistic Minister
 Esther Hart
Pianist and Violinist
 Pamela and Eddie Harper
Refreshments
 Betty and Jimmy Weldon
Lawn and Gardens
 Elizabeth and Mike Harber
Beans & Rice Shoppers

In Our Prayers

We pray for our companion dioceses of Alaska and the Virgin Islands and their bishops Mark and Ambrose. We pray especially for St. Ursula's Episcopal Church, our Parish Partner in the USVI. We also pray for Sam Jones, Jean Kerr, Barbara Trogdon, Hugh Thompson, Jere Van Etten, Eddie Harber, Greg Dubay, our Beans & Rice clients, and the family of Barbara Dennis, still recovering from a house fire.

Back from Cursillo!

Elizabeth and Mike Harber have returned from their Cursillo weekend at Camp McDowell. In Mike's words, "It was truly magnificent!" Ask them about Cursillo when Mike returns to us in August.

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FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

A Celebration of Holy Eucharist

Ten-Thirty on Sunday Morning
 The Seventeenth Day of June
 In the Year of Our Lord 2018

Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion.

Vestry Meeting Next Sunday, June 24, at 12:00 Noon

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A Celebration of Holy Eucharist

The People are invited to observe a time of quiet prayer. We are using the St. James service music which can be found on the Narthex table as you enter.

Gathering of the People

Prelude
Words of Peace
Processional *Alleluiah! Sing to Jesus*
Acclamation
Collect for Purity
Glory to God *Gloria*
Salutation
Collect of the Day

Hymn 460
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Scripture Sheet

The Word of God

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

Old Testament *1 Samuel 15:34-16:13*
Psalm 20 *Exaudiat te Dominus*
Epistle *2 Corinthians 5:6-17*
Sequence *I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord*
Gospel *Mark 4:26-34*
The Sermon
Nicene Creed
Prayers of the People, Form VI
Confession of Sin
Absolution
The Peace
Announcements
Offertory
Presentation *The Doxology*

Scripture Sheet
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Hymn 524
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Hymn 380:3

Holy Communion

All are welcome at the Lord's Table.

Eucharistic Prayer A
Holy, Holy, Holy *Sanctus*
Consecration of the Elements
Lord's Prayer
Breaking of the Bread
Fraction *Jesus, Lamb of God*
Communion
Post-Communion Prayer
Blessing
Recessional *The Church's One Foundation*
Dismissal
Postlude

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Hymn 525

Helping St. Ursula's



Last Sunday's "Holy Conversation" with John and Kathy Haynie inspired us all to find new immediate ways to help the people of St. Ursula's Episcopal Church in the US Virgin Islands. "It was a remarkable morning," said Father Wells. "We discovered two new ways to help, and really got the ball rolling."

The first way to help was to collect **craft materials**—fabric, yarn, scissors, construction paper, glue, tape, pencils and pens, and a wide variety of odds and ends. Kathy volunteered to head up that effort.

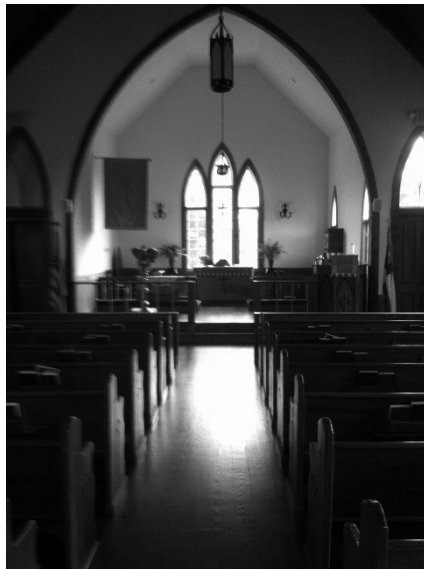
Then Leigh Warren offered to collect **electronic photos** from everyone and put them into an attractive book. "We want to tell the people of St. Ursula's about our church and our people," said Leigh. "I think it will bring us closer together."

Many thanks to John and Kathy for turning their vacation into a mission trip! **Our deadline for these two efforts is Sunday, July 1.**

ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

Gospel *Mark 4:26-34*

Jesus said, “The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.” He also said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.” With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.



LESSONS FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 17, 2018



Collect of the Day

Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Old Testament

1 Samuel 15:34-16:13

Samuel went to Ramah; and Saul went up to his house in Gibeah of Saul. Samuel did not see Saul again until the day of his death, but Samuel grieved over Saul. And the Lord was sorry that he had made Saul king over Israel. The Lord said to Samuel, “How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.” Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.” And the Lord said, “Take a heifer with you, and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.’ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.” Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and

said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord." But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

Psalm 20 *Exaudiat te Dominus*

May the Lord answer you in the day of trouble, *
the Name of the God of Jacob defend you;

Send you help from his holy place *
and strengthen you out of Zion;

Remember all your offerings *
and accept your burnt sacrifice;

Grant you your heart's desire *
and prosper all your plans.

We will shout for joy at your victory and triumph in the Name of our God;
may the Lord grant all your requests.

Now I know that the Lord gives victory to his anointed; *
he will answer him out of his holy heaven, with the victorious strength of his right hand.

Some put their trust in chariots and some in horses, *
but we will call upon the Name of the Lord our God.

They collapse and fall down, *
but we will arise and stand upright.

O Lord, give victory to the king *
and answer us when we call.

Epistle *2 Corinthians 5:6-17*



We are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord—for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil. Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. We are not commending