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20th Anniversary and Homecoming

Mark your calendar, invite a friend, and come celebrate with old friends and new as we mark our 20th anniversary as a church.

Date: April 13, 2014, Palm Sunday
Time: 10:30 am - Worship service
Lunch will follow.

Epiphany will supply the entrée, rolls and beverages. Please bring a dish to share.

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FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT
A Celebration of Holy Eucharist: Rite One

Ten Thirty in the Morning
The Thirtieth Day of March
In the Year of Our Lord 2014

The Episcopal Church of the Epiphany celebrates 20 years as a parish in the Episcopal Diocese of Alabama, the Episcopal Church USA, and the worldwide Anglican Communion.
The Gathering of the People
The people enter in silence and observe a time of silent prayer

Prelude
W ords of Peace
Processional   Awake, O Sleeper       Hymn 547
Penitential Acclamation  Page 323, BCP
Holy God  Trisagion       Hymn S-102
Salutation  (And with thy spirit)  Page 325, BCP
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.

The Word of God
Old Testament Lesson   1 Samuel 16:1-13 Insert
Psalm 23 Dom inus regit me (King James Version)  Page 476, BCP
Epistle Lesson Ephesians 5:8-14 Insert
The Gospel Sequence
Have You Seen Jesus, My Lord?  Hymn SH-10, Verses 1-2
Gospel Lesson  John 9:1-41
Have You Seen Jesus, My Lord?  Hymn SH-10, Verses 3-4
Sermon Father Wells
The Nicene Creed  Page 326, BCP
The Prayers of the People  Page 328, BCP
Confession of Sin  Page 330, BCP
Absolution and Comfortable W ords  Page 332, BCP
The Peace
Joys and Concerns of the Congregation

The Holy Communion
Offertory  My Shepherd Will Supply My Need  Hymn 664
The Great Thanksgiving  Page 333, BCP
Holy, Holy, Holy  Hymn S 113
Consecration of the Elements
The Lord's Prayer  Page 336, BCP
O Lamb of God  Agnus Dei  Hymn S 158
Communion  As the Deer Pants For the Water  Hymn SH-95
Post-Communion Prayer  Page 339, BCP
Blessing
Recessional  O For a Thousand Tongues To Sing  Hymn 493
Dismissal
Postlude

Epiphany Prayer List
- Lynda Denton
- Thurman Harris
- Charlotte and Lannon Poole
- Barbara Trogdon
- Dezsel Oliver (Kathy Haynie)
- Billie Wilkinson (Eddie and Pam Harper)
- Lindsey Burt (Eddie and Pam Harper)
- Kathy Brumbleloe (Jere and Pam Van Etten)
- Sherry Gritz (Jean Kerr)
- Clifford Flood (Jean Kerr)
- Adam Durough (Kelli Kerr)
- Sally Kingsley (Hugh Thompson)
- John Graves (Betty Weldon)
- Allison Foggarty (Jimmy Weldon)
- Ed Clayton (Jean Kerr)
- Kathy DeArmond (Jean Kerr)
Persons serving at Epiphany

This week:
- Ushers: Michael and Laura Williams
- Altar Guild: Pam Van Etten
- Lay Reader: Nancy Dupree
- Lay Eucharistic Minister: Maurice McCord
- Refreshments: To be Determined
- Stewards: Eddie and Pam Harper

Next week:
- Ushers: Lee and Amanda Borden
- Altar Guild: Betty Weldon
- Lay Reader: Sharon Cleary
- Lay Eucharistic Minister: Kara Shea Davis
- Refreshments: Ramona Norris
- Stewards: Pam Van Etten and Sharon Cleary

The Lessons for the Fourth Sunday in Lent

Old Testament Lesson 1 Samuel 16:1-13

The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul, seeing I have rejected him from being king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil, and go; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." And Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' And invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me him 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?" And he said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; consecrate yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice." And he consecrated 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 before him." 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 sees not as man sees; man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. And 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." And Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel. And Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen these." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but behold, he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and fetch him; for we will not sit down till he comes here." And he sent, and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. And the Lord said, "Arise, anoint him; for this is he." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brothers; and the Spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. And Samuel rose up, and went to Ramah.
**Epistle Lesson** Ephesians 5:8-14

For once you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord; walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), and try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is a shame even to speak of the things that they do in secret; but when anything is exposed by the light it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it is said,

A wake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead,
and Christ shall give you light.

**Gospel Lesson** John 9:1-41

As he passed by, Jesus saw a man blind from his birth. And his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be made manifest in him. W e must work the works of him who sent me, while it is day; night comes, when no one can work. A s long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." A s he said this, he spat on the ground and made clay of the spittle and anointed the man's eyes with the clay, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar said, "Is not this the man who used to sit and beg?" Some said, "It is he"; others said, "No, but he is like him." H e said, "I am the man." T hey said to him, "T hen how were your eyes opened?" H e answered, "T he man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash'; so I went and washed and received my sight." T hey said to him, "W here is he?" H e said, "I do not know."

T hey brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. N ow it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes. T he Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. A nd he said to them, "H e put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and I see." S ome of the Pharisees said, "T his man is not from God, for he does not keep the sabbath." B ut others said, "H ow can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" T here was a division among them. S o they again said to the blind man, "W hat do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?" H e said, "H e is a prophet."

T he Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight; until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight, and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? H ow then does he now see?" H is parents answered, "W e know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. A sk him; he is of age, he will speak for himself." H is parents said this because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if any one should confess him to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue. T herefore h is parents said, "H e is of age, ask him."

S o for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and said to him, "G ive God the praise; we know that this man is a sinner." H e answered, "W hether he is a sinner, I do not know; one thing I know, that though I was blind, now I see." T hey said to him, "W hat did he do to you? H ow did he open your eyes?" H e answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. W hy do you want to hear it again? D o you too want to become his disciples?" A nd they reviled him, saying, "Y ou are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. W e know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." T he man answered, "W hy, this is a marvel! Y ou do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. W e know that God does not listen to sinners, but if any one is a worshiper of God and does his will, God listens to him. N ever since the world began has it been heard that any one opened the eyes of a man born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." T hey answered him, "Y ou were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?" A nd they cast him out.

J esus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, "D o you believe in the Son of man?" H e answered, "A nd who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" J esus said to him, "Y ou have seen him, and it is he who speaks to you." H e said, "L ord, I believe"; a nd he worshiped him. J esus said, "F or judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and that those who see may become blind." S ome of the Pharisees near him heard this, and they said to him, "A re we also blind?" J esus said to them, "If you were blind, you would have no guilt; but now that you say, 'W e see,' your guilt remains.